

What should I do to prepare?

- Academic Preparation and selecting a major
 - There is no pre-law academic track, and there is no required major for the purpose of gaining admission to law school. Law schools want students who can think critically and write well, and who have some understanding of the forces that have shaped the human experience. These attributes can be acquired in any number of university courses, whether in the arts and humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, or engineering.

Your education should include courses which will provide opportunities for critical analysis, logical reasoning, and written and oral expression. What counts is the intensity and depth of your undergraduate program and your capacity to perform well at an academically rigorous level.

Bucknell pre-law students major in a range of subjects, including management and accounting, political science, philosophy, economics, English, engineering, psychology, education, chemistry, classics, environmental science, sociology, history, biology, international relations, and computer programming. An important factor for admission to law school is the grade point average. It is important to take courses you find intellectually stimulating as these are the courses in which you're likely to excel.

- Legal studies minor
 - A legal studies minor will not increase the probability of acceptance at law school, but many students interested in law find the courses in the minor intellectually stimulating. The Legal Studies minor requires at least five courses, one course from each of the five categories (Case Law, Law and Social Science, Legal Theory, Ethics, and Philosophical Foundations of Law). No more than three of these courses may be in a single department. Courses applied to the Legal Studies minor may not also be applied to the student's major.
- Extracurricular activities
 - As with selecting a major, there are no preferred activities from the perspective of the law schools, but your involvement in activities and employment is a great opportunity to develop the skills recommended for law school and a legal career. Bucknell offers a variety of clubs and organizations, including a Mock Trial Team, Bucknell Student Government, and a Pre-Law Club, that might appeal to you as a pre-law student. The American Bar Association recommends that you develop the following skills prior to law school:
 - Problem Solving
 - Critical Reading
 - Writing and Editing
 - Oral Communication and Listening
 - Research
 - Organization and Management
 - Public Service and Promotion of Justice

- Relationship-building and Collaboration
 - Background Knowledge
 - Exposure to the Law
- Legal internships
 - There is no need to have a legal internship prior to law school, and working in a legal internship does not give an applicant an advantage in the application process. A legal internship may provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the legal profession or might help you build professional network that might benefit you later in your career.