

Recommended Prelaw Classes

There is no prelaw major at BYU and no required courses for law school application. The courses that are offered below are mainly to help students decide if going to law school and becoming an attorney is right for them and to help them know how to prepare for law school. Some students choose to take every prelaw course offered, while others choose not to take any.

St Dev 168R: Law Lecture Series: Exploring Legal Professions (1.0 credit)

This low-workload lecture series has different attorneys each week that talk about their current legal practice and law school experience. This is beneficial for anyone who wants to find out more about law school and life as a lawyer.

St Dev 260: Constitutional Research (1.0 credit)

This class is devoted to studying the Constitution. Class periods are spent analyzing recent Supreme Court decisions against portions of the Constitution.

St Dev 261: The Law in Literature (2.0 credits)

This course uses legal literature (both fiction and nonfiction) to discuss pertinent legal issues. The purpose of this course is to introduce the issues and writings discussed and created in law school and as a lawyer.

St Dev 268R: Prelaw Leadership (1.0 credit)

This class gives credit to PLSA (prelaw club) board members only. Students must apply for a board member position. Applications for the upcoming school year are announced via the prelaw newsletter and Facebook page during winter semester.

St Dev 359: Conflict Resolution (3.0 credits)

This course teaches basic mediation skills and gives students the opportunity to observe actual teen-parent mediations.

St Dev 365: Legal Education and Practice (2.0 credits)

This course simulates the first year of law school. In this course you will learn how to brief a case, conduct legal research, take a law school exam, and draft a legal memo.

St Dev 368R: Prelaw Review Journal Writing (2.0 credits)

This class is for the authors and editors of the *Prelaw Review*. Students must apply for these staff positions at the end of Winter semester (applications are announced via the prelaw newsletter and Facebook page). Students with writing and researching experience are preferred. This class requires a **two-semester** commitment—you may not sign up for the class halfway through the academic year.

St Dev 496R: Advanced Legal Internship (1.0–3.0 credits)

This course assigns students to legal internships within Utah Valley firms. Students must apply for an internship and, if accepted, must complete 3–5 hours of work per week a semester. Application deadlines are announced via the prelaw newsletter and Facebook page (in **March** for fall and in **October** for winter). Preference is given to juniors and seniors with researching and writing experience, but anyone interested is encouraged to apply. This course is also offered during the spring and summer for those who self-initiate internships. See *Prelaw Legal Internships* *handout* for more info.

Phil 205: Deductive Logic (3.0 credits)

This philosophy course helps students learn deductive logic and thinking.

Reading/Research/Writing Courses: Any major, any time, any place

Don't forget that although law schools will accept any major, in law school and legal practice you will do *a lot* of reading, writing, and research. Take advantage of the intensive writing and research courses in your major and make sure you are constantly improving your reading skills by reading at least 30 minutes a day.

*For course times and locations, please refer to the Course Registration Catalogue