Kansas State University

Department of Political Science

Pre-Law Studies

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POLSC 614. Constitutional Law I (3) I.

POLSC 615. Constitutional Law II (3) II.

Pre-law students must also select one elective from the following list of courses:

POLSC 605. The American Presidency (3)

POLSC 607. Administrative Law (3) II.

POLSC 611. The Legislative Process (3) II.

POLSC 612. The Judicial Process (3)

POLSC 643. Global Human Rights (3)

POLSC 647. International Law (3)

POLSC 667. American Political Thought (3)

POLSC 670. Law, Politics, and Literature (3)
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Careers

Career opportunities in law include private practice, corporate practice with either a law firm or a private business or organization, public service in all levels of government, teaching positions in colleges and universities, and executive positions in industry and politics. In addition, some professionals in certain fields, for example, journalism and community planning, have found a law background to be advantageous.

Legal Internships

Internships are a great way to learn about a particular area of law. There are numerous internship opportunities for a pre-law student, including congressional and state legislative offices, interest groups, and local law firms. For more information contact the internship coordinator within the department.

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In addition to the course requirements for a degree in political science, students with a pre-law emphasis must take three law-related courses, two required and one elective. These courses may be part of the three electives necessary for the major so it is possible to complete the concentration without going beyond the 36 hour minimum for the degree.

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