

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS: LAW

Possible Majors: Law schools expect students to show clear evidence of achievement, the desire to be a successful member of the legal profession, and the likelihood of successful contribution to the legal education environment. Students can major in anything and enter law school. Some common majors are Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, and English.

Admission Requirements: Admission to law school is highly competitive. Law schools generally require a strong academic background and:

1. an academically rigorous course of study
2. a high GPA (typically 3.0-4.0)*
3. a favorable trend in grades
4. a competitive Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) exam score (typically 145-169)**
5. extracurricular activities
6. a well-written personal statement
7. strong letters of recommendation
8. a well organized professional resume exhibiting work experience

** Please note that some law schools have special summer sessions for provisionally admitted students that show potential but have lower GPAs.*

***Test scores range from 120 to 180.*

Required Courses: none although courses in ethics, logic, critical reasoning, Spanish, and writing intensive courses are recommended.

How to Get Started

1. Visit the pre-law advisor in the Center for Academic Enrichment Center and Allied Health
2. Develop a strong course of study—in any major of interest
3. Take an LSAT prep course or buy prep materials
4. Get involved in campus activities:
 - a. Mix and mingle with diverse groups of people to develop the ability to make a contribution to the diversity of viewpoints and perspectives in law school
 - b. Join student groups and participate in activities related to the legal profession such as the ECU pre-law society and take on leadership positions such as an officer or committee chair.
5. Practice and learn to write and speak well (logically and analytically)
6. Develop strong personal relationships with advisors, faculty, and employers that lead to strong letters of reference
7. Pursue law office work experience
8. Review law school reference books

Additional Information: <http://www.ecu.edu/prelaw/>

Professional Schools: The following law schools are located in North Carolina:

Campbell University, US News Tier 4, Admitted Law Student Profile: 152-157 LSAT, 3.04-3.54 GPA

Duke University, US News Tier 1, Ranked # 12, Admitted Law Student Profile: 165-169 LSAT, 3.66-3.85 GPA

North Carolina Central, US News Tier 4, Admitted Law Student Profile: 144-153 LSAT, 2.91-3.49 GPA

UNC Chapel Hill, US News Tier 1, Ranked # 38, Admitted Law Student Profile: 158-164 LSAT, 3.39-3.77 GPA

Wake Forest University, US News Tier 1, Ranked # 42, Admitted Law Student Profile: 161-165 LSAT, 3.17-3.71 GPA

Note: the **Elon University School of Law** and the **Charlotte School of Law** first enrolled students for the 2006-07 academic year. Both schools are seeking accreditation. For more information about these schools, please contact the ECU Pre-Law Advisor.