

PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Pre-Dentistry

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Students preparing to enter dental school should consult an advisor during their first year in college. Students should consult the catalog of the dental school(s) to which they plan to apply. Specific admissions requirements on each dental school may be found at www.adea.org (<http://www.adea.org>) but in general students must have a four-year degree with strong foundations in the natural sciences (e.g., biology, chemistry, and physics) with coursework in the social sciences, humanities, applied arts, and business being strongly recommended. In general, the program for the pre-dental student is similar to that for pre-medical students.

Pre-Law

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The student preparing to enter Washburn School of Law or any quality school of law should seek a broad and rigorous undergraduate education which should include courses in English, economics, history, political science, philosophy, sociology, criminal justice and legal studies. Courses that improve one's reading comprehension, build their ability to write and speak clearly, as well as make valid analytical comparisons and differentiations, are desirable. The student interested in pre-legal education should seek the advice of a pre-law advisor early in his/her college career. Pre-law advisors may be found in a number of departments including Political Science, History, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, English, Communication, and the Brenneman School of Business. Successful admission to law school is based upon a student's GPA, LSAT or GRE score, ethical/moral character, resume, personal statement and letters of recommendation. You should begin preparing for the LSAT/GRE early in your college career. Extracurricular activities of interest to Pre-Law students

include the Washburn Student Government Association, the Washburn Transformational Experience, Debate, Mock Trial, and the Pre-Law Club each of which can help students gain valuable experience outside the classroom in preparation for law school.

Law Early Admission Program

The Law Early Admissions Program (LEAP) is an accelerated degree program which allows students to complete their law degree in 6 years instead of the traditional 7 years. After the completion of 91 undergraduate credit hours, including major and other degree requirements, students are eligible to begin WU Law School a year early, after having been admitted based upon the merits of their application. The first year of WU Law, up to 29 credits, will count as dual credit with the student's undergraduate degree.

Washburn has the only LEAP in the state that comes with the guarantee of scholarship for the first year of law school tuition free and at least \$5,000 in scholarship for the second and third years of law school. LEAP was primarily designed for incoming freshmen students as it requires careful advising to ensure the student maximizes the benefits of LEAP by completing their LEAP degree requirements within 91 credit hours. However, theoretically, any enrolled Washburn student may apply for entry into the LEAP if they are not too close to graduation. Not all majors can LEAP to Law School, please see the appropriate pre-law advisors for advising or the Washburn LEAP webpage for a list of applicable majors.

LEAP Admission Requirements

- A high school or college GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale; or an ACT score in the top quartile (28-36) or a comparable SAT score;
- An application and an acceptance decision by a pre-law advisor.

LEAP Completion Requirements

- Maintain a 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- Obtain the necessary score on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for admission
- Apply to Washburn Law by the deadline for the semester that the student plans to attend
- Earn admission to Washburn Law, including mandated character and fitness review that is necessary for admission to both law school and the bar
- Complete all requirements for undergraduate graduation (see more information below, excluding the remaining 29 credit hours to be completed with law school credits)

LEAP Benefits

- Accelerate law degree completion time
- A full-tuition scholarship for the first year of law school at Washburn University
- Minimum of \$5,000 scholarship for years two and three of law study, contingent on adequate degree progress
- Fee waiver for application to Washburn Law
- In-state tuition fees for each year of enrollment

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Students preparing to enter medical school should ideally consult an advisor during their first year in college. Most medical schools prefer a four-year degree preparation with strong foundations in the natural sciences (e.g., biology, chemistry, and physics), the humanities and social sciences (e.g., anthropology, sociology and psychology) and English. Additionally, pre-medical students should acquire significant experience in a health care environment involving direct patient contact, and become active in appropriate service activities. The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is required for students applying to either an allopathic (M.D.) or osteopathic (D.O.) medical school and is typically taken shortly after the junior year in college. The pre-medical student is urged to consider choosing certain medical schools to which they might apply before the junior year in college. The exact course of study applicable to any student's background can best be established in consultation with a pre-medicine advisor.

Pre-Nursing

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Washburn University offers the four-year baccalaureate program in Nursing and pre-nursing course requirements for students preparing to enter the Nursing Major. The Bachelor of Science degree prepares the graduate to write the national licensure exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse.

Pre-nursing students interested in the Washburn Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing should schedule academic advisement in the Hines School of Nursing (Petro Allied Health Center, Rm 203).

Pre-Pharmacy

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Most students in the pre-pharmacy program transfer to the School of Pharmacy at the University of Kansas, which requires about 68 hours (approximately two years) of college level pre-professional studies prior to admission to the professional program. The exact course of study applicable to any student's background can only be established in consultation with the pre-pharmacy advisor. Students normally complete the Associate of Arts in Laboratory Science (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/chemistry/laboratory-science-aa/>) as part of the pre-pharmacy curriculum.

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

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Most state schools of veterinary medicine have preferred admission of residents of that state, and certain numbers of applicants from cooperating states lacking veterinary schools. Private schools accept applications from all qualified students. Kansas residents would ordinarily apply to the Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine. All of the required Pre-Veterinary courses can be taken at Washburn. Practical experience with animals, especially in a veterinary context, is important in making successful application. Program details are available from the pre-veterinary advisor or the Department of Biology.