

Suggested Schools to Research

Adelphi University (NY)
American University (DC)
Boston University (MA)
College of St. Rose (NY)
CUNY BMCC (NYC)
CUNY John Jay College (NYC)
CUNY Kingsborough CC (NYC)
Fordham University (NYC)
Hofstra University (NY)
Iona College (NY)
Ithaca College (NY)
LIU/Brooklyn (NYC)
LIU/Post (NY)
New York University (NYC)
Northeastern University (MA)
Pace University (NYC)
Penn State University (PA)
Quinnipiac University (CT)
St. Francis College (NYC)
St. John's University (NYC)
SUNY Albany (NY)
SUNY Alfred State (NY)
SUNY Brockport (NY)
SUNY Buffalo State (NY)
SUNY Canton (NY)
SUNY Cortland (NY)
SUNY Farmingdale (NY)
SUNY Fredonia (NY)
SUNY Morrisville (NY)
SUNY Old Westbury (NY)
SUNY Oneonta (NY)
SUNY Plattsburgh (NY)
SUNY Potsdam (NY)
Syracuse University (NY)
Temple University (PA)
University of New Haven (CT)
University of Scranton (PA)



For Additional Information

- **American Bar Association**
Tel: 800-285-2221
www.americanbar.org
- **American Association for Paralegal Education (AAFPE)**
Tel: 856-423-2829
www.aafpe.org
- **National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA)**
Tel: 918-587-6828
www.nala.org
- **The Council on Legal Education Opportunities**
Tel: 866-886-4343
www.cleoscholars.com



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Types of Law & Public Service Programs

- ✚ Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
- ✚ Emergency Mgmt/Homeland Security
- ✚ Forensic Psychology
- ✚ Forensic Science
- ✚ Human Services
- ✚ Legal Studies
- ✚ Political Science
- ✚ Pre-Law
- ✚ Public Administration



What is it about?

- ✚ Law and public service deal with a wide variety of human conflicts. It is an interdisciplinary, liberal arts major that engages the meaning, values, practices and institution of law and legality.
- ✚ Students who want to practice law can take nearly any undergraduate major, not just the ones listed above. Majors listed above will not qualify you to take the bar exam and become a lawyer. Students must go to law school to get a graduate degree called a juris doctor (J.D) before they can practice law.
- ✚ If you are planning to go to law school, students must be prepared to take the most challenging undergraduate core courses and get good grades. Those courses will prepare you to acquire core knowledge and skills upon which your legal education will be built.

You might consider this major if you are good at/like:

- ✚ Active Listening
- ✚ Attention to detail
- ✚ Being creative
- ✚ Critical reading/thinking
- ✚ Current Events
- ✚ Debates
- ✚ Influential and Initiative
- ✚ Multitasking
- ✚ Mock Trial Competitions
- ✚ Organize
- ✚ Patience
- ✚ Politics, Public Services
- ✚ Problem Solver, Analytical Thinker
- ✚ Strong Public Speaking and Writing Skills
- ✚ Strong Leadership Skills
- ✚ Student Government, Community Service Activities
- ✚ Team work



Recommended High School Prep

- ✚ English
- ✚ Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry
- ✚ Global History, US History, Government, Economics
- ✚ Foreign Language
- ✚ Biology, Chemistry and Science Labs
- ✚ Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology, Speech
- ✚ AP courses in History, English, Math, Science

*These are courses that will be valuable to you prior to applying for law and public affairs programs.

*There is no typical prelaw courses. Whatever major you choose, it's best to try to volunteer, work, or intern with a law firm or legal rights organization to develop your skills and refine your interest.

What program should I apply to?

Consider the following when researching and selecting college program(s):

- ✚ Academic admissions criteria, SAT/ACT scores, location, environment, tuition fees, financial aid, school size, curriculum, etc.
- ✚ What percentage of students gain admission to one or more law schools? Is LSAT prep course offered? Does the school have a network of attorney-alumni that undergraduates can contact?

*You may be bound for law school or legal career straight out of college. Be sure to research the institution.



Career Trends

*Career trends vary based on program interest and degree obtained. Careers listed are not limited to the following:

- ✚ Administrators
- ✚ College Professor
- ✚ Attorney, Legal Practice
- ✚ (i.e., Civil Rights, Corporate Law, Criminal Defense, Employment, Estate Law, Family & Divorce, Immigration, Personal Injury, etc.)
- ✚ Lobbyist, Activist
- ✚ Non-Profit Management
- ✚ Paralegals, Legal Assistants
- ✚ Politicians
- ✚ Public Policy Analyst, Research Assistant
- ✚ Public Relations Specialist
- ✚ Social/Community Service Manager