

PRE-LAW SCHOLARS FACT SHEET



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Program Basics: 3 + 3 = 6

The Pre-Law Scholars Program allows you to reduce the total time needed to complete your bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees from seven years to six years. Admission to this program and successful completion of the prerequisites for Pre-Law Scholars (as laid out below) are required to guarantee your place.

A typical bachelor's degree program at Marquette consists of three parts: University Core of Common Studies requirements, major requirements and electives. In your first three years of the Pre-Law Scholars program, you will complete the first two parts of your undergraduate degree program – the Core and major requirements. You will save the majority of your electives until your fourth year, when you begin your studies in the Law School.

The courses you take in that first year of law school serve as the final elective courses of your bachelor's degree and the first year courses for your Juris Doctor degree. You are essentially applying the credits for the courses you take in your first year of law school twice. Your bachelor's degree will be conferred at the conclusion of the first year of law school. Please be aware that though you may celebrate graduation at the May ceremony, your diploma will be issued in August due to the Law School's exam grading schedule.

Suggested Undergraduate Majors

Students are not limited to the majors listed below, as any undergraduate major can offer appropriate academic preparation to enter law school. However, it may be difficult to complete Pre-Law Scholar prerequisites (see below) for other majors by the third year of the six-year program. Students who wish to complete a Marquette undergraduate major that is not on these lists may extend their program to seven years.

College of Arts and Sciences — Humanities:

Classics	English	Writing Intensive English	French
German	History	International Affairs	Philosophy
Spanish	Theology & Religion		

College of Arts and Sciences — Natural Sciences:*

Computational Mathematics	Computer Science	Biological Sciences	Mathematics
Physics			

College of Arts and Sciences — Social & Behavioral Sciences:

Anthropology	Criminology & Law Studies	Economics	Political Science
Psychology	Social Welfare & Justice	Sociology	

College of Business Administration:*

Accounting	Business Analytics	Business Economics	Entrepreneurship
Finance	Human Resources Management	Information Technology	International Business
Marketing	Op & Supply Chain Management	Real Estate	

College of Communication:

Advertising	Communication Studies	Corporate Communication	Digital Media
Media Studies	Journalism	Public Relations	Theatre Arts

College of Health Sciences:*

Biomedical Sciences

*Note: Majors in Natural Sciences, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Health Sciences have the highest number of credit requirements combined for the major and Core. Therefore, if you are considering these majors it is best to begin the sequence of courses for that major in your first semester to ensure that you stay on schedule to complete your undergraduate program in three years. (All students have the option of completing some courses in summer school.)

Prerequisites for Pre-Law Scholars

Your admission to this program guarantees you a place in Marquette Law School's first-year class after you complete your third year of undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Communication, or the College of Health Sciences. You will maintain your place in the Law School's entering class by fulfilling the following requirements:

- Have a cumulative 3.3 grade point average OR a grade point average that is equal to or greater than the median GPA of the preceding year's entering class (whichever is lesser) by the time of application/entrance to Marquette Law School. This includes all college course work whether taken at Marquette University or at another institution. Note: this encompasses all transfer course work from other institutions whether summer sessions, concurrent course work, or college credit obtained via a dual enrollment program while in high school. Specific questions regarding this standard should be directed to the Law School Office of Admissions.
- Be on track to complete undergraduate degree requirements, such that no greater than 29 total elective credits remain to complete the undergraduate degree upon law school entry in the fourth year. Please direct undergraduate coursework and graduation requirements to the pre-law and/or academic advisers within your college.
- Earn a score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) of 155 OR one that is equal to or greater than the median score of the preceding year's entering class to the Law School (i.e., the currently enrolled first-year class during the year that you apply to the Law School), whichever is lesser. The LSAT must be taken no later than February of the year that you will apply to the Law School. The Law School's Admissions Committee will consider the highest score you receive. Your pre-law adviser and/or the Law School Office of Admissions can provide you with information on the nature of this exam, the score required, and the dates on which it is offered.
- Students who are on track to fulfill the MCC, undergraduate college curriculum and major requirements, and other criteria as listed above, but do not meet the above academic standards for GPA and/or LSAT may elect to apply to the Law School and be considered for early admission as part of the general applicant pool. In such instances, admission to the Law School is not guaranteed. If such students are not admitted to the Law School, they may complete their senior year to fulfill remaining graduation requirements, and they may reapply to the Law School.
- Meet the Law School's standards for character and fitness. Character and Fitness/University Probation explanation: behaviors and/or activities that lead to University Probation may result in removal from the program and impact admission to the Marquette University Law School. Such activities include academic dishonesty or ANY activity deemed inappropriate, unethical, or illegal. This includes activities outside of the reach of the university's Standards of Conduct.
- Apply to the Law School. Prior to enrolling in the Law School, formal completion of the application for law school admission is required, including meeting appropriate deadlines for application, tuition deposits, etc. This process necessarily includes joining the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service.

Additionally, we are prepared to accept students into the program after they have completed at least one semester at Marquette. While we would most commonly anticipate that students will apply at the conclusion of the freshman year, we recognize that Business Administration students may need to declare after just one semester if they hope to enroll at the Law School in the fourth year. We further recognize that there may be a situation whereby a student wishes to join the program during the sophomore year and is on track to do so. To be eligible to join the program after enrollment at Marquette, a student must meet the grade point average requirement listed above as well as be on track for meeting the credit requirements of the student's college and major to enter the Law School after three years. Interested students should first meet with their academic adviser to confirm they meet these requirements and then contact the Law School Office of Admissions.

Advising

A key to your success is a sound advising system. We realize that we are asking you to make a significant academic and life decision relatively early in your college education. We intend to work with you every step of the way to ensure that you are confident in and happy with your decision to be in this program and to attend law school. Through regular discussions with your Pre-Law Scholars adviser and/or the Law School's admissions staff, we can help you to ask questions of yourself, to reflect upon your academic and social experiences, to continue to evaluate your progress in the program and to help you identify and consider options available to you such as study abroad and internships.

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