

Pre-Law Studies and Advising

What Is Available at Seton Hall if I Want to Pursue a Law Degree?

The Office of Pre-Law Advising, located in the Ruth Sharkey Academic Resource Center at Seton Hall University, provides advice and assistance, access to resources, and coordinates activities for those who intend to pursue a career in law. The pre-law adviser is a faculty member who is a law school graduate and a trained member of the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors (NAPLA). Through a Web site, a library of materials, events and student organizations, the Office of Pre-Law Advising offers a program that gives Seton Hall students the advantages necessary to gain admission to law school and fulfill their career goals. Student organizations include the St. Thomas More Society, which provides opportunities for pre-law students to attend trips, network and receive peer advising; the Phi Alpha Delta national law fraternity; the *New Jersey Pre-Law Review*, a student-written and edited journal; and the Mock Trial Club, an organization that conducts debating contests in a courtroom setting.

The Curriculum:

There is no established or required curriculum for prospective law school applicants. The American Bar Association (ABA) recommends an undergraduate education that develops the following skills: analytical and problem solving; critical reading; oral and written communication; research; and organizational and time management. The course of study should be academically rigorous and appealing. Students should also strive to master the following subject areas: the legal system; U.S. history; political and ethical thought and differing theories of justice; human behavior and interaction; basic math and finance; and economics. Students often major in English, history, philosophy, political science, psychology or religious studies.

Dual Admission with Seton Hall Law School: Undergraduate applicants can apply for admission to Seton Hall Law School at the same time they apply for admission to their freshman year at Seton Hall University. Seton Hall Law School is a nationally ranked law school, and its graduates have a job placement rate of 97 percent within six months of graduation. Based on applicants' successful admission to the University, their high school GPA rank, and their SAT score, the Law School will pre-admit 15-20 students. Contact the Office of Pre-Law Advising for more details about the dual-admission program.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

To earn a bachelor's degree, students must complete 130 credits and have a minimum GPA of 2.0 overall. It is recommended that those interested in applying to law school should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Career Opportunities:

Internship and job placement opportunities for those interested in the legal profession include work with area law firms, federal judges and public interest groups.

Seton Hall alumni have graduated from a wide range of law schools, and have been star students at more than 150 institutions. With a Seton Hall education, alumni have gone on to practice law in all its forms in a wide variety of settings. Their undergraduate course of study, pre-law activities, service learning experiences and unique opportunities at Seton Hall gave them the skills, knowledge and spiritual awareness required to succeed in law school and beyond.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.



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College of Arts and Sciences Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Major Program

Please see the Undergraduate Catalogue or contact the department chair for more details about a specific major.

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu. To talk to a faculty adviser, contact William James Hoffer, J.D., Ph.D., pre-law adviser, at (973) 275-2354 or hofferwi@shu.edu. Web site: academic.shu.edu/prelaw