

ORIENTATION

Pre-Law Session

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PRE-LAW ADVISING AT MSU!

- Regular Drop-in / Appointment Advising Hours
- One-credit courses for exploration
- Intern for Credit Option
- Law School Application Prep Sessions
- Admissions Informational Sessions
- Local Networking Events
- Alumni Panels
- Annual Montana Supreme Court Event
- Pre-Law Club

PRE-LAW ADVISING AT MSU!

- Drop-in / Appointment office hours for individual help to discuss
 - Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior checklists
 - Studying for the LSAT
 - Courses of interest
 - Personal statement / Resume reviews
 - Law school selections
 - Budgeting for law school
 - Comparing offers

PRE-LAW ADVISING AT MSU!

- One-Credit Courses for Exploration
 - US 140 (fresh/soph)
 - What is the foundation of the US legal system?
 - What professions exist within the US legal system?
 - What happens in court?
 - What types of law do people practice?
 - What basic career paths/credentials are available?
 - US 340 (junior/senior)
 - Why are ethics important in the legal field?
 - Am I interested in a law degree? Which one? (Paralegal vs MS vs JD)
 - What does it take to apply to law school?
 - Resumes / Personal Statements / Experience
 - Where would I apply / How would I finance it?

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- Intern for Credit Option – via application
 - Partnerships with local law offices (e.g. Gallatin County Prosecutor's Office, local environmental law firm)
 - Juniors and Seniors can work 10 hours/week and earn course credit

PRE-LAW ADVISING AT MSU!

- Law-School Application Help Sessions
 - Personal Statement Basics & Rough Drafts
 - Resume Basics and Rough Drafts
 - Recommendation Letter Request Sessions
 - LSAT Study Sessions with tips and practice tests

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- Admissions Informational Sessions
 - In-Person visits and networking with regional admissions directors
 - University of Montana
 - Gonzaga University
 - University of South Dakota
 - University of Idaho
 - University of Wyoming
 - University of Denver
 - University of Colorado at Boulder

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- Local Networking Events
 - Gallatin County Bar Luncheon with student presentations and volunteers
 - Local attorney career panels

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- Annual Montana Supreme Court Event
 - Montana Supreme Court hears a case on campus
 - Students can volunteer and attend
 - Network with Supreme Court Justices!

PRE LAW CLUB

- Bi-weekly meetings
- Career perspectives
- LSAT study groups
- Alumni presentations/tips
- Volunteer opportunities
- MSU Law Day
- Field trips
- PIZZA!
- FUN!





"I love Pre-Law Club because of the supportive and amazing people. Our Pre-Law community made my undergraduate experience that much more enjoyable."

Lauren Rich, Political Science, Senior

As a Freshman with big ambitions to attend a top tier law school, being a part of the Pre Law club has given me invaluable guidance in taking the necessary steps to turn that dream into a reality."

Ethan Gilpin, Political Science, Freshman



WHAT THE STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- So, you say you'll be a freshman?
 1. Follow us on Instagram!
 - [@msu_prelaw_advising](#)
 - [@msuprelaw](#)
 2. Look for us at Catapalooza!
 3. Send me an email once you're on campus! (sara.callow@montana.edu)
 4. Control the things you can....
 - Get good grades!
 - Stay out of trouble!
 - Join one of MSU's many student organizations and contribute!