# Augustana College

# Pre-Law

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| **Courses required for the first year:** None | |
| **Courses recommended for the first year:** PHIL 100, COMM 101 | |
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## Recommended Courses

| Course Number | Course Name | Learning Perspective/ Suffix | Prerequisites | Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU* | Credits |
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| PHIL 100 | Critical Reasoning | | | | 4 |
| COMM 101 | Public Speaking | | | | 4 |
| ENGL 200 | The Writing Process | | | | 4 |
| POLS 260 | The Legal System | PS | | SP | 4 |
| POLS 361 | Constitutional Law I | PS | 260 or Jr standing | F | 4 |
| POLS 362 | Constitutional Law II | PP, D | | F | 4 |
| PHIL 324 | Philosophy of Law | PS | | | 4 |

## Pre-Law Overview

There are more lawyers per capita in the United States than in any comparable nation. Contrary to myth, this is not because Americans are prone to sue each other. It is because the legal profession provides so many different services to business, government and private individuals.

A law degree opens the way to a great diversity of professional possibilities. Accordingly, the key to preparing for law school is a broad and demanding liberal arts education. Such an education develops the skills that will be needed in law school: the ability to think critically, to read and comprehend difficult material, to write and speak with clarity and effectiveness, to do research, and to develop and defend an argument. Augustana's rigorous general education requirements and stimulating majors provide the essential core of a pre-law education.

Law schools do not specify a preference for any particular undergraduate major; they suggest that pre-law students major in the subject that most interests them. Therefore, Augustana does not offer a pre-law major as such. Instead, we offer a series of relevant courses which, together with advising and other support services, students in any major field can take advantage of. All students interested in a career in law are encouraged to consult the pre-law advisor, Dr. Dehnel in the Political Science Department, Old Main 312.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see Academic Calendar for specific dates
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