



DEPARTMENT OF  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
College of Arts and Sciences

## Lead progress with a degree in Political Science: Pre-Law

Learn what you need to **SUCCEED** in law school.

**BUILD** strong writing, analysis, and public speaking skills.

Use legal knowledge to **POSITIVELY IMPACT** your community.



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR+
Your Courses	Build foundational skills and knowledge with <b>POLS 1113, 2013 or 2113, and 2023</b> . Complement this with Gen Eds.	Learn research literacy in POLS 2213 and judicial processes in <b>POLS 3983</b> . Balance Gen Eds with advanced law-themed courses.	Explore data science in POLS 3103, legal research techniques in <b>POLS 3993</b> , and advanced law topics in <b>POLS 4353, 4990</b> , and other pre-law electives.	Explore constitutional law in <b>POLS 4963 and 4973</b> . Engage in advanced problem-solving in <b>POLS 4903</b> . Finish electives or work as a legal intern.
Your Experience	<b>Receive instruction</b> from political science professors specializing in law and judicial politics as well as former or current lawyers.	<b>Network with legal professionals</b> , law school admissions officers, and fellow pre-law students to build your professional network.	Learn valuable career skills like how to <b>analyze case law, construct persuasive arguments</b> , and how to negotiate effectively.	Present at the <b>OSU Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> or attend a professional conference.
Your Community	Join Pi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Club, SLIP, <b>Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (O.I.L.), or SGA</b> . Find a local community group and volunteer.	Write legislation or compete in <b>O.I.L.'s moot court</b> . Explore leadership opportunities in SGA and/or work as a legal intern.	Work with a faculty mentor conducting law or judicial politics research. Serve as a justice for the <b>O.I.L. Supreme Court</b> . Join <b>Pi Sigma Alpha</b> .	Continue on- and off-campus engagement, including <b>volunteer work and legal assistantships</b> . Meet with faculty regarding letters of recommendation.
Your Career Readiness	<b>Attend networking events</b> , law school fairs, and alumni gatherings to learn about mentorships, internships, or job opportunities.	Gain insight into the scholarly aspects of the law. <b>Develop confidence, public speaking abilities, and critical thinking skills</b> .	<b>Prepare for the LSAT</b> . Intern at law firms, government agencies, non-profit organizations, or legal aid clinics to gain valuable field experience.	<b>Participate in resume or interview workshops</b> with Career Services. Apply for law school or pursue field-specific job opportunities.
Your Personalized Path	Consider a 2nd Major or Minor related to your specific legal field of interest such as Business or Sociology.			

### YOU WILL LEARN

The core principles, constitutional law, and civil and criminal procedures shaping our legal system. How to think critically and effectively communicate oral and written arguments. How to be creative and strategic in solving clients' legal problems.

### WHAT IS NEXT

**Work in fields like:** Law, Diplomacy, Government Consulting, Education

**Attend Law School**, or work as a legal assistant, paralegal, or in a field (e.g. finance) to build specialized knowledge.



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