

# Law

## Bachelors/Juris Doctor Program

Hours Required at Frostburg State University	91
Hours Required at University of Baltimore School of Law	29
<b>Total Hours Required:</b>	<b>120</b>

## Dual-degree program

### Coordinator:

Scott Johnson, Professor,  
Department of Political Science

- Frostburg State University students may earn the last 29 of the 120 credit hours required by Frostburg State University for graduation at the University of Baltimore School of Law. The result of this Bachelors/Juris Doctor Program is that students may attain an undergraduate and a law degree in six years instead of the normal seven years.

## Summary of Requirements at FSU for the Bachelors/Juris Doctor Program

1. Complete 91 credit hours with Frostburg State University.
2. Complete all of Frostburg State University's general education requirements.
3. Maintain cumulative grade point averages as required at FSU for the academic major and overall course work.
4. Complete all requirements for an academic major at Frostburg State University.
5. Be accepted by the University of Baltimore School of Law into its early admission program. Students can apply for early admission by simply checking the appropriate box on the regular application form.
6. Attain the Bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University upon transferring 29 credits from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

### In addition it is recommended that students meet the following criteria:

1. Maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or above at Frostburg State University to enhance the chances for acceptance by the University of Baltimore School of Law.
2. Complete one of the following majors at Frostburg State University: economics, French, geography, history, law and society, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, or Spanish. Other majors are possible, but may require the completion of more than 91 credit hours.

# Law and Society

## Major

### Concentrations in:

- CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- LEGAL STUDIES

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### Coordinating Committee:

#### Professors:

S. Johnson (Political Science),  
D. Lewis (Political Science)

#### Associate Professor:

McMullen (Sociology)

#### Assistant Professor:

Mathias (Philosophy)

- Law and Society is an interdisciplinary major that offers concentrations in criminal justice and legal studies.
- An internship is optional but strongly encouraged.
- You cannot minor in Law and Society.

	MAJOR	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION	LEGAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION
<b>Total Hours Required:</b>	<b>46-49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>

## Summary of Requirements for Major in Law and Society

### Major

#### 1. Required Core Courses: (19 hours)

PHIL 102 Contemporary Ethical Problems (GEP Group B) or PHIL 112 Honors Contemporary Ethical Problems (GEP Group B)	POSC 422 American Constitutional Law I
POSC 110 Intro. to American Politics (GEP Group D) or POSC 112 Honors Intro. to American Politics (GEP Group D)	POSC 423 American Constitutional Law II
POSC 250 Research Methods or SOCI 311 Basic Research Methods	POSC 489 Law & Society Capstone
	SOCI 100 Intro. to Sociology (GEP Group D) or SOCI 111 Honors Intro. to Sociology (GEP Group D)

#### 2. Concentrations: (27-30 hours) Complete one of the following concentrations:

### Concentration in Legal Studies (27 hours)

#### A. Required Course (3 hours)

PHIL 410 Philosophy of Law

#### B. Elective Courses (24 hours)

Select a total of eight courses, with at least three from Group 1 and at least four from Group 2:

#### Group 1

BLAW 291	Legal Environment of Business
GEOG 473	Environmental Law
MCOM 447	Telecommunications Law
MGMT 457	Labor Relations
PHEC 420	Sport Law and Ethics
POSC 324	Criminal Justice Systems
POSC 488	Comparative Legal Systems

#### Group 2

CMST 302	Argumentation and Advocacy
PHIL 201	Ethics
PHIL 205	Logic
PHIL 304	Social Philosophy
PHIL 305	Criminal Justice Ethics
POSC 321	State and Local Politics
POSC 323	Public Administration
POSC 358	American Public Policy
SOCI 340	Criminology
SOCI 442	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 443	The American Correctional System

## Concentration in Criminal Justice (30 hours)

### A. Required Courses (30 hours)

CMST 102	Introduction to Human Communication
	or CMST 122 Introduction to Public Speaking
PHIL 305	Criminal Justice Ethics
	or PHIL 410 Philosophy of Law
POSC 324	Criminal Justice Systems
SOCI 200	Social Problems
	or SOCI 203 Deviant Behavior
SOCI 340	Criminology
SOCI 443	The American Correctional System

