

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 2016 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
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Communications

ENG 101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3

Mathematics

Students should check the curriculum of the transfer schools they are considering.

MTH 101 Quantitative Reasoning	OR	
MTH 165 Elementary Statistics		4

Physical & Life Sciences

Select one physical and one life science course. At least one must include a lab. 7

Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees.

See Group 3 - Physical and Life Sciences - in the AA Degree.

Humanities & Fine Arts

Select at least one course from humanities and one from fine arts. Interdisciplinary courses may count in either category.

Recommended:

PHI 115 Ethics	3
Other Humanities & Fine Arts Electives.	6

See Group 4-Humanities and Fine Arts-in the AA Degree

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.

Social & Behavioral Sciences

HST 111 The American Experience to 1877	3
PSC 101 American Politics & Government	3
HST 141 History of Western Civilization to 1650	4

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Major Discipline and Transfer Electives

Students should check the curriculum of the transfer schools they are considering.

HST 142 History of Western Civilization since 1650

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HST 112 The American Experience Since 1877

3

Other elective credit.

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See Group 6 – Major Discipline and Transfer Electives - in the AA Degree.

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 a counselor, please contact one of our advising offices.

Academic Advising and Counseling	I-117	847-925-6393
Center for Multicultural Learning	A-347	847-925-6522
Career Development Center	A-347	847-925-6220

Occupational Outlook Handbook	http://www.bls.gov/oco/
The Princeton Review	http://www.princetonreview.com/
American Bar Association	http://www.abanet.org
Law School Admission Council	http://www.lsac.org/