

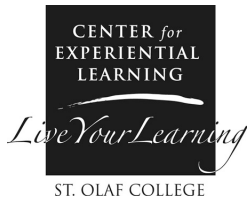
# Pre-Law at St. Olaf College

## Academic Information

We believe that the best preparation for a career in law is a broad liberal arts education. The most successful students and practitioners of law are well-rounded individuals who are able to think and express themselves with skill and creativity. For this reason, there is no set pre-law curriculum and students are

discouraged from trying to limit their undergraduate education to the narrow field of legal studies. Instead, those interested in attending law school are encouraged to pursue a broad program of study that strengthens their abilities in writing, reading, speaking, and analysis. Students can pursue this type of broad learning through any department in the college, not just the traditional pre-law majors of political science, history, and philosophy.

## Important Resources



**CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, CEL Modular Building, x3268**

- LSAT Study Guides
- LSAT & LSDAS Information Books
- *The Princeton Review* – comprehensive listings of law schools
- ABA – LSAC – official guide to ABA-approved law schools
- Various guides to law school admissions

### WEBSITES

- Pre-Law Home Page – <http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/poli-sci/careers/prelaw/>
- Center for Experiential Learning – <http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel>
- American Bar Association – Pre-law resources and law school rankings <http://www.abanet.org/education.html>
- Law School Admissions Council – Law school information and preparation including information on the LSAT <http://www.lsac.org/>
- Pre-law Handbook – Contains a wealth of information complete with quotes from law school admission personnel around the country <http://www.prelawhandbook.com>
- Princeton Review, Law Schools – Searchable database of law schools with information about the LSAT, financial aid, and more <http://www.princetonreview.com/law/default.asp>
- Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) – Opportunities for minorities and low-income students to attend law school and become members of the legal profession [http://www.cleoscholars.com/all\\_about\\_cleo/index.htm](http://www.cleoscholars.com/all_about_cleo/index.htm)

## Exploring Careers in Law

- GET INFORMED** CEL Workshop: Identifying Vocational Interests  
CEL Workshop: Information Session for Students Interested in Pre-Law  
CEL Workshop: Law School – Options and Applying  
LSAT Study Sessions (organized by pre-law student group or preparatory organizations)
- GET EXPERIENCE** **Job Shadowing** – Spend a day or a week working with a legal professional  
(For more info. on job shadowing, visit <http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel/jobshadow.html>)  
**Internship** – Explore the option of an academic credit or career experience internship that allows you to use classroom learning in the legal world. ([http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel/about\\_intern.html](http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel/about_intern.html))  
**Workshop** – Internship Search: Resources & Strategies (See CEL Website for info. on sessions.)
- GET CONNECTED** With Ole alumni/ae in the profession (<https://fusion.stolaf.edu/alumni>)  
(Contact the CEL for more information on how to use the alumni database.)

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