### B. Elective Courses (12 hours)

Select any four of the following courses:

PHIL 201	Ethics
PHIL 304	Social Philosophy

POSC 321	American State & Local Politics
POSC 323	Public Administration
POSC 355	Public Budgeting
POSC 358	American Public Policy
POSC 455	Public Program Evaluation
PSYC 340	Forensic Psychology
PSYC 386	Drugs & Human Behavior
SOCI 305	Racial & Cultural Minorities
SOCI 442	Juvenile Delinquency
SPAN 101	Basic Elements of Spanish I
SPAN 211	Spanish Grammar & Composition

### 3. Internship: (optional; 9 or 15 hours)

POSC 492	Internship Seminar
POSC 495	Internship in Political Science

# Law School Preparation

## Pre-professional program

### Pre-law Advisor:

Scott Johnson, Professor,  
Department of Political Science

- While you cannot major or minor in law school preparation, there are law-related courses offered at Frostburg State University.
- Prospective law students should carefully examine the catalog of the law school they wish to attend in order to determine the test requirements for that school.

The traditional preparatory majors for entering law schools have been political science, history, English, philosophy, or sociology. Most law schools prefer that undergraduates interested in admission to law school *not* follow a prescribed "pre-law" curriculum. Rather, they prefer that students pursue a broad, *liberal* education.

Almost all professional law schools require applicants to take the Law School Aptitude Test. In some cases, the Graduate Record Exam may also be required. Information regarding the L.S.A.T. may be obtained from this university's pre-law advisor. Information regarding the G.R.E. may be obtained from University Counseling and Psychological Services.

Prospective law students should strive to acquire exceptional ability in communication; gain critical understanding of human values and institutions; and develop understanding in the use of various types of reasoning: deductive, inductive, and analogous. Students should develop the ability to think creatively and to analyze critically. They should also learn how to recognize, differentiate, and organize facts according to their relevance to particular issues.

## Suggested Elective Courses for Law School Preparation

The following courses may be especially helpful in achieving the qualities stated above. Students are advised to choose elective courses from this list:

BLAW 291	Legal Environment of Business	ENGL 338	Technical Writing
CMST 122	Intro. to Public Speaking	GEOG 450	Urban Planning
CMST 225	Interviewing	GEOG 473	Environmental Law
CMST 302	Argumentation & Advocacy	HIST 103,104	History of U.S. I, II
CMST 322	Presentational Communication	PHIL 102/112	Contemporary Ethical Problems
CMST 451	Seminar in Communication Theory	PHIL 205	Logic
ECON 307	Govt. and Business	PHIL 410	Philosophy of Law
ECON 404	Public Finance	POSC 324	Criminal Justice Systems
ENGL 330	Business Writing	POSC 422,423	American Constitutional Law I, II
ENGL 334	Creative Writing	SOCI 200	Social Problems
ENGL 336	Journalistic Writing	SOCI 443	The Amer. Correctional System

## Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Preparation Course

This non-credit course is designed to help students prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), a prerequisite for all students seeking admission to law school. The course is offered twice during the academic year in preparation for the October and June tests. There is a fee for the course that covers the costs of instruction and a textbook that contains more than 500 questions and problems, including analytical exercises, practice tests, and a full-length home-study exam. The course covers each of the main sections of the LSAT in depth: application of rules, reading comprehension, logical games, logical reasoning, and essay writing. For each section, students are exposed to a wide variety of sample questions, which are analyzed in class, and various suggestions and methods are presented in lectures for approaching the types of questions in each section.

Graduates of the LSAT prep course have gained admission to such law schools as The Georgetown University Law Center, Duquesne University School of Law, The University of Baltimore School of Law, The West Virginia University College of Law, Appalachian School of Law, Ohio Northern University College of Law, The Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and Liberty College of Law.

For further information, contact Dr. Scott Johnson, pre-law advisor and instructor of the course.