

**CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014**COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS/ PASR

Program: Delete: Add: Change: X Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Justification: Change and update to Pre-Law recommendations. This updates PSCI 4311, 4312 which were renumbered PSCI 4313 and PSCI 4314 a number of years ago, but the Pre-Law entry was not updated. This adds PHIL 2301 [Logic] to the recommendations and a new constitutional law course, PSCI 4312. This change is interim, pending a possible new minor in Pre-Law, because the current catalog entry in in error and in case the minor does not get approval.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS

To be eligible for admission to law school the student must have completed a baccalaureate degree. In addition, each applicant to law school must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). This test is usually taken during October of the senior year. While law schools consider a variety of factors, the LSAT score and undergraduate performance are generally given the most weight in determining which applicants will be admitted to a given law school.

The first two years of study for pre-law students are similar to the core curriculum courses taken by all students at Texas A&M International University. The final two years will be used to fulfill the remaining requirements of an undergraduate degree.

Law schools do not require that students select any particular major or sequence of courses as undergraduates. However, according to the Association of American Law Schools, a prelegal education should emphasize oral and written communication skills, a critical understanding of social institutions, and analytical thinking. Therefore, with regard to the selection of appropriate electives, pre-law students should seek the advice of a pre-law advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The following courses are some of those recommended as electives for the pre-law student: BA [3310](#), COMM [4323](#), ECO [1301](#) PHIL [2301](#), PSCI [3313](#) ~~[3314](#)~~, PSCI [3314](#) ~~[3312](#)~~, PSCI [4311](#), PSCI [4312](#), PSCI [4326](#) or any 3000-4000 level English course.

In addition to helping pre-law students with the selection of course electives, the pre-law advisor can assist students in obtaining information about particular law schools, LSAT preparation, and the activities of the pre-law student organization.

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