PRE-LAW ADVISING is a robust program available to Xavier students considering a career in law. Most colleges do not offer a “pre-law” major, and most law schools do not require any particular major as a prerequisite for admission. Generally, law schools look for thoughtful students who are articulate, mature and professional, and have a passion for justice and the law. So, majors in any discipline can be successful lawyers. The Pre-Law Advising program assists students in myriad ways, from developing a strategy to be accepted to their law school of choice and preparing for the LSAT to exploring future career opportunities.

The Xavier Advantage:
► Benefit from guidance and support from pre-law professors who are also lawyers.
► Be matched with a mentor who is a practicing lawyer from a prestigious private or government law office or a judge from the greater Cincinnati area.
► Participate in Xavier’s Mock Trial Club and gain experience in regional and national competitions.

Xavier graduates go on to:
► Duke University School of Law
► Georgetown University Law School
► Harvard Law School
► Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington
► Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
► UCLA School of Law
► University of Cincinnati College of Law
► Vanderbilt University Law School
► University of Virginia School of Law
► Yale Law School

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THE PROGRAM

The competition for acceptance into law school is intense. The Pre-Law Advising program helps students build a strong foundation throughout their college years so they’re ready for the demands of the law school application process, for the rigors of studying the law and for the opportunities of a career in law or in other fields.

When selecting a major, undergraduate students should consider their interests and talents. The pre-law advisors recommend that prospective law students take courses that are reading- and writing-intensive, and emphasize oral communications, logic and critical thinking.

One of the significant advantages Xavier offers to the prospective law student is the Core Curriculum. Xavier students, regardless of the major they choose, take courses in history, humanities, literature, foreign language, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology. These courses, combined with a major field of study and electives, provide a strong background that makes Xavier graduates attractive to law schools throughout the United States.

Two experienced faculty members serve as pre-law advisors at Xavier. Professors Paul Fiorelli and Ann Marie Tracey are lawyers and teach in the Williams College of Business. Professor Tracey is a former federal prosecutor and was a Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge for 14 years before retiring from the bench in 2003. Professor Fiorelli has been teaching at Xavier since 1983. In 1998-1999, he was selected by the Supreme Court Fellows Commission for a one-year fellowship in Washington, D.C., working at the United States Sentencing Commission.

The pre-law advisors encourage each prospective law student to begin taking steps during their junior year. This allows time to develop a strategy for taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and for applying early in order to maximize the probability of admission and financial aid. Pre-law advisors strongly encourage students planning to enter law school in the fall after graduation to take the LSAT in June between junior or senior year, or in October of their senior year. This allows time to retake the exam, if they wish, and still have the results reported early in the admission process.

Xavier graduates have been admitted to, and succeeded at, the most prestigious law schools in the country, and frequently are awarded scholarships to offset all or part of their legal education.

RESOURCES

The St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society brings in numerous speakers throughout the year, including admission deans of local law schools; current law students—often Xavier graduates—to discuss their transition to law school; and practicing attorneys who discuss their specialties in such areas of law as corporate, criminal, tax, securities, domestic relations, labor, pensions and administrative.

Xavier recently launched a Mock Trial Club and program at Xavier, which enables students to get experience while participating in regional and even national competitions.

Xavier University is among the nation’s first universities to offer a Pre-Law Mentor Program that pairs students with leading law professionals to network and establish connections in the world of law and politics. Started in 2006 by Xavier’s Williams College of Business, the program ensures that students have a viable and effective network of notable professional contacts assisting them in their career endeavors. Mentors provide career advice, professional networking and guidance to help students prepare for a successful law school experience and a strong career path in the future.

The following is a sample of the firms and employers for participating mentors:

- Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC
- Buckley King, LPA
- City of Cincinnati Prosecutor’s Office
- Cors & Bassett LLC
- Denlinger, Rosenthal & Greenberg, LPA
- Fifth Third Bank
- First District Court of Appeals
- Freund, Freeze & Arnold
- Frost Brown Todd LLC
- Graydon Head & Ritchey, LLP
- Hamilton County Probate Court
- Heinichen Enterprises LLC
- Hillenbrand Industries
- Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL
- Lindhorst & Dreidame Co. LPA
- Lutz, Cornetet, Meyer & Rush Co., L.P.A.
- Murdock Goldenberg Schneider & Groh LPA
- Pater, Pater & Pater Co., L.P.A.
- PNC Advisors
- Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker
- Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl Company, LPA
- Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
- Thompson Hine LLC
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Ulmer & Berne LLP
- Western Southern Financial Fund
- Winegardner & Hammons, Inc.
- Wolnitzek & Rowekamp, PSC

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