Pre-Law is an advising category for students preparing to enter law school upon graduation from UNL. Pre-Law prepares students not only for law school, but also for a law career that can include practicing at a firm, consulting for a non-profit, or working in the U.S. Capitol. Students work 1-1 with an advisor to reach their goals, and they can choose any major to pair with their Pre-Law focus.

**WHAT IS PRE-LAW?**

Pre-Law

**HOW TO GET THERE**

1. Meet with your Pre-Law Advisor at New Student Enrollment
2. Choose a major that interests you
3. Graduate with your bachelor’s degree
4. Take the bar exam in the state you would like to practice
5. Complete three years of law school and receive your Juris Doctor degree (J.D.)
6. Become a lawyer

**OUR STUDENTS**

"The Explore Center and my advisors helped me feel much more confident about my abilities and qualifications for the legal profession. Without the Explore Center, I would likely still be nervous about what to do with myself after I graduate!" - Shannyn, '20

A sample of law schools that UNL students have been accepted to in the past two years*:

- Nebraska Law
- University of Minnesota Law
- Creighton University Law
- Harvard University Law
- University of Michigan Law
- Northwestern Law
- University of Iowa Law
- Columbia Law
- Kansas University Law
- Baylor Law
- University of Texas Law
- UMKC Law
- University of Colorado Law
- Georgetown Law

*This is not a full list of law schools attended by UNL graduates

The class of 2017 had an acceptance rate of 89%

**The Nebraska Difference**

GET PAID TO DO RESEARCH AS AN UNDERGRAD

- Work as a page in the Nebraska State Legislature

BUSINESS AND LAW MINOR

- Live and learn with Pre-Law peers in a learning community

MEET 1-1 WITH LAW SCHOOL VISITORS

- Share your Pre-Law story by becoming an Explore Center Ambassador

INTRO TO LEGAL PROFESSIONS COURSE TAUGHT BY THE DEAN OF THE UNL COLLEGE OF LAW

- Become an undergraduate teaching assistant or tutor
Customize your education to fit your professional goals by working with advisors to design the course schedule that works best for you! There are no specific requirements for law school, so being Pre-Law allows you to take courses that provide a broad base of knowledge. These courses can include developing skills in written and oral communication, logical and analytical reasoning, and problem solving.

### Writing and Editing
- Writing: Rhetoric and Inquiry
- Writing: Rhetoric and Argument
- Writing and Communities
- Any 200, 300, or 400 level English courses

### Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Applied Calculus
- Calculus I
- Contemporary Mathematics
- Introduction to Statistics
- Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
- Introduction to Modern Logic
- Political Philosophy
- Theory of Knowledge

### Oral Communication and Listening Skills
- Public Speaking
- Intercultural Communication
- Business and Professional Communication
- Debate
- Argumentation
- Interviewing
- Theories of Persuasion
- Communication in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

### Sample Law-Related UNL Undergraduate Courses
- Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession
- Legal Environment
- Survey of Criminal Justice
- The Criminal Court System
- Legal Aspects of Aging
- American Constitutional History I
- The Legal System, Lawyers and the Common Law
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Race, Law, and Literature
- Legislation and Regulation
- Mass Media Law
- Medical Ethics
- Environmental Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Courts, Judges, and Lawyers
- Myths and Realities of the Justice System
- Psychology and Law
- Sociology of Crime
- Law and Business for Creative Artists
- Introduction to Corporate Compliance
- Legislation and Regulation

### Professional School Requirements
- **Undergraduate Credit:** Bachelor’s degree
- **Entrance Exam:** Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)
- **Professional Schooling:** 2 - 5 years of law school (usually 3)
- **Local Professional Schools:**
  - University of Nebraska College of Law - Lincoln
  - Creighton University - Omaha