Pre-Law (Minor)

The Pre-Law minor provides valuable preparation for law school with coursework that fosters the skills necessary for law school success.

“Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline... Whatever major you select, you are encouraged to pursue an area of study that interests and challenges you, while taking advantage of opportunities to develop your research and writing skills. Taking a broad range of difficult courses from demanding instructors is excellent preparation for legal education.”
– Statement of the American Bar Association on Prelaw Education

Pre-Law Minor @ Daemen:
The courses in the Pre-Law minor will help you develop:
• The ability to solve problems creatively
• Exceptional oral and writing skills, and the ability to advocate a particular point of view
• The ability to critically analyze documents and arguments
• Interpersonal skills and a keen understanding of human behavior
• Efficient time management skills
• The ability to recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas
• As a pre-law student, you may major in any discipline. The Pre-Law minor offers a structured bundling of courses in preparation for law school.

Support for Your Future:
• You are provided with Pre-Law advising and support from History and Political Science faculty.
• You can be an active member of the Pre-Law Student Association.
• You can participate in the Annual Moot Court Experience.
• You can select from a variety of challenging courses that build your writing and oral presentation skills.

Moot Court Experience:
• Daemen College has an active Pre-Law Student Association (PLSA) that sponsors the Annual Moot Court Competition at Academic Festival – a great opportunity to participate in a trial simulation.
• Since 2001, over 130 students have participated in the Pre-Law Student Association’s Annual Moot Court Competition as attorneys and witnesses. Many of these alumni now work as practicing attorneys or are attending law school.

Learn more at the History & Political Science Department Blog:
http://daemencollegehistoryandpolisci.blogspot.com/
The Pre-Law Curriculum is designed to PREPARE students:
• 6 credit hours of required courses in constitutional law and the judicial system
• 3 credit hours of advanced writing
• 9 credit hours selected from courses (in multiple disciplines) that foster oral and communication skills; provide an understanding of government and law; teach you about social institutions and human behavior; and expose you to the business world – providing a sound foundation to prepare you for an advanced legal education.

The Daemen College Advantage:
• Smaller class sizes and a more personalized educational experience.
• Classes taught overwhelmingly by full-time faculty who have the opportunity to identify and observe student strengths, to provide individualized guidance, and to write meaningful letters of recommendation upon your graduation and application to law school.
• A broad range of majors (and minors) from which to choose, paired with a liberal-arts based core curriculum, providing the broad training and critical thinking skills valued by law schools.
• Multiple pathways for enhancing your law school application portfolio, including internship and study-abroad programs, a first-rate athletics program, student governance and leadership opportunities, an honors programs, and a range of student organizations.
• A campus environment that is welcoming to all students, where you will be supported but also challenged as you expand your educational horizons.

Jessica, Political Science Major with Minors in Pre-Law, Criminal Justice, Psychology, and General Business

Jessica was accepted into multiple law schools, including Michigan State University, University of Connecticut, and the University at Buffalo. She is currently attending Michigan State University College of Law.

“I chose Daemen for the close-knit History and Political Science Department. My professors encouraged me to challenge myself academically, and they were always the first to congratulate their students for their successes.

The classes I took at Daemen provided me with a solid foundation for my first year of law school and my internship at the Niagara County District Attorney’s Office. My professors pushed me to participate in more difficult classes and academic opportunities that were out of my comfort zone and required hard work. Moot Court was an invaluable experience that allows students to participate in a court case as a juror, attorney, or witness. This unique opportunity gave me knowledge and experience of how a trial works, how to question witnesses, and how to work through evidence.

The senior thesis project also allowed me to polish my researching and writing skills, which are important for any professional career.” – Jessica Maulucci, 2015

“My Pre-Law minor is what has kept my interest in law so high throughout the course of my college career. I wasn’t entirely sure law was the field I wanted to go into until I took Dr. Parshall’s Intro to Criminal Justice class. It really cemented the idea — this is a field I not only enjoy but know I could thrive in.” – Kayla Kamp, 2016

“The classes I took to fulfill my Pre-Law minor are to what I attribute my passion of the United States legal system. The classes kept me fully engaged and made me want to learn more. I found my love for criminal law in Dr. Parshall’s Criminal Justice class and since then it has been my dream to become a criminal prosecutor. The Pre-Law program prepared me with the foundation I need to begin my law school journey and for that I will always be grateful.” – Breanna Reilly, 2016

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