

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Pre-Law Advising Program

Many students come to Franklin Pierce with an interest in pre-law, but are not sure how that may translate to a major program of study. The first thing students should know is that pre-law is not a major. Being 'pre-law' is a stated intention to pursue a specific type of graduate degree. Students who intend to go to law school can major in any subject area, as law schools admit students from a wide variety of majors. The American Bar Association does not recommend any specific major OR courses for those interested in law school.

Most students enter law school without a background in law at all, but instead have a good undergraduate foundation in critical reading, critical thinking, writing and public speaking– skills that can be obtained in any of our undergraduate majors.

Therefore, the most important thing to keep in mind when selecting a major is that you should choose an undergraduate major that you will enjoy, that will challenge you, yet one in which you can excel.

The American Bar Association indicates that the three most important factors for students intending to go to law school are:

- Grade Point Average
- LSAT score (an SAT exam for law school that you would take your Junior/Senior year in college)
- Letters of Recommendation

**Students seeking Pre-Law advising must contact the Pre-Law Advisor, Dr. Jed Donelan, who will provide access to Pre-Law advising handbooks and law school information. He can be reached via [email](#) or 603-899-1019.*