



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Be part of something great—the University of Minnesota

PRE-LAW

Do you enjoy studying and reading? Are you able to articulate yourself clearly? Would you enjoy working closely with people during major events in their lives? If so, then a career in law may be right for you. You can prepare for your future at one of the nation's top research universities. The University of Minnesota's world-renowned programs offer great academics, great opportunities, and a great location to students interested in pursuing a law degree.



Great Academics

The University of Minnesota is a world-class institution where you can begin your legal career in a vibrant and exciting environment. Our distinguished faculty and 147 degree programs will prepare you for law school. Admission to a law school requires a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, but no special pre-law program is required. Successful pre-law students major in a subject they find interesting, challenging, and fulfilling. Explore your options in each of our seven freshman-admitting colleges:

- Carlson School of Management (CSOM)
- College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS)
- College of Design (CDes)
- College of Biological Sciences (CBS)
- College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)
- College of Liberal Arts (CLA)
- Institute of Technology (IT)

The CLA Career and Community Learning Center provides pre-law advising services to any student interested in law. To help you decide if law school is right for you, consider the following questions, provided by the Center:

- Do you enjoy working closely with people regarding significant events or issues affecting their lives?
- Can you empathize with a client's situation; yet have the ability to objectively analyze the issues and their consequences in light of the existing law?
- Do you enjoy educating or teaching a person about a subject about which he or she may be ignorant or have significant misconceptions?
- Are you able to articulate clearly and concisely your analysis of a problem both verbally and in writing?
- Do you enjoy being an advocate? Can you argue both sides of the questions with enthusiasm?
- Do you like detail work? Do you enjoy searching for the facts of a situation?
- Do you like to read and study?



PREPARING FOR LAW SCHOOL

A strong pre-law program will develop your skills in reading and analyzing information; oral and written presentation; reasoning and problem solving; and understanding human behavior and social institutions.

U of M coursework that will help you prepare for law school:

- Composition, speech, and theatre
- Math, science, philosophy, logic, and second-language study
- Anthropology, geography, history, literature, political science, psychology, public affairs, and sociology
- Accounting, economics, management, marketing, and statistics

U of M students also have unsurpassed opportunities to gain hands-on experience right in the Twin Cities. Positions at local and national law firms, businesses, and community organizations will help you develop skills and contacts necessary for a successful legal career.

Great Opportunities

Study Abroad

To prepare you for life in a global society, the U of M actively encourages studying abroad. Working or learning in a foreign country will build your skills, confidence, and cultural awareness as you enter a diverse working world.

Imagine studying social change while in Northern Ireland

or ethics while in Guatemala. The Learning Abroad Center offers more than 300 programs in 67 countries, from Nepal or Tanzania to Australia or Mexico.

Freshman Seminars

Designed to enhance your first-year experience, Freshman Seminars are an incredible introduction to the University of Minnesota's academic community. You'll learn from some of our most distinguished faculty, while getting to know other first-year students who share your interests. Recent topics include *Social Policy in the U.S. from a Comparative Perspective*; *What's the Matter with America: Political Polarization in the 2006 Election*; and *Socrates and Socratic Philosophy*

Mentor Program

The mentor-student partnership brings a "real-world" perspective to your academic program. You'll learn from seasoned professionals and experience the behind-the-scenes realities of a legal career. Participants often get an inside view of Twin Cities companies, practices, or organizations.

Research Opportunities

Imagine participating in a research program with world-class experts, and getting paid to do it! As a student in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) you'll conduct paid research or pursue special projects beyond your regular courses. A distinguished U of M faculty member will guide you through the research process.

Explore Many Exciting Areas of Practice

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business Law
- Commission
- Constitutional Law
- Cosmetics
- Disability
- Discrimination
- Drug
- Employee Benefits
- Entertainment
- Environmental
- Family
- Federal Communications
- Food
- Health Care
- Historic Preservation
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property
- Libel
- Media
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Patent Law
- Privacy
- Public Policy
- Railroads
- Space
- Sports
- Technology
- Transportation

Campus Involvement

Even in the midst of an electric Big Ten atmosphere, the University of Minnesota has an intimate student community. It's easy to get involved here; we have more than 600 student organizations where you can connect with other students who share your interests.

- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Asian American Law Students Association
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Black Law Students Association
- International Law Students Association
- Latino Law Student Alliance
- Parliamentary Debate Society
- Pre Law Society, University of Minnesota
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association
- University of Minnesota Undergraduate Mock Trial Association



Great Location

The Twin Cities is home to a sophisticated, dynamic, and prosperous legal community that will enhance your education. The metro area has many federal, state, regional, and local government agencies and courts, as well as major banks and other businesses where you can find internships and make connections.

MEET US IN PERSON!

Like what you see so far? Come meet us in person! There's no better way to learn about the University of Minnesota. As you tour our breathtaking Twin Cities campus and meet our friendly staff and students, you'll see for yourself why the U of M is the perfect place to launch your career in law. We'd be happy to customize your visit to your interests. Schedule your visit today!

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