A legal career can be a rewarding profession. At its best, legal practice challenges the intellect and demands the exercise of reason and judgment. The ethics of the profession require attorneys to promote justice, fairness and morality. Legal careers can bring particular satisfaction to those who seek to promote social justice within the law.

The pre-law program at Saint Xavier University assists students in all majors who plan to seek admission to law school or a legal career after graduation. It recommends courses to better prepare students for the Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT) and law school, and it provides advising, mentoring and various activities and resources to support academic and career planning efforts.

The benefits of an SXU education
The pre-law program at SXU provides many benefits. Among them:

- One-on-one pre-law advising and mentoring
- Internship opportunities
- Law school application workshop
How should I prepare for law school?

According to the American Bar Association, there are no recommended undergraduate majors or groups of courses designated as “pre-law” education. Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline. Undergraduate students considering entering law school and pursuing a legal career are encouraged to take an area of study that interests and challenges them, while taking advantage of opportunities to develop their research and writing skills.

An excellent way to prepare for a legal education is to take a broad range of difficult courses that cultivate and enhance basic skills of analytic problem solving, critical reading, writing, oral communication, general research, and task organization and management. Also strongly recommended are those that offer a broad understanding of history and the development of American society; a fundamental grasp of political thought and the contemporary American political system; some familiarity with mathematics for financial and evidentiary analysis; a basic understanding of human behavior and social interaction; and a fundamental knowledge of international institutions, world events and globalization.

Students who plan to seek admission to law school should maintain a 3.3 or higher GPA throughout their undergraduate education and obtain a minimum 156 LSAT score.

We recommend that students follow a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. In doing so, we recommend the following courses as part of and/or in addition to their general education courses at SXU:

**For Basic Skills**
- PHIL 210: Logic and Argument
- ENGL 350: Advanced Writing or
- ENGL 354: Business and Professional Writing
- MATH 112: College Algebra or
- MATH 131: Finite Mathematics or
- MATH 200: Introduction to Discrete Mathematics
- COMM 313: Persuasion
- POLSC 260: Mock Trial I & II

**For Broad General Knowledge Base**
- CJ 214: Law, Courts and Justice
- POLSC 101: U.S. Government
- POLSC 102: World Politics
- POLSC 308: American Constitutional Law
- HIST 103: United States History to 1877
- HIST 104: United States History Since 1877
- PSYCH 306: Social Psychology

Students are highly encouraged to take other law-related courses at SXU. Consultation with a pre-law advisor is essential.

SXU also has a Mock Trial Team, which competes in the American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament. In addition, the pre-law program works closely with the Office of Career Services to sponsor various legal career-related events and activities.

For more information, contact prelaw@sxu.edu or go to www.sxu.edu, Keyword: pre-law.