

Harper College Transfer Planning Guide

Associate in Arts – Pre-Law Sample Plan

Transfer & Career Notes

Law schools have no particular course of study as a prerequisite for admission. Law students earn four-year bachelor degrees in programs as diverse as political science, English, business, natural science, linguistics, economics, etc.

The best preparation for law school is a broad, liberal education with exposure to a variety of ideas that develop outstanding communication skills; understanding of human values and institutions, including business; and creative thinking or reasoning skills, commonly called critical literacy or critical thinking. Law school admission also requires taking the LSAT exam.

Suggested Courses

This sample transfer planning guide meets the requirements of the Fall 2017 AA degree. Transfer institution requirements may vary - students should check individual college/university requirements before completing the sample plan as outlined. Baccalaureate admission may be competitive; completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission.

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Courses	Semester Hours
First Semester	
Communication - ENG 101 English Composition I	3
Mathematics – MTH 101 Quantitative Reasoning or MTH 165 Elementary Statistics	4
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – FYS 101 First Year Seminar	3
Humanities and Fine Arts* –PHI 115 is recommended	3
Second Semester	
Communication - ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Physical and Life Sciences - See Group 3 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	4
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – See Group 6 in AA Degree and transfer school information	6
Social and Behavioral Science –HST 111 The American Experience to 1877	3
Third Semester	
Physical and Life Science - See Group 3 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Humanities and Fine Arts* – See Group 4 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Social and Behavioral Science – HST 141 History of Western Civilization to 1650	4
Social and Behavioral Science – PSC 101 American Politics & Civilization	3
Communication - SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
Fourth Semester	
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – HST 142 History of Western Civilization Since 1650	4
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – HST 112 The American Experience Since 1877	3
Humanities and Fine Arts* – See Group 4 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – See Group 6 in AA Degree and transfer school information	6

* For Humanities and Fine Arts select at least one course from humanities and one from fine arts. Interdisciplinary courses may count in either category.

For students following the 2005-2006 catalog or later, one course from humanities and fine arts or social and behavioral sciences must meet the world cultures and diversity requirement.

Transfer Information

Pre-law students will find many suitable majors at most colleges and universities. Law students earn four-year bachelor degrees in programs as diverse as political science, English, business, natural science, linguistics, and economics. A sample of some schools in Illinois include:

- Bradley University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola University
- North Central College
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- Western Illinois University

More Information

For additional transfer resources and to make an appointment with an advisor or counselor, please contact one of our advising offices.

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Center for Multicultural Learning	A-347	847-925-6522
Career Development Center	A-347	847-925-6220

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