Preparatory Programs

Students may begin preparing for the following professional or graduate programs at the University of Oregon. Some of the programs simply require a bachelor’s degree for admission, while others require specific undergraduate courses, standardized examinations, and field experience. Students who are interested in the preparatory programs should consult appropriate university advisors as listed below.

Forensic Science, Preparatory

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understanding, to think logically, and to perform research and analysis competently. Many law schools advise against a large concentration of courses in vocational training.

The following courses would be appropriate. They are not required for admission, nor do they substitute for a broad, well-developed educational background.

- College Composition I (WR 121 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=WR%20121]), College Composition II (WR 122 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=WR%20122]), College Composition III (WR 123 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=WR%20123]), Advanced Composition (WR 423 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=WR%20423])
- Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics (EC 201 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=EC%20201]), Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics (EC 202 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=EC%20202])
- Inventing America (HIST 201 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=HIST%20201]), Building the United States (HIST 202 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=HIST%20202]), American Century (HIST 203 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=HIST%20203])
- Introduction to Accounting I (ACTG 211 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=ACTG%20211]), Introduction to Accounting II (ACTG 213 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=ACTG%20213]), or Accounting: Language of Business Decisions (BA 215 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=BA%20215])
- Critical Reasoning (PHIL 103 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=PHIL%20103]), Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 307 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=PHIL%20307]), Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 308 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=PHIL%20308]), Logic, Inquiry, and Argumentation (PHIL 325 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=PHIL%20325]), Introduction to Philosophy of Law (PHIL 344 [http://ucatalog.uoregon.edu/search/?P=PHIL%20344])
- Legal Process (PS 275), Constitutional Law (PS 470), United States Supreme Court (PS 484)
- Public Speaking as a Liberal Art (ENG 200) or Oral Controversy and Advocacy (ENG 330)
- Literature and additional expository writing courses
- Undergraduate legal studies courses (LAW) or conflict resolution courses (CRES)
- Journalism—Media and Society (J 201), Communication Law (J 385)

Courses in psychology and sociology are recommended.

Accredited law schools in the United States typically require their applicants to submit scores from the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The examination is given multiple times a year. Consult the Law School Admission Council’s website, lsac.org, for online registration and additional information. Registration must be completed at least a month before the testing date. For those planning to attend law school immediately upon graduation, it is recommended that the examination be taken in the spring of the junior year or at the earliest possible date in the senior year.

Each law school has its own admission criteria. The primary predictors of admission are LSAT scores and grade point averages. Various subjective factors are also considered. Students should use the pass/no pass option with restraint. They should expect to provide letters of recommendation and statements of purpose.