

## Transfer Guide for Career Planning

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# Law

### Prerequisite Courses:

There is no prescribed set of courses or major required for admission to Law School. Access to Law School has been obtained via a wide variety of bachelor degree programs. It may, however, be important for the student to assess as early as possible the type of law they may wish to eventually practice. Doing so may dictate the type of undergraduate degree they may wish to obtain and the courses they would need to take. For example:

Tax Attorney	- Major in Accounting
Patent Attorney	- Major in Engineering or Science
Environmental Attorney	- Major in Environmental Science
Corporate Attorney	- Major in Economics or Business
Criminal Law (Prosecution/Defense)	- Major in Criminal Justice or Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts majors such as English, History, Philosophy and Political Science are traditional pathways to Law School. Courses promoting strong writing and research skills are essential for success in law school. Selecting challenging or advanced courses is recommended for potential law school applicants (i.e. writing intensive and honors courses). Similarly, courses in Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, which will help build interpersonal skills, are important to take. Courses in Economics, History and Political Science are also recommended, even if the student chooses a different major. Additionally, courses in Logic, Ethics and Science help develop the rigorous analysis of thought processes necessary for success in law school. Contact the Pre-Law Advisor at your four-year school for further information and assistance.

Other criteria of importance for acceptance into a law school include:

- Undergraduate grade-point average
- LSAT score
- College curricular and extracurricular activities
- Individual character and personality
- Work experience
- Past accomplishments and leadership

### List of Colleges in NYS Offering a Degree in Law:

Albany Law School	New York University
Columbia University	St. John University
Cornell University	SUNY University at Buffalo
Fordham University	Syracuse University

### Some specialized areas of law and related occupations:

Adjudicator	District Attorney	Patent Lawyer
Corporate Lawyer	Environmental Attorney	Probate Lawyer
Criminal Lawyer	Insurance Attorney	Tax Attorney