PRE-LAW

Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Government is to educate students in the areas of government, politics, and international affairs, and by this means to foster more knowledgeable, informed, and active citizenship, as well as more enlightened future political leadership, in the communities to which they belong.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this degree, students should be able to:

Content
- Recognize the institutional mechanisms that sustain federalism and the separation of powers in the American context.
- Identify and differentiate among the principal canons of American jurisprudence and modes of constitutional interpretation.
- Summarize the history of political philosophy.
- Identify major figures in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Critical Thinking
- Discriminate questions of law and politics critically, taking into account multiple perspectives.
- Examine the challenges the Court continues to face in balancing individual liberties with the necessary preconditions for domestic peace and security.

Communication
- Illustrate how to read, analyze and brief a Supreme Court ruling.
- Create and deliver effective oral presentations.
- Execute effective written communications in different modes appropriate to the discipline.
- Develop and practice information literacy and analytical skills

Integrity/Values
- Pursue the use of legitimate scholarship and appropriate citation in keeping with standards of academic integrity.
• Identify the similarities and differences between individual moral and political obligations.
• Foster a free exchange of ideas.

**Project Management**
• Design and execute an appropriate work plan, using outlines and timelines, to complete project obligations.
• Anticipate and overcome obstacles in project completion.

**Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**
In our Political Science/Pre-Law program, students demonstrate learning in a variety of ways, including quizzes, examinations, contributions to class discussion, term papers and oral presentations. Required coursework provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate content knowledge across the major. A required upper-division research methods course provides an opportunity to demonstrate academic integrity, critical thinking, communication, and project management.

**Jobs Prospects for Graduates in Pre-Law**
- Lawyer
- Judge
- Elected Official
- Public Relations
- Civil Servant
- Teacher
- Lobbyist or Government Liaison
- Researcher
- Law Enforcement
- Policy Analyst
- Public Defender
- Military
- Think Tank
- Nonprofit Administrator

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