

Pre-Law (PLW) Thematic Minor - Checklist 2023-2024

The Pre-Law Thematic (PLW) Minor is designed to prepare you for a career in law. You will have the opportunity to research topics, analyze information, and think critically.

The philosophy of the PLW Minor is to prepare students for the Law School Admission process, including the components of the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). These courses are not mandatory for law school admission, but are recommended for students interested in law school.

The courses in the PLW Minor have been selected to address the following sections reflected in the LSAT and law school admissions requirements, as recommended by the American Bar Association https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law/. We encourage you to choose courses from at least 2 areas below that address these key areas.

- Logical Reasoning
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Critical Reading Comprehension and Research
- Writing and Editing
- Public Service and Promoting Justice
- Oral Communication and Listening
- Organization and Management
- Relationship-building and Collaboration
- Background Knowledge
 - Historical, Political, Social, Cultural, Economic/Financial and more

The PLW Minor can prepare you for a law school application and success in law school through:

- Opportunities to interact with diverse faculty, who may write you letters of recommendation
- Extensive reading and writing experience
- Hone your logical and analytical reasoning skills
- Develop your research and writing skills
- Practice self-reflection and writing about oneself and one's own story
- Composing a logically or legally structured argument

The PLW Minor is **not** a substitute for a legal internship or law-related career experience. Internships or law-related employment can be valuable tools to determine if a legal career is right for you.

Check out law career and law school-related resources below:

<https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/pre-law-advising>
<https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/getting-experience>
<https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/applying-law-school>

<https://career.arizona.edu/channels/law-justice/>
<https://sgpp.arizona.edu/sgpp-internships/law>
<https://thinktank.arizona.edu/test-prep/lsat-prep-course>

PLW Minor Requirements

- The PLW Minor requires a minimum of 18 total units, 12 UD units.
 - *UD = upper division, 300-499 level courses.*
- A 2.00 grade point average (GPA) is required for the PLW Minor.
 - *A 3.0 or greater overall GPA is recommended for applying to law school.*
- Must take courses from 2 or more subject areas (EX: HIST, ENGL, PHIL).
 - *Some courses may have pre-requisite restrictions on enrollment, be sure to check that you are eligible to enroll.*
- Courses from your Major(s) or another Minor(s) may **NOT** be used to fulfill PLW Minor.
- Speak to your PLW Minor Advisor to discuss double dipping rules between General Education requirements and the PLW Minor.
- No courses may be taken for Pass/Fail Credit (with the exception of Internship Credit).
- Up to 3 units of appropriate Internship credit may apply. If you are interested in Internship credit, learn more at the [SBS College Internship website](#).

Any advisor can declare a PLW Minor.

- Students can also email the PLW Minor advisors to declare PLW Minor.
- Christopher Cruz: cbcruz75@arizona.edu or Laura Owen: lauraowen@arizona.edu.

PLW Minor Courses: (300-499 level)

See course options pages 3-6.

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PLW Minor Courses: (100-499 level)

See course options pages 3-6.

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PLW Thematic Minor Courses

- Must complete **courses from 2 or more subject areas** (EX: HIST, ENGL, PHIL).
- Some courses may have pre-requisites or restrictions on enrollment, be sure to check that you are eligible to enroll. Courses are not offered every semester, so make sure to check availability.

Logical Reasoning

PHIL 110: Logic and Critical Thinking
 PHIL 113: Intro to Moral and Social Philosophy
 PHIL/LING 202: Symbolic Logic
 PHIL 203: Logic in Law

Oral Communication and Management

BNAD 302: Human Side of Organizations
 COMM/PR 119: Intro to Public Speaking
 COMM/POL 410: Struggle for the Presidency
 MGMT 202: Ethical Issues in Business

Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving

ESOC 317: Digital Crime and Social Media
 ESOC 330: Digital Dilemmas - Privacy, Property & Access
 ESOC 477: Information Security
 ESOC 478: Science Information and its Presentation

PHIL/PA/PPEL 205: Ethics & Economics of Wealth Creation
 PHIL 210: Moral Thinking
 PHIL 213: Contemporary Moral Problems
 PHIL 250: The Social Contract
 PHIL 320A: Philosophy of Freedom
 PHIL 320B: Philosophy of Freedom
 PHIL/PA 321: Medical Ethics
 PHIL/PA 323: Environmental Ethics
 PHIL/POL/PA 324: Law and Morality
 PHIL 346: Minds, Brains & Computers
 PHIL/FSHD 347: Neuroethics
 PHIL 348: The Moral Mind
 PHIL 410A/410B: History of Moral & Political Philosophy
 PHIL 430A/430B: Ethical Theory
 PHIL 434: Social and Political Philosophy
 PHIL/PA 439: Decision Theory
 PHIL 469A: Freedom of Expression in Philosophy and Law

Public Service and Promoting Justice

AIS 434: Tribal Government

AIS 437A: Nation-Building: Issues of Leadership, Institution-Building, Governance, and Culture

AIS 450A: Native American Law & Policy

BJP 410: Latinx & the News Media in the United States

BJP 411: Global Latinx: Diasporic Transnationalism and Media in Latin America, Europe & Asia

ENGL 314: Prison Writing

ENGL 364: Social Justice Rhetorics

FCM 202: Health, Sex, and Legal Boundaries

FCM 305: Mental Health, Mental Illness and Justice

GEOG 304: Water, Environment, and Society

GEOG 374: Geography, Social Justice and the Environment

GWS 200: Gender, Identity, and Power

GWS 240: Gender in a Transnational World

GWS 305: Feminist Theories

GWS/HIST/POL 386: Race/Gender: Genealogies, Formations, Politics

HRTS 200: Introduction to Human Rights

HRTS 300: Human Rights in the U.S.

