



Mount Saint Mary College

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Law

Special advising track

Whether you see yourself arguing a major case in the U.S. Supreme Court or defending a client in a county court, you'll need a law degree to practice.

Pre-Law at the Mount

Pre-Law is an advising track designed to assist the student in developing the communicative, analytical, and methodological skills important to the legal profession. Under the guidance of the Pre-Law advisor, the track provides, along with your major, guidance in attaining a broad liberal arts education to prepare a student for admission to and success in law or graduate school, or employment in the public or private sector.

You may be surprised at the variety of ways a law degree can be applied. From drafting wills and advising clients on business transactions or real estate deals to representing parties in medical malpractice or personal injury litigation and providing legal advice to municipalities and elected officials, knowledge of the law is valuable well outside the courtroom.

The American Bar Association does not recommend any undergraduate majors or group of courses to prepare for a legal education. Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline. You may choose to major in subjects that are traditional preparation for law school, such as History, History/Political Science, English, Communications, or Business, or you may focus your undergraduate studies in areas as diverse as Science and Mathematics, Information Technology, Nursing, or Education.

Mount students who have successfully attended law school have majored in Accounting, Business, English, History/Political Science, Psychology, and Public Relations. Whatever major you select, you are encouraged to pursue an area of study that interests and challenges you, while taking advantage of opportunities to develop your research and writing skills.

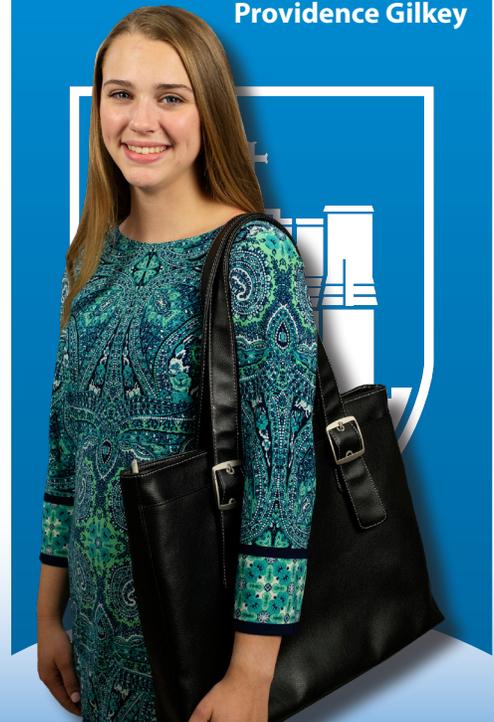
Career and Graduate School Options

Mount graduates attend law school and pursue graduate studies in Public Administration, Criminal Justice, Business, Government Administration, Politics, Public Policy, Public Advocacy, and Urban Planning, to name a few. Careers include those in the legal, governmental, and public administration fields.



“The Mount Saint Mary College Pre-Law track is a great opportunity for those considering going to law school. My favorite part of our society is that we have guest speakers who have accomplished more than just being in a court room, which opens our minds to other opportunities in law.”

Providence Gilkey



Pre-Law

What you will study

Mount Saint Mary College offers a range of courses that will help you prepare to study law, regardless of your major. Courses that develop skills useful for law school include:

- Accounting
- Argumentation and Persuasion
- Business Law
- Economics
- Literature
- Logic
- Public Speaking

Also valuable are courses about law, the legal system, and the history and philosophy on which it is based, including:

- American State and Local Government
- Business Law
- Ethics
- Law and Society
- Modern American Legal History
- Philosophy of Law
- Political Thought
- The United States Constitution and Supreme Court
- Labor Law
- Employment Law

While these courses can be taken by students majoring in any discipline, combining a major in History/Political Science or Business with a minor in Philosophy will incorporate many of the courses listed above.

Internship Opportunities

Previous law-related internships have included experiences at:

- Brooklyn District Attorney
- Children's Rights Society
- Coalition of Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Victim Advocate program, Long Island
- Domestic Violence Services of Dutchess County
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP, Walden, NY
- Law Office of Dennis Kenny, Newburgh, NY
- Mental Hygiene Legal Services of Orange County
- Monroe Village Court, Monroe, NY
- NYPD Office of the Inspector General
- NYS Assembly, Albany, NY
- NYS Attorney General, Poughkeepsie, NY
- NYS Senate, Albany, NY
- Orange County Dept. of Probation
- Orange County DSS-Juvenile Offenders program or CPS unit
- RECAP Transition Center, Parole Re-Entry Program
- Safe Homes of Orange County
- Sony Music, Copyright Division, NY
- TASC - Alcohol and Drug Addiction Council drug court program
- U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Senate Office of Charles Schumer



“Law is a profession and vocation, the bedrock of democracy. It is a calling where one can provide assistance to many in need. It does not only involve cases in a courtroom, but also interaction with others in business, politics, environmental protection, and many other facets of life.”

Michael Fox
Assistant Professor of Business Law
Pre-Law Advisor

Questions?

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