

LAW

pre-professional program

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Required Skills:

Reasoning
 Communication (Oral & Written)
 Ethics
 Decision Making
 Hard Work
 Leadership
 Reading Comprehension

Types of Lawyers:

Bankruptcy
 Corporate
 Civil Rights
 Consumer
 Criminal
 Education
 Entertainment
 Family

Note: Students identify their career goals by choosing the Pre-Law advising track, but they still must choose an official major. Pre-Law is not an official major, most Pre-Law students choose a major that interest them.



Lawyers interpret the law through actions and words for the protection of an individual, a business concern or an idea. They must be widely versed in a great many areas: the law, economics, history, human motivation and behavior, and the practicalities of day to day living. The education of lawyers never ends because they must constantly be abreast of information which may be of use to the client.

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Pitt-Bradford students interested in earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) degree after completing their Bachelor's degree may choose to major in any academic discipline. Before the second semester of their junior year they should consult with a pre-law advisor or the Office of Career Services for specific information concerning law school admissions and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).

After completing a Bachelor degree Law School usually takes 3 years on a full-time program. Some schools offer part-time programs which take 4 years. During the first year of law school students generally take all the required (core) courses. These courses include civil procedure, contracts, constitutional law, criminal law, legal writing, professional responsibility/ethics, property law, and torts.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Bar Association (ABA)	www.abanet.org
American Law Institute (ALI)	www.ali.org
National Bar Association (NBA)	www.nationalbar.org
American Judicature Society (AJS)	www.ajs.org

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American Bar Association (ABA)	www.abanet.org/publiced/legalcareers.html
Careers in Law	www.streetlaw.com/careers.html
Occupational Outlook Handbook	www.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm
Career Services	www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx