

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	4
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

ADVISORY PROGRAM (HPAP)

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Students interested in pursuing careers in the health professions have several options.

Salisbury University has undergraduate majors and programs that lead directly to health care employment. These include:

- Athletic Training
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Nursing
- Respiratory Therapy

Health-related majors and programs include:

- Community Health
- Health Education
- Exercise Science
- Social Work

Students who do not plan on going directly into health care but are interested in post-graduate study in schools for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy, physician's assistant, podiatry, optometry, et.al., choose any major at SU that most appeals to them and work with the Health Professions Advisory Program (HPAP) in selecting courses that will prepare them for their healthcare post-graduate study. Students who are in undergraduate majors leading directly to healthcare employment but who also plan on post-graduate professional schools can simultaneously complete professional school requirements and should seek counsel from the HPAP.

Admission to post-graduate health professions schools is highly competitive, and the HPAP structure is designed to help students plan ahead for required courses, choose electives that are beneficial to their career goals and prepare for entrance exams (such as MCAT, PCAT, DAT, etc.). Students who maintain high GPAs and show evidence of relevant extracurricular activities—such as clinical exploration experiences, actual clinical hours, research, community service learning, student clubs and organizations, and athletics—have been successful in being admitted to the post-graduate programs.

Students are responsible for determining what the entrance requirements are for the schools in which they are interested. The HPAP issues standard advice based on what is typical at most professional schools. The HPAP maintains the current best standard advice on its Web site, www.salisbury.edu/henson/hpap, for the most popular health professions and lists Web sites for accredited programs in various disciplines. The pre-health core curriculum is available on the Web site.

An active support structure exists at SU to help students make sound academic and personal plans that will allow those who achieve high academic standards to succeed in many health care professions or find alternatives that are equally rewarding.