

PRE-LAW EMPHASIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Although there are many acceptable majors for pre-law students, political science is one of the most common. After all, political science is the closest of all majors to the institutions and values with which law deals. The primary study of law is the state, and so too for political science. Additionally, the demands of political science courses (reading of complex texts, independent research, frequent class presentations, and demanding writing assignments) strengthen the analytical and communications skills that the practice of law requires.

Students should be aware that a pre-law emphasis or a transcript filled with law courses does not improve their chances of gaining admission to law school. Law school admissions committees look for breadth and rigor in a student's academic program (as well as a high GPA and LSAT score). The Pre-Law Emphasis in Political Science is available only to political science majors.

The Pre-Law Emphasis requires at most **six (6)** courses:

- Three (3) Political Science courses from **List A**
- Three (3) non-Political Science courses, as described below:
 - One (1) from **List B**
 - One (1) from **List C**
 - One (1) from either **List B or C**

Declare your Pre-law emphasis with a Program Petition Form obtained in A&S 230. Questions can be directed to Prof. Izquierdo (A&S 236, Rizquierdo@scu.edu) or Julie Wong (A&S 230).

List A – Three (3) Courses	Satisfies in Poli Sci	Satisfies in Old Core	Satisfies in New Core
Poli 124 – Law, Security, and Force	Poli UD International Relations		
Poli 125 – International Law	Poli UD International Relations		
Poli 127 – Special Topics: Global Perspectives in Women & Law	Poli UD International Relations	Women's & Gender Studies	
Poli 160 – The Constitution and Equality	Poli UD American Politics		
Poli 161 – Law and Politics in the U.S	Poli UD American Politics		
Poli 167 – The Making of Public Policy	Poli UD American Politics		
Poli 168 – Special Topics in Public Policy	Poli UD American Politics		
Poli 169P – Women & Law in the U.S.	Poli UD American Politics	Women's & Gender Studies	Civic Engagement
Poli 185/ 195 P – Senior Seminar in U.S. Politics (only if offered by Chen or Peretti)	Poli Senior Seminar		
197/ 198A or 197/ 198B – Public Sector Study & Internship <i>Can fulfill a List A requirement IF the internship is law-related. Special approval required from Dr. Peretti.</i>	Poli UD Elective		Civic Engagement (198A/B)

List B – One (1) Course	Satisfies in Old Core	Satisfies in New Core
Phil 10 – Ethical Issues in the Law	Ethics	Ethics
Phil 29 - Reasoning and Interpretation in Law		
Phil 113 – Ethics and Constitutional Law	Ethics	
Phil 154 – Philosophy of Law	Ethics	
Econ 126 – Economics and Law		
Psych 155 – Psychology and Law		Civic Engagement
Comm 170A – Communication Law and Responsibility		Civic Engagement
Anthro 151 – Law and Society		Civic Engagement
Soc 159 – Sociology of Crime		
Soc 160 – Law in a Changing Society		
Soc 176 – Elder Law		
Sctr 119 – Law in Judaism, Christianity & Islam	3 rd Religious Studies	Religion, Theology, and Culture 3
Tesp 144 – Theology and the Law	3 rd Religious Studies	
ELSJ 50 - Law & Social Justice		Civic Engagement & ELSJ

List C – One (1) Course	Satisfies in Old Core	Satisfies in New Core
Phil 25 – Informal Logic		
Engl 79 – Writing about Literature & Culture	3 rd Writing	Advanced Writing, Cultures and Ideas 3
Engl 176 – Intensive Writing	3 rd Writing	Advanced Writing
Engl 177 – Argumentation	3 rd Writing	Advanced Writing

Plus One (1) Course from either List B or C		
Choose any one course from either List B or List C		

- **Special Note:** Law-related Public Sector internships and Washington Semester Program (WSP) coursework in law can be approved for List A coursework. Please see Professor Izquierdo for approval.
- **Special Note:** Students participating in Washington Semester Program's Public Law, International Law, and Justice programs are guaranteed completion of one of their List A requirements. Students may also complete one or two additional List A course requirements, depending on their selection of research topic and internship.