Preparation for Law

Per the American Bar Association, there are no specific course prerequisites for admission to law school. Aspiring law students are encouraged to pursue an area of study that interests and challenges them, while engaging in a diverse range of coursework designed to develop strong analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills, within their chosen area of study.

For answers to specific questions about a pre-law program, currently enrolled students of any major may schedule an appointment with the Pre-Law Advisor in the College of Liberal Arts in the Liberal Arts Career Services (LACS). The Pre-Law Advisor can provide students with resources on how to research the legal profession, law schools, and financing a legal education; help applicants plan, strategize, and maximize timing of their application materials; discuss LSAT preparation, scholarship reconsideration, wait list protocol, and other related topics as they pertain to the law school application process. Additional information about preparation for law is available at Pre-Law Planning.

Like most professional schools, the University's law school has a number of specific requirements. For example, prior to matriculation at law school, candidates must have completed their bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, earned a GPA of at least 2.20 on all undergraduate work as calculated by LSAC, and obtained a reportable score on the LSAT. An applicant's law school admission test (LSAT) score and undergraduate GPA are two of the factors considered, along with their resume, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other supporting documents; no single factor by itself will guarantee admission or denial. Information about admission to The University of Texas at Austin School of Law is given in the General Information Catalog and in the Law School Catalog.