

Overview of the Pre-Professional Program in Law at UNCG

You can major in the discipline of your choice!

You should, however, work closely with your advisors to identify course sequences and special opportunities that will contribute to your educational goals. The Prelaw Advisory Committee recommends that you have two advisors: one in your major and one from the Prelaw Advisory Committee. Admission to a school of law is highly competitive. Take advantage of the experience and expertise of the Prelaw Advisory Committee. You may call upon any of the faculty listed for suggestions on academic choices and law school advising.

It is never too early to get started!

Contact Information

Students may contact any of these prelaw advisory committee members:

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The Law School Admission Council website located at www.lsac.org provides useful information about law schools, the LSAT, and the admissions process.

Please visit the "Prelaw at UNCG" bulletin board -- 3rd floor, Graham Building

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1. Effective writing and speaking skills
2. Logical and analytical thinking skills
3. Understanding of American institutions and values
4. Mastery of basic computer skills.

We encourage you to choose a major that you will enjoy and one that helps you develop these skills. You will do better in classes that you enjoy and your overall grade point average will increase. A high GPA, along with strong scores on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), will help you be admitted to the law school of your choice.

Suggestions for Planning

1. Start your homework by reading and studying the UNCG Undergraduate Bulletin. Learn about the curriculum and about the courses that might be of interest to you.
2. Once you are familiar with the curriculum options, seek out your regular academic advisor. When you have questions pertaining to prelaw, make an appointment to talk to a member of the Prelaw Advisory Committee. Try to meet with a member of the committee early in your college career.
3. Contact Student Academic Services in 159 Mossman for information about curriculum requirements as well as general useful advice, which will help you be a successful student.
4. Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center in 25 Foust.
5. Visit the Career Services Center in 1 EUC to speak with a career counselor if you need help deciding among career options.
6. Visit the University Writing and Speaking Centers in 3211 HHRA for assistance in improving your academic skills.
7. Familiarize yourself with all the resources in Jackson Library, particularly the reference room on the first floor. The reference librarians are trained to assist students and scholars in finding information, including materials pertaining to careers. Librarians also have prepared bibliographies about the law.
8. Contact the Legal Professions Association (LPA) on campus. This student-led organization provides important information, speakers, and opportunities for students interested in legal careers. Contact any pre-law advisor at UNCG for information on how to join the LPA.

What's Unique about the Pre-law Program at UNCG?

- More than 100 degree programs at UNCG afford you a breadth of academic offerings to prepare you for professional post-graduate study.
- UNCG is one of the original three campuses of the University of North Carolina System, and designated Research Status I by the Federal government.
- UNCG is one of the select few campuses in the United States authorized to award Phi Beta Kappa recognition to graduates of programs in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Careers and Law Schools

Representative Law Schools Attended by UNCG Alumni:

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of South Carolina
- Wake Forest University
- Syracuse University
- North Carolina Central University

Careers of UNCG Alumni

Scores of UNCG graduates have gone on to practice law. More than 700 UNCG graduates are currently working in local, state and national government in careers such as the following:

- Attorney, US Department of Labor
- Attorney, City of Baltimore, MD
- District Court Judge, State of NC
- Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Brooksville, MD
- US Attorney, US Dept. of Justice, Roanoke, VA
- Criminal Investigation Division (Chief), US Dept. of the Treasury, Indianapolis, IN