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**Admission Requirements**

There are no additional admission requirements needed to gain access to pre-law advising beyond those required to enter the University of Maine and one of its academic colleges on the Orono campus. Students should plan, however, to undertake a demanding undergraduate degree program which will serve to prepare them for the rigors of the law school entrance exams, law school study, and their future practice.

**Academic Programs 2008-2009**

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

This fact sheet is intended for informational purposes only and is subject to change.

**Career Center**

**Program Description**

The University of Maine provides pre-law advising for any student who may be planning to attend law school or who may be considering the possibility.

Crisanne Blackie, Health and Legal Professions Career Specialist, is available to answer questions and urges all students who might be interested in law school to contact her as early as possible in their academic career. Please call (207) 581-2587 for current office hours or to make an appointment.

The Pre-Law Office maintains materials of interest to potential law students. Such materials include the following: law school catalogs and pamphlets, law school reviews, application booklets for the LSAT and the LSDAS, Guides to U.S. and Foreign Law Schools and handouts that cover all facets of the law from “Do you want to be a lawyer,” law school preparation, law school and legal reading lists, preparation for the LSAT, choosing a law school, and the practice of law.

Students can also obtain a legal studies minor which consists of six courses (18 units) which are to be taken in a number of fields. Such courses include, Introduction to American Law, Constitutional Law, International Law, Local Government Regulation, Philosophy of Law, Environmental Protection Law and Policy, The Legal Environment of Business, and Law and Society. For complete details consult the University of Maine Undergraduate Catalogue under Legal Studies or contact the Dean’s Office in the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students may also become involved in the *Pre-Law Society*, the student pre-law organization which enables students to interact with other students as well as professors, lawyers, and judges who are not only interested in the practice of law but the role that law plays in society.

**Specialized Information**

*Pre-Law services include the following:*

**Potential careers in law**

**Nature of a legal education**

**Undergraduate preparation for law school**

- majors
- helpful courses
- reading lists

**Law School Admission Test (LSAT)**

- when to take?
- preparation
- evaluation of results

**Selection of law schools for admission applications**

- law school catalogs available
- use of Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools

**Match of candidate to law school admission standards**

**Information on law schools**

- admission standards
- costs
- financial aid
- law school fairs

**Application for admission**

- when to submit?
- personal statement and recommendations
- transcripts
- Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS)

**Evaluation of competing admissions**

- surveys and evaluations of law schools
- visitations
  - questions to ask
  - attending classes
  - talking with law school students
- when to place a deposit?
- use of “wait lists”

**Approaching law school**