Time-Line for Pre-Law students

Refer to these suggested academic and experiential requirements to stay on track towards your pre-law goals.

Freshman Year
- Attend a Pre-Law Introduction Workshop
- Meet with your PPAC Pre-Law Advisor each semester
- Sign up for the PPAC Pre-law weekly e-newsletter
- Focus on your grades & commit to your coursework; improve reading speed and comprehension by reading beyond your course requirements
- Join a student organization that interests you (i.e. Pre-Law Club, Mock Trial, Political Science Student Association, College Democrats/Republicans, Student Government Association)
- Check out the Law School Fair in October
- KEY: Explore the profession – is it right for you? Empower yourself by considering several career options.

Sophomore Year
- **Continue with the above pursuits**
- Consider leadership roles within your extracurricular activities
- Look into Study Abroad as an option
- Conduct informational interviews or job shadowing with current attorneys (on-campus, hometown, etc.)
- Practice LSAT questions and logic games
- Begin identifying professors who might be good references, and speak with them about your plans
- Consider applying for internships or part-time work positions to build professional portfolio
- Attend the UC Law School Fair in October

Junior Year
- **Continue with the above pursuits**
- Attend the UC Law School Fair in October
- Research law schools & attend a law school fair or LSAC Forum if possible
- Prepare for the LSAT– purchase official test prep materials; factor in daily studying; consider a prep class
- Register for the LSAT & LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service
- **Take the LSAT in June** before senior year (only if prepared); otherwise, Oct. of senior year
- Attend PPAC workshops: Law Application Workshop, Personal Statement Workshop and Test Prep Mania event!
- Begin work on your personal statement as early as fall semester

Senior Year
- **Continue with above pursuits**
- Evaluate your June LSAT score and consider if retaking is necessary
- Finalize your application though the LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service
- Visit law schools if possible (i.e. individual visit, open house program)
- Apply to individual law schools by Oct. or Nov. - Pay attention to deadlines
- Take LSAT in September/October, if necessary
- Research financial aid; complete FAFSA in January

Resources for Pre-Law students
- Pre-Law information from PPAC: uc.edu/preprofessionaladvising/pre-law
- Law School Admissions Council (LSAC): lsac.org
- American Bar Association: americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law
- ABA Diversity Initiative: cleoscholars.org
- National Association for Law Placement: nalp.org/prevlaw