

Pre-professional Programs

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PRE-LAW PREPARATION

Pre-law Advisor

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In recent years, SU 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 courses which help develop those reading and analytical skills necessary for law school. They also should take some courses which show and interest in law. These are offered in a variety of departments across the University. Some examples include:

	Credits
ACCT 248 Legal Environment	3
ACCT 348 Business Law	3
CMAT 316 Argumentation and Debate	3
ENGL 306 Writing for the Disciplines	3
HIST 388 Civil Rights in American History	3
PHIL 103 Critical Thinking	4
PHIL 202 Introduction to Symbolic Logic	4
PHIL 203 Ethics	4
POSC 230 Judicial Process and Politics	4
POSC 330 The American Constitutional Development	4
POSC 411 International Law	4
POSC 450 Civil Rights and Liberties	4

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.

The University's pre-law advisor also can help you design a program to your particular interests and needs.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM PREPARATION

Pre-health Advising Coordinator

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Salisbury 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 SU graduates have included University of Maryland School of Medicine, Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Uniformed Health Services 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 Salisbury 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. 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 SU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 210, 213; CHEM 121, 122, 221 and 222; and PHYS 121 and 123. Some dental schools require CHEM 417.

For veterinary medicine the following SU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 210, 213; CHEM 121, 122, 221, 222 and 417; math courses as dictated by individual schools; and PHYS 121 and 123.

For optometry the following SU courses constitute the minimum prerequisites required by most schools: BIOL 210, 213 and 211; CHEM 121, 122, 221 and 222; MATH 155 and 160 or 201; and PHYS 121 and 123.

For physician assistant the following SU 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 SU courses constitute

the minimum prerequisite required by most schools: BIOL 210, 213, 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.

Admission to an accelerated degree program is competitive and admission to Salisbury University does not guarantee acceptance into a graduate health professions program. A minimum of two years at SU 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

Accelerated Admission to Health Professions Education Programs

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

During the junior year at Salisbury University, students may apply for admission to specific health professions programs. Successful candidates receive the baccalaureate degree from Salisbury University 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.