

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

PRE-LAW

A Bachelor's degree is required for entrance to most American law schools, and the degree may be earned in any major a student chooses. There are no prescribed courses for admission to law school. In Wisconsin there are law schools at the University of Wisconsin Madison and Marquette University. It is recommended that students contact those institutions for specifics about their programs.

A student planning to apply to law school should be alert to the following deadlines:

- Most law schools require that applicants take the Law Scholastic Aptitude Test (LSAT). The test is administered four times a year. A mock LSAT is available at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Testing Center (Polk 3). Information on test dates, registration procedures and sample tests are available at www.lsac.org. **University of Wisconsin Oshkosh code for LSAT registration: 1916**
- A student who plans to graduate in May and enter law school that fall should plan to take the LSAT in June following the junior year and complete the law school application forms during the summer, after receiving the results of the June exam.
- Many schools require applicants to subscribe to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). The LSDAS Report provides law schools with a copy of the undergraduate academic transcript summary and analysis, copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, LSAT score or scores, and a copy of the writing sample. Register at www.lsac.org.
- Nearly all law schools require first year students to begin their studies in the fall semester. Many law schools make admission decisions as early as October of the year prior to student entry.

For information on law programs in the state of Wisconsin:

University of Wisconsin Law School
Admissions and Financial Aid
975 Bascom Hall
Madison, WI 53706-1399
Phone: 608/262-5914
Fax: 608 262 5485
Email: admissions@law.wisc.edu
www.law.wisc.edu/admissions

Marquette University Law School
Office of Admissions
Sensenbrenner Hall
1103 W. Wisconsin Ave.
P.O. Box 1881
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881
Phone: 414/288-6767
Email: law.admission@marquette.edu
www.mu.edu/law

For information about the profession:

American Bar Association
Information Services
750 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611
312/988-5000 <http://www.abanet.org>

National Lawyers Association
City Center Square
P. O. Box 26005
Kansas City, Missouri 64196
800/471-2994 <http://www.nla.org>

Faculty advisor: Dr. Tracy Slagter (Clow Faculty 421 and 428) Email: slagtert@uwosh.edu

Academic Advisor: Melissa Lantta (Dempsey 130) Email: lanttam@uwosh.edu

Law and Law School Programs

Law is the system of standards and rules of civil society; standards of human conduct that impose obligations and grant corresponding rights and institutional rules regarding the ascertainment, creation, modification and enforcement of these standards.

Legal Education:

- Bachelor’s degree (pre-law portion of the educational experience)
- LSAT (Law School Admissions Test)
- Law school accredited by the American Bar Association
- Juris Doctor degree (JD requires three years as a full-time student OR four plus as a part-time student)

Types of Law include:

Public law

- Constitutional
- Administrative
- Criminal

Private Law

- TortProperty
- Contract/Business.....Corporation
- Inheritance (Wills).....Family

American Bar Association approved Law Schools (2006-07) in the Midwest:

Illinois

- Chicago –Kent College of Law
- DePaul University
- John Marshall Law School
- Loyola University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign)

Minnesota

- Hamline University
- University of Minnesota
- University of St. Thomas
- William Mitchell College of Law

Indiana

- Indiana University (Bloomington)
- Indiana University /Purdue University (Indianapolis)
- University of Notre Dame
- Valparaiso University

Ohio

- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve
- Cleveland State University
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio State University
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Toledo

Iowa

- Drake University
- University of Iowa

Wisconsin

- Marquette University
- University of Wisconsin Madison

Michigan

- Ave Maria School of Law
- Michigan State University
- University of Detroit Mercy
- University of Michigan
- Wayne State University

Additional Resource:

For pre-law students – www.4Lawschool.com