

## B.S. Pre Law

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There are many good reasons to explore the law and the legal profession before entering law school. You will gain a more realistic view of the actual practice of law, the skills you will need, and the realities of the legal employment market. Greater familiarity with the legal system - its institutions, concepts, and even vocabulary - can advance your understanding of law school curriculum. Most students enroll in Pre Law as preparation for law school. The Pre Law degree will certainly enhance your candidacy for admission to law school, as well as your opportunities for employment during and after law school. However, you may want to pursue a career as a paralegal or legal assistant, and the Pre Law degree is still a good foundation for a career in the many fields of social science. As with any career, graduates will require further education to meet their goals.

There are some basic areas of knowledge that are helpful to a legal education and to the development of a competent lawyer. Some of the types of knowledge that would maximize your ability to benefit from a legal education include:

- A broad understanding of American history.
- A fundamental understanding of political thought and of the contemporary American political system.
- A basic understanding of human behavior and social interaction.
- An understanding of diverse cultures, international institutions and issues, and world events.

### Job Market

Lawyers and paralegals are needed in all parts of the country, with prospects better in more populous areas. Lawyers may want to work independently, join a firm, or work with a government agency. Law firms and government agencies also employ paralegals and legal assistants.

### Job Outlook

Employment of lawyers is projected to grow 6% from now to 2028, about as fast as the average of all occupations. Employment of paralegals and legal assistants is projected to grow 12% during that time, much faster than the average for all occupations.

### Earnings

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The median annual wage of lawyers was \$120,910 in May 2018. The median annual wage for paralegals and legal assistants was \$50,940 in May 2018.

## Required Courses

| Item #   | Title   | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| COMM 233 | Interpersonal Communication                     | 3       |
| ENGL 335 | Essay and Opinion Writing                       | 3       |
| HIST 111 | United States History to 1865                   | 3       |
| HIST 112 | United States History from 1865                 | 3       |
| HIST 201 | Historical Methods: Research and Historiography | 3       |
| HIST 225 | World Civilizations I                           | 3       |
| HIST 226 | World Civilizations II                          | 3       |
| HIST 475 | Portfolio Development                           | 1       |
| POLS 211 | National and Texas Constitutions                | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                               | 25      |

## Economics Electives (Choose one, 3 hours)

| Item # | Title                | Credits |
|--------|----------------------|---------|
|        | ECON 211 or ECON 212 | 3       |
|        | Sub-Total Credits    | 3       |

## English (Choose one, 3 hours)

| Item #   | Title                           | Credits |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| ENGL 333 | Narrative Writing               | 3       |
| ENGL 342 | Composition Theory and Practice | 3       |
| ENGL 414 | History of the English Language | 3       |
| ENGL 458 | Literary Analysis               | 3       |
| ENGL 464 | Advanced Grammar                | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits               | 3       |

## History (Choose two, 6 hours)

| Item #   | Title                                      | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| HIST 120 | Crime in America                           | 3       |
| HIST 315 | Political Thought                          | 3       |
| HIST 335 | Establishing a Nation, 1783-1836           | 3       |
| HIST 338 | History of Terrorism in the United States  | 3       |
| HIST 365 | Global Power: America from 1917 to Present | 3       |
| HIST 425 | Executive Leadership                       | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                          | 6       |

## POLS/CJ (Choose two, 6 hours)

| Item #   | Title                               | Credits |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| CRJ 101  | Introduction to Criminal Justice    | 3       |
| CRJ 120  | Crime in America                    | 3       |
| POLS 110 | Court Systems and Practices         | 3       |
| POLS 220 | Introduction to Public Policy       | 3       |
| POLS 364 | American Constitutional Development | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                   | 6       |

## PSYC/SOC (Choose one, 3 hours)

| Item #   | Title                     | Credits |
|----------|---------------------------|---------|
| PSYC 212 | General Psychology        | 3       |
| SOCI 111 | Introduction to Sociology | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits         | 3       |

## Ethics (Choose one, 3 hours)

| Item #   | Title                                     | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| BUAD 460 | Ethics and Business Social Responsibility | 3       |
| COMM 431 | Media Law and Ethics                      | 3       |
| CRJ 430  | Ethics in Criminal Justice                | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                         | 3       |

## Logic - Cognate (Choose one, 3 hours)

| Item #   | Title                                      | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| MATH 141 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics | 3       |
| PHYS 121 | General Physics I                          | 4       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                          | 3       |

# Sample 4 Year Curriculum

## General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

### First Year First Semester

| Item #   | Title                                      | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| COMM 111 | Speech                                     | 3       |
| CRJ 120  | Crime in America                           | 3       |
| ENGL 121 | Freshman Composition                       | 3       |
| HIST 111 | United States History to 1865              | 3       |
| MATH 141 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                          | 15      |

### First Year Second Semester

| Item #   | Title                            | Credits |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
| CRJ 101  | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3       |
| HIST 112 | United States History from 1865  | 3       |
| POLS 110 | Court Systems and Practices      | 3       |
|          | Religion GE Curriculum Guide     | 3       |
| UNIV 111 | Wellness for Life                | 2       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                | 14      |

### Second Year First Semester

| Item #   | Title                            | Credits |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
| BIOL 103 | Human Biology                    | 4       |
| ENGL 220 | Research Writing                 | 3       |
| HIST 225 | World Civilizations I            | 3       |
| POLS 211 | National and Texas Constitutions | 3       |
|          | Religion GE Curriculum Guide     | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                | 16      |

### Second Year Second Semester

| Item #   | Title   | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| COMM 233 | Interpersonal Communication                     | 3       |
|          | Electives for 120                               | 3       |
| HIST 201 | Historical Methods: Research and Historiography | 3       |
| HIST 226 | World Civilizations II                          | 3       |
|          | Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide                 | 1       |
| SOCI 111 | Introduction to Sociology                       | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                               | 16      |

### Third Year First Semester

| Item #   | Title                           | Credits |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| ECON 211 | Macroeconomics                  | 3       |
| ENGL 231 | American Literature I           | 3       |
| HIST 315 | Political Thought               | 3       |
|          | Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide | 1       |
| PSYC 212 | General Psychology              | 3       |
|          | Religion GE Curriculum Guide    | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits               | 16      |

### Third Year Second Semester

| Item #   | Title                                      | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
|          | Electives for 120                          | 3       |
| ENGL 333 | Narrative Writing                          | 3       |
| HIST 221 | History of Western Art                     | 3       |
| HIST 365 | Global Power: America from 1917 to Present | 3       |
| PHYS 114 | Physical Science                           | 4       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits                          | 16      |

### Fourth Year First Semester

| Item #   | Title                        | Credits |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|
|          | Electives for 120            | 3       |
|          | Electives for 120            | 3       |
| ENGL 335 | Essay and Opinion Writing    | 3       |
| HIST 425 | Executive Leadership         | 3       |
|          | Religion GE Curriculum Guide | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits            | 15      |

### Fourth Year Second Semester

| Item #   | Title                 | Credits |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| HIST 475 | Portfolio Development | 1       |
| COMM 431 | Media Law and Ethics  | 3       |
|          | Electives for 120     | 3       |
|          | Electives for 120     | 3       |
|          | Electives for 120     | 3       |
|          | Sub-Total Credits     | 13      |

