

Pre-Law Information

GW does not have a pre-law major, program, or option. There are no required, or preferred, classes or majors for law school, as law schools are unconcerned with your major. Getting into law school is 95% based upon your undergrad GPA and LSAT scores. Therefore, study what interests you; that way you will be engaged, and your GPA will be as high as possible.

GW offers pre-law advising for current students and alumni. The pre-law advisor is housed in the Columbian College Undergraduate Dean's Office:

Michael Gabriel
Phillips Hall 107
prelawad@gwu.edu
202.994.6210

Advising and Appointments

Fall semester is when people are applying to law school, therefore pre-law advising for freshmen or sophomores does not take place until the spring semester. Please call to schedule an appointment - do not email.

Listserv

To subscribe to the GW Pre-Law Listserv, send an email to LISTSERV@HERMES.GWU.EDU with "SUBSCRIBE PRE-LAW" as the body of the email. (You must use the hyphen.)

Student Organizations

GW Mock Trial

Web: <http://www.gwmocktrial.org/>
Email: gwtrial@gmail.com

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

Web: <http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/pad>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10169030407&ref=ts>
Email: gwpad@gwu.edu

Pre-Law Student Association

Web: <http://twitter.com/gwplsa>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=62358184364>
Email: gwplsa@gwu.edu

Resources

Gelman Library Research Guide

Web: <http://libguides.gwu.edu/lawschool>

Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)

Web: <http://lsac.org/>

Individual Law School Websites

Applying to Law School

Applying to law school is much too complex an issue to adequately address via email. If you are in the process, or seriously considering it, call 202.994.6210 to schedule an appointment.

Personal Statements

Personal statements are not reviewed via email. If you wish to have your statement reviewed, call 202.994.6210 to schedule an appointment and THEN email your statement to Michael Gabriel (mgabriel@gwu.edu) at least 2 business days prior to your appointment. Appointments should also be scheduled to discuss appropriate personal statement topics.

Dean's Certifications

If you are currently applying to law school, please sign the form and send it to: Michael Gabriel, Phillips Hall, Suite 107, 801 22nd St., NW, Washington DC 20052. You must include the following:

- 1.) A stamped envelope addressed to the law school, with YOUR name and address as the return address;
 - 2a.) An unofficial transcript (please write your name, Social Security (NOT LSAC) number, and email address on the transcript);
- OR
- 2b.) A note with your graduation date, expected or actual (or dates of attendance if you attended but did not, or will not, graduate from GW), major, GPA, Social Security (not LSAC) number, and email address.

Note: If you are sending more than one form, you need only send one transcript or note.

Regarding Your Dean's Certification Request (Read All Points Carefully)

- Send your Dean's Certification form to Michael Gabriel only AFTER you have sent your application to the school.
- Allow two weeks for your forms to be processed (longer over the holidays), and another two weeks for the law schools to receive and process them. *Do not call to ask if your forms have been received or sent out – see postcard notification options below. (Rest assured, when a law school says it does not have your forms, it almost always means they have not yet been processed.)*
- If a law school requires a Dean's Certification, it will be a part of their application (paper, the law school's website, or LSDAS) – it is NOT a GW form. If it is not included in the application, it is not required.
- ALL Dean's Certifications are sent directly to the SCHOOLS and are not returned to you, so please do not ask, and do not hold up your application waiting for it. This is fine with the schools, no matter what their application says. GW processes hundreds of these a year, and none have ever been refused because they came directly from the University.
- Include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope if you would like to be notified when your forms have been received. It will be mailed the same day your forms are received.
- Include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope if you would like to be notified when the forms have been sent. All forms and postcard notifications are sent on the same day, so one card is sufficient for multiple forms.
- If you send multiple cards, please designate which card is for which purpose.
- Include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope for each law school in your envelope if you wish to receive notification when the law school(s) have received your forms. It will be sent with the form and the law school will return it to you.