

**POLS 684 International Law: The State and the Individual** (3). S International law has assumed an increasingly significant role in international life. This course will examine major law including (but not limited to): the changing status and role of the state; rights of minorities and self-determination; the environment; and human rights. The course will examine the central questions and the relevant international legal principles associated with each issue. Prerequisite: Six hours of Political Science, including POLS 170. LEC

**POLS 685 International Law: War, Territory, and Diplomacy** (3). S International law has assumed an increasingly significant role in international life. This course will examine major issues including (but not limited to): the role of diplomacy and the international court; law of the sea and space; and rules of warfare. The course will examine the central questions and the relevant international legal principles associated with each issue. Prerequisite: Six hours of Political Science, including POLS 170. LEC

**POLS 689 Topics in International Relations:** \_\_\_\_ (2-3). A study of selected problems in international relations. Course is repeatable for different topics. Prerequisite: POLS 170. LEC

**POLS 701 Political Theory** (3).

**POLS 702 Empirical Political Theories** (3).

**POLS 703 Social Choice and Game Theory** (3).

**POLS 705 Research Design for Political Science** (3).

**POLS 706 Research Methods I** (3).

**POLS 707 Research Methods II** (3).

**POLS 708 Advanced Qualitative Research Methods** (3).

**POLS 709 Topics in Political Theory:** \_\_\_\_ (3).

**POLS 711 The Psychological Base of Political Behavior** (3).

**POLS 712 The Electoral Process** (3).

**POLS 713 Law and Society** (3).

**POLS 715 Political Communication** (3).

**POLS 716 Political Behavior** (3).

**POLS 719 Topics in the American Political Institutions:** \_\_\_\_ (3).

**POLS 720 The Scope of Public Policy** (3).

**POLS 722 Intergovernmental Relations** (3).

**POLS 726 Public Policy in Comparative Perspective** (3).

**POLS 753 Politics of Ideocracy** (3).

**POLS 754 Politics and Government of Russia and the Central Eurasian States** (3).

**POLS 755 Politics of East-Central Europe** (3).

**POLS 758 Revolutionary Politics of Latin America** (3).

**POLS 760 The Politics and Problems of Developing Countries** (3).

**POLS 774 International Law** (3).

**POLS 775 Russian Foreign Policy** (3).

**POLS 776 International Relations of Asia** (3).

**POLS 777 International Relations of Latin America** (3).

**POLS 789 Topics in International Relations:** \_\_\_\_ (2-3).

## Portuguese

See Spanish and Portuguese in this chapter of the catalog.

## Pre dentistry

See Premedical Professions in this chapter of the catalog.

## Prelaw

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For admission to law school, an applicant must complete a bachelor's degree and take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

No particular course of undergraduate study is required. However, the program should be sufficiently rigorous to provide the skills of comprehension and analysis essential in law study.

To prepare for law school, students should take challenging courses and those of interest, but no specific courses are required or recommended. The American Bar Association recommends the development of numerous skills in preparation for a legal education, including analytical and problem solving, critical reading, writing, oral communication and listening, general research, and task organization and management skills. Fulfilling or exceeding general education and major requirements satisfies many of these objectives. Consult the prelaw adviser

about undergraduate courses beyond general education and major requirements.

It is strongly recommended that prelaw students attend a Prelaw Basics session (offered regularly each semester) early in their undergraduate careers for more complete prelaw information. Information is available online at [www.prelaw.advising.ku.edu](http://www.prelaw.advising.ku.edu).

Students should submit law school applications the fall semester before entering law school. For most students, this is fall of the senior year. Admission is highly competitive, and law schools examine a number of factors. Heavy reliance is placed on the undergraduate grade-point average and score on the LSAT. All grades on the transcript, including transfer work, are reported to Law Services and used in calculating the applicant's cumulative grade point average. The LSAT tests skills in reading comprehension, logical reasoning, and analytical reasoning. It is offered four times a year: June, September/October, December, and February. Most applicants take the June or September/October test to submit applications early. The September/October test date often coincides with midterm examinations; many students prefer to take the LSAT in June after the junior year. Students can register for the LSAT online at the Law School Admission Council Web site, [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org). Law schools also consider personal statements, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and the rigor of the academic curriculum in determining admission.

Many academic policy options, such as the Credit/No Credit option and the course-repeat policy, have different consequences for law school applicants. Consult the prelaw adviser before electing such options.

## Premedical Professions

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### Pre dentistry

Pre dentistry is a career interest rather than a major or formal program. Students prepare by taking courses to meet dental school admission requirements and shadowing or working in dental practices. They take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) and apply for admission to dental schools, usually in the summer between the junior and senior year. Most people complete an undergraduate degree and major before entering dental school.

Dental schooling is four years of graduate-level, professional education and training. There is no dental school in Kansas, but there is an agreement for some seats for Kansas residents at the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Dentistry.

Most dental schools require two semesters each of English (ENGL 101 and ENGL 102), chemistry (CHEM 184 and CHEM 188), organic chemistry (CHEM 624, CHEM 625, CHEM 626, and CHEM 627), biology (BIOL 150 and BIOL 152) and physics (PHSX 114 and PHSX 115). Some require additional mathematics, psychology, and/or biology courses.

The UMKC School of Dentistry requires additional anatomy with lab (BIOL 240 and BIOL 241, or BIOL 510), physiology with lab (BIOL 246 and BIOL 247, or BIOL 646 and BIOL 647), and cell biology (BIOL 416).

Call (785) 864-3500 to schedule an orientation or application meeting with the premedical adviser, and see [www.medadvising.ku.edu/dentistry](http://www.medadvising.ku.edu/dentistry).

### Pre medicine

Pre medicine is a career interest rather than a major or formal program. Students prepare by taking courses to meet medical school admission requirements and volunteering or working in health care settings. They take the Medical College Admission