

# ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL (LAW, LEGAL STUDIES, JURIST DOCTOR)

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|                    | Fall Semester   |           | Spring Semester   |           |
|--------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| <b>First Year</b>  | POGO 1600: American Government  | 4         | COMM 1910: Public Speaking  | 4         |
|                    | General Education and/or Major Requirements   | 12        | General Education and/or Major Requirements   | 12        |
|                    | <b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Second Year</b> | HIST 2110 or 2120: US History to 1877 or US History since 1877                      | 3         | PHIL 2530: Business and Professional Ethics   | 2         |
|                    | • STAT 1490: Introductory Statistics<br>General Education and/or Major Requirements | 4<br>9    | • BSE 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics<br>General Education and/or Major Requirements | 4<br>8    |
|                    | <b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Third Year</b>  | BSE 2520: Business Law I  | 2         | PHIL 2510: Logic  | 4         |
|                    | BSE 3540: Business Law II   | 2         | POGO 3520: Criminal Justice   | 4         |
|                    | POGO 3500: Constitutional Law   | 4         | General Education and/or Major Requirements (LSAT EXAM)                                 | 8         |
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| <b>Fourth Year</b> | Pre-Professional Elective   | 4         | Pre-Professional Elective   | 4         |
|                    | General Education and/or Major Requirements   | 12        | General Education and/or Major Requirements   | 12        |
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• Course meets a general education requirement

The University offers pre-professional program for students interested in entering law. This program is not a major area in the strict sense, but is sequences of courses, which will establish an adequate foundation for entry into graduate professional study. Students who are contemplating entry into graduate professional program in law will understand the increasingly competitive nature of this field. North Park provides advisory services and foundation courses, which enable its graduates to compete very favorably for entry into such graduate programs. Close contact with the University's pre-professional advisors should be maintained throughout the student's residence at North Park

**Student should contact the Politics and Government Department at (773) 244-5720 to discuss this pre-professional track.**

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### Graduation Requirement:

120 semester hours, minimum

### General Education Requirements:

44 semester hours

- The North Park Dialogue (12)
  - Dialogue I (4)
  - Dialogue II (4)
  - Dialogue III (4)
- Culture and Society (4) Met by pre-professional course BSE 2211
- Personal Development (2)
- Biblical Studies (8)
  - BTS 1850 (4)
  - BTS option (4)
- Foreign Language (8)
  - 1010 Level (4)
  - 1020 Level (4)
- Mathematics (4) Met by pre-professional course STAT 1490
- Fine Arts (2)
- Natural Science (4)
  - Biology (2)
  - Chemistry/Physics (2)

See General Education checklist for specific courses that will fulfill each requirement.  
<http://www.northpark.edu/generaleducation>

Some general education courses may meet course requirements for your major or pre-professional program

### Pre-Professional Requirements: law, legal studies, jurist doctor

*Core Courses:* Students are strongly encouraged to complete these courses prior to completing the LSAT

- BSE 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics (4)
- BSE 2520: Business Law (2)
- BSE 3540: Business Law II (2)
- COMM 1910: Public Speaking (4)
- HIST 2110 or 2120: US History to 1877 or US History from 1877 (4)
- PHIL 2510: Logic (4)
- PHIL 2530: Business and Professional Ethics (2)
- POGO 1600: American Government (4)
- POGO 3500: Constitutional Law (4)
- POGO 3520: Criminal Justice (4)
- STAT 1490: Introductory Statistics (4)
- Elective (4)
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Majors that are suggested are:

- Business/Economics
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Politics and Government

### Additional Graduation Requirements

- Total of 120 semester hours, minimum. Additional courses may need to be taken to meet this requirement.
- Grade Point Average
  - Overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00
  - Cumulative grade point average in major of 2.00
- Last 30 semester hours must be taken at North Park
- Acceptance into the major

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