

Pre-Law

In order to become a lawyer, you must:

- complete a bachelor's degree (in any major) [WCU Undergraduate Major Options](#)
- complete the necessary prerequisite requirements for all schools applying to [JD Application Requirements](#)
- take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) [Examprep.wcu.edu](#)
- apply through LSAC.org, some colleges may require additional applications [LSAC.org](#)
- complete a Juris Doctor degree (~3 years) [List of programs](#)
- pass the state bar exam for state(s) of practice

What should I major in?

There is no prescribed major for admission into law school. Fields of study to consider should be areas that will be beneficial to you during and after law school. You need to show that you have strong skills in analytical and critical thinking, research, reading, writing, and oral communication.

Your program of study should provide a strong liberal arts basis while leading to the mastery of a particular discipline. The program should be rigorous. Most importantly, you need to select a major based on your interests, alternative career options, and a subject you might focus on once you are practicing law. If you are interested in a subject and are willing to take advanced courses in it, then this is likely the right major for you to pursue. Every major field and career deals with laws and the practice of law in some way, so don't rule out your passion area simply because it does not have a specific focus on law.

WHO CAN HELP ME AT WCU?

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