HRTS 320: Gender-Based Violence and Human Rights

JUS/POL 377: Modern Israel

JUS 384: International Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and Israel

JUS 387: History of Anti-Semitism

LAS/POL 312: Global Power and U.S.-Latin American Relations

LAS/POL 348: Drug Wars and Oil Fortunes in Latin America

LAS/POL 356: Indigenous Resistance in Latin America: Democracy from Below

LAS 365: Human Rights, Immigration Enforcement and the US-Mexico Borderlands Today

MAS 317: Latin American Immigration and the Re-making of the U.S.

MAS 365: Latinos and Latinas: Emerging Contemporary Issues

MENA 277B: A People's History of the Modern Middle East

MENA 334: Islamic Thought

MENA/POL/HIST/JUS 389: Middle Eastern Ethnic and Religious Minorities

MENA/HIST 485C: A History of Migrations in the Modern Middle East, North Africa, & the Mediterranean...

MENA/POL 496G: Islamic Law and Society

SBS 302: Foundations of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Writing and Editing

ENGL 306: Advanced Composition
 ENGL 307: Business Writing
 ENGL 308: Technical Writing
 ENGL 313: Intro to Professional and Technical Writing
 ENGL 340: Topics in Professional & Technical Writing: Digital Literacies
 ENGL 362: Rhetorical Analysis

JOUR 318: Media, Law and Ethics and Diversity
 JOUR 420: Digital Communications Law
 JOUR 447: Government Secrecy (summer/online only)

SocioCultural and Political Knowledge

ANTH/POL 424A: Political Ecology

LAW 389: Sex, Race, Drugs, & Power in the Supreme Court
 LAW/SCI 396A: From the Laboratory to Capitol Hill: Science & Law (fall only)

PA/SOC 241: Criminal Justice Administration
 PA 418: LGBTQ+, the Law and Public Policy*
 PA 450: Crime Measurement*

POL 201: American National Government
 POL 202: International Relations
 POL 203: Political Ideas
 POL 204: Comparative Politics
 POL 309: Judicial Process*
 POL 472: Law and Political Development*
 POL 493L: Arizona Legislative Internship

*Course restricted to specific majors. PLW minor students can submit form to get on course waitlist:
https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7oHTz9Fs7G1bAq

PSY 377A: Psychology & Law
 PSY 378: Psychology, Law & Juvenile Justice
 PSY 385: Ethical issues in the Care of Elderly Persons: Psychology, Policy and Law
 PSY 480: Forensic Psychology

SOC/POL 315: Political Sociology
 SOC/PA 341: Juvenile Delinquency
 SOC/PA 342: Criminology
 SOC 345: Sociology of Rights, Justice, and Law
 SOC 414: Sociology of Terrorism
 SOC 440: Transnational Crime: Causation, Victimization, and Control in an Era of Increased Globalization
 SOC 441: School to Prison Pipeline
 SOC/ANTH 450: Social Inequality

PSY and SOC courses may be restricted to their majors only during Priority Registration.

Historical Background

CLAS 116B: Word Roots: Science and Medical Terminology
 CLAS 204: Ancient History: Greek History
 CLAS 205: Ancient History: Roman History
 CLAS 222: Classics Through the Ages: Ancient Greek & Roman Influences on Western Civ. & Beyond
 CLAS 260: Ancient Philosophy
 CLAS 301A: Ancient Greek Literature: From Homer to the Novel
 CLAS 301B: Ancient Roman Literature
 CLAS 306: Emergence of Christianity in the GrecoRoman World
 CLAS/ANTH 323: Ancient Empires
 CLAS 342: The Iliad, The Odyssey, and the Epic Tradition
 CLAS 346: Ancient Greek Drama
 CLAS 351: Ancient Roman Drama
 CLAS 353: Heroes, Gods, Gore: Roman Epic in its Cultural Context
 CLAS 362: Women in Antiquity
 CLAS/HIST 403A: History of Greece: Democracy, War and Empire
 CLAS/HIST 403B: History of the Hellenistic World

GRK 101: Elementary Classical Greek I (fall)
 GRK 102: Elementary Classical Greek II (spring)

HIST 301: Introduction to the Study of History
 HIST/CLAS 303: Crime and Punishment in the Ancient World
 HIST 314A: Europe 1870-1945
 HIST 314B: Europe since 1945
 HIST 335: Western America: Law and Order, 1785-1915
 HIST/SOC/PA 349: History of Crime in America, 1607- Present
 HIST 355: US Environmental History
 HIST 356: Global Environmental History
 HIST/LAS 442: Natural Resources and the Law in the Spanish Borderlands of North America
 HIST 450: History of American Foreign Relations since 1914
 HIST 474: History of Human Rights, Citizenship, and Refugee Law

LAT 101: Beginning Latin I (fall)
 LAT 102: Beginning Latin II (spring)

**Only one Latin (LAT) or Greek (GRK) language course can be used in the PLW Minor.*
