

DAEMEN

Pre-Law (Minor)

The Pre-Law minor provides valuable preparation for law school with coursework that fosters the skills necessary for law school success.

"Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline... 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. Taking a broad range of difficult courses from demanding instructors is excellent preparation for legal education."

– *Statement of the American Bar Association on Prelaw Education*

Pre-Law Minor at Daemen

The courses in the Pre-Law minor will help you develop:

- The ability to solve problems creatively
- Exceptional oral and writing skills, and the ability to advocate a particular point of view
- The ability to critically analyze documents and arguments
- Interpersonal skills and a keen understanding of human behavior
- Efficient time management skills
- The ability to recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas
- As a pre-law student, you may major in any discipline. The Pre-Law minor offers a structured bundling of courses in preparation for law school.

Support for Your Future:

- You are provided with Pre-Law advising and support from History and Political Science faculty.
- You can be an active member of the Pre-Law Student Association.
- You can participate in the Annual Moot Court Experience.
- You can select from a variety of challenging courses that build your writing and oral presentation skills.

Moot Court Experience

Daemen College has an active Pre-Law Student Association (PLSA) that sponsors the Annual Moot Court Competition at Academic Festival – a great opportunity to participate in a trial simulation.

Since 2001, over 130 students have participated in the Pre-Law Student Association's Annual Moot Court Competition as attorneys and witnesses. Many of these alumni now work as practicing attorneys or are attending law school.



Participants in the 2016 Moot Court Experience at Academic Festival.

Learn more at the History & Political Science Department Blog: <http://daemencollegehistoryandpolisci.blogspot.com/>

The Pre-Law Curriculum is designed to PREPARE students

- 6 credit hours of required courses in constitutional law and the judicial system
- 3 credit hours of advanced writing
- 9 credit hours selected from courses (in multiple disciplines) that foster oral and communication skills; provide an understanding of government and law; teach you about social institutions and human behavior; and expose you to the business world – providing a sound foundation to prepare you for an advanced legal education.

The Daemen College Advantage

- Smaller class sizes and a more personalized educational experience.
- Classes taught overwhelmingly by full-time faculty who have the opportunity to identify and observe student strengths, to provide individualized guidance, and to write meaningful letters of recommendation upon your graduation and application to law school.
- A broad range of majors (and minors) from which to choose, paired with a liberal-arts based core curriculum, providing the broad training and critical thinking skills valued by law schools.
- Multiple pathways for enhancing your law school application portfolio, including internship and study-abroad programs, a first-rate athletics program, student governance and leadership opportunities, an honors programs, and a range of student organizations.
- A campus environment that is welcoming to all students, where you will be supported but also challenged as you expand your educational horizons.



"My Pre-Law minor is what has kept my interest in law so high throughout the course of my college career. I wasn't entirely sure law was the field I wanted to go into until I took Dr. Parshall's Intro to Criminal Justice class. It really cemented the idea — this is a field I not only enjoy but know I could thrive in."

– Kayla Kamp, 2016



"The classes I took to fulfill my Pre-Law minor are to what I attribute my passion of the United States legal system. The classes kept me fully engaged and made me want to learn more. I found my love for criminal law in Dr. Parshall's Criminal Justice class and since then it has been my dream to become a criminal prosecutor. The Pre-Law program prepared me with the foundation I need to begin my law school journey and for that I will always be grateful."

– Breanna Reilly, 2016

For more information...

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