Pre-Law

Siena Heights University's pre-law curriculum consists of a core sequence of courses considered by the university to be most appropriate for students planning to enter law school. The additional list of highly recommended courses will complement a student's breadth of education and, therefore, increase the chances of successfully entering law school.

Recommended Majors

Students must complete an academic major, and although any major is possible, the following are particularly recommended:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Social Science

Why Siena?

“I plan on going to law school after college, and it gave me a broad background on a lot of topics. It will especially help with my reading and writing, which I know will help me going to law school. Communications