

Pre-professional Programs

Pre-law Preparation

Pre-law Advisor

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In recent years, SSU graduates have been admitted to law schools at the University of Baltimore, Cornell University, University of Maryland, Catholic University, Villanova University, Washington and Lee University, and Widener University.

Successful applicants to law schools must be able to read and comprehend, to think precisely, to analyze complex fact situations, and to speak and write clearly and intelligently. Although these skills can be developed in a number of disciplines, liberal arts majors such as communication arts, English, history, philosophy and political science are good choices. Generally, students preparing to study law should concentrate on courses they find intellectually stimulating and help them to comprehend the complex issues associated with human institutions and values.

Regardless of major, pre-law students should take some of the following courses:

		Credits
BUAD 248	Legal Environment	3
BUAD 348	Business Law	3
CMAT 316	Argumentation and Debate	3
ENGL 353	Writing for the Disciplines	3
ENGL 419	Shakespeare (or other upper-level literature course)	3
HIST 388	Civil Rights in American History	3
PHIL 103	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 202	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 203	Ethics	3
POSC 230	Judicial Process and Politics	3
POSC 411	International Law	3
POSC 450	Civil Rights and Liberties	3
POSC 460	Environmental Law	3

Detailed information on law schools, applying for admission to law school, and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is available from the pre-law advisor in the Department of Political Science.

In addition, Salisbury State University cooperates closely with the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law to provide counseling to students seeking admission to those institutions. Admissions representatives from both law schools make frequent trips to the Salisbury State campus to meet with interested students. These law schools also provide opportunities for SSU students to attend on-site orientation programs and class visits at their Baltimore campuses, sponsor informational sessions for minority applicants, and provide individualized assistance to students seeking information on academic programs, admission standards and procedures, housing and financial aid.

Health Professions Education Program Preparation

Pre-health Advising Coordinator

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Salisbury State University students frequently prepare for undergraduate or graduate professional school programs in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, physician assistant, clinical laboratory science, nursing and respiratory therapy. Some of the post-graduate professional schools attended by SSU graduates have included University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dartmouth University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Maryland School of Physical Therapy, Thomas Jefferson University School of Physical Therapy, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, Virginia-Maryland Regional School of Veterinary Medicine, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, George Washington University Physician Assistant Program, Philadelphia College of Optometry and the University of Pennsylvania Nurse Practitioner Program.

At the University, undergraduate health professions degree programs are available in clinical laboratory science, nursing and respiratory therapy. (Curriculum guides are available in the department offices.) Students may prepare for all other health profession education programs by incorporating the required prerequisites into their "major" curriculum requirements. Specific health profession preparation curriculum guides are available for biology, chemistry (biochemistry track) and clinical laboratory science majors. However, students may prepare for all health profession education programs by majoring in any discipline. Because course selection is so important, students must consult their pre-health faculty advisor early for assistance in program planning.

For medicine and dentistry the following SSU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 121 and 122; CHEM 121, 122, 221 and 222; and PHYS 121 and 123.

For veterinary medicine the following SSU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 121 and 122; CHEM 121, 122, 221, 222 and 417; math courses as dictated by individual schools; and PHYS 121 and 123.

For optometry the following SSU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 121, 122 and 211; CHEM 121, 122, 221

and 222; MATH 155 and 160 or 201; and PHYS 121 and 123.

For physician assistant the following SSU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 215, 216 and 211; CHEM 121, 122, 221 and 222; MATH 155; PHYS 121; and PSYC 101 and 300.

For physical therapy, the following SSU courses constitute the minimum prerequisite required by most schools: BIOL 121, 122, 215 and 216; CHEM 121 and 122; PHYS 121 and 123; and PSYC 101 and 300. (Some physical therapy programs may have different requirements. Students must find out what the prerequisites are for each school they plan to attend.)

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor who is a member of the University Health Professions Advisory Committee. Questions about professional study in the health professions should be directed to the student's pre-health advisor or the Henson School pre-health advising coordinator. Students choosing to major in clinical laboratory science, nursing or respiratory therapy will be assigned a faculty advisor within their respective department.

Accelerated Admission to Health Professions Education Programs

Accelerated admission to health professions education programs are available through cooperative agreements between Salisbury State and regional graduate health professions education programs.

During the junior year at the University, students may apply for admission to specific accelerated health professions programs. Successful candidates receive the baccalaureate degree from Salisbury State following the first year of study at the professional school. Accelerated programs allow students to obtain the professional degree in seven rather than eight years.

Admission to an accelerated degree program is competitive and admission to Salisbury State University does not guarantee acceptance into a graduate health professions program. A minimum of two years at SSU is required for participation in the undergraduate portion of the accelerated program. (Curriculum guides for the accelerated biology and chemistry majors are available in the department offices.)

Accelerated Program	Affiliated Institution
Dentistry	University of Maryland Baltimore
Optometry	Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Pharmacy	University of Maryland Baltimore
Podiatry	Temple University