



## Minor in Pre-Law Pathways Semester Checksheet

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pre-Law Pathways Minor Program**

The Pre-Law Pathway is an interdisciplinary academic program about law, rather than vocation training in law. The minor explores law as a topic of intellectual inquiry. It emphasizes critical engagement with the social, cultural, philosophical, historic, economic, and psychological forces that structure and affect law in human society.

The minor also provides students with the skills essential for success in law school and beyond. It teaches students to understand important legal issues and critically analyze legal source material, such as court decisions and statutes. The minor is an important complement to any university major.

Students seeking information about law school should consult the prelaw advisor, Sean Wilson ([sean.wilson@wright.edu](mailto:sean.wilson@wright.edu)), 366 Allyn.

### **Admissions Requirements**

Students must be currently admitted to Wright State University.

### **Learning Objectives**

Students in the program will:

- be introduced to the structure and process of the US legal system, important legal concepts, and salient judicial controversies;
- be exposed to substantive law in important areas of social policy;
- be shown skills needed for legal reasoning and analytical problem solving.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Students completing the program can:

- identify fundamental structures and processes in the US legal system;
- describe important legal concepts in areas of substantive law;
- articulate sound views about law-related controversies and issues; and
- accurately discuss important cases, precedents and legal public policy issues.

**I. LEGAL SYSTEM (choose one course)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3400 Law and Society       | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System* ( <i>can only be counted one time toward Minor</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers & System | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3730 Sociology of Courts, Law & Justice  |

**II. SPECIALIZED SKILL OR PERSPECTIVE (choose one course)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> COM 3330 Persuasion and Rhetorical Theory | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4090 Supreme Court and Legal Judging    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COM 3700 Dispute Resolution               | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4170 Appellate Politics and Moot Court  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EC 4200 Law and Economics                 | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4210 American Constitutional Politics   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIN 4160 Retirement Planning              | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4260 Supreme Court in American Politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIN 4260 Estate Planning                  | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4821 Pre-Law Internship                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 3150 Philosophy of Language and Logic | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4860 Model UN Seminar                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 4140 Philosophy of Law                | <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4530 Psychology and the Law Capstone    |

**III. ETHICS & RIGHTS (choose one course)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LE 1070 Criminal Justice Ethics                     | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4010 Development and Construction of American Civil Liberty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MGT 3110 Business Ethics and Leadership Development | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 3110 Ethics                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4180 Politics and Ethics                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 3120 History of Ethics                          | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4480 Gender Violence in American Politics                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 3780 Bioethics                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4520 International Human Rights                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHL 4110 Ethics Seminar                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3750 Human Rights in USA                        |  |

**IV. CRIME AND DEVIANCE (choose one course)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LE 1010 Criminal Law for Law Enforcement                | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System* ( <i>can only be counted one time toward Minor</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LE 1020 Introduction to Legal Procedures                | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3210 Sociology of Deviance   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LE 1030 Introduction to Criminal Evidence and Procedure | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3220 Juvenile Delinquency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LE 1040 Procedures in Crime Investigation               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3700 Criminology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3410 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation         | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3710 Comparative Criminal Justice  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3440 Police Procedure & Operations                  | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3720 Policing in Society   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4310 Cyber Crime                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3740 Penology and Corrections  |

**V. LAW (choose three courses)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ACC 3430 Federal Income Tax I               | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4360 Criminal Law                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COM 4620 Mass Media: Law and Regulation     | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIN 4140 Real Estate Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4380 Environmental Law and Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAW 3000 Legal Environment of Business      | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAW 4300 Legal Aspects of the Workplace     | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4400 Constitutional Law           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: First Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due Process    | <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4710 International Law            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLS 4160 Sex and the Law                    |  |

**VI. Electives (choose one additional course from one of the following areas)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Area II (Specialized Skill or Perspective) | <input type="checkbox"/> Area V (Law) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area IV (Crime and Deviance)               |                                       |

**Total Hours: 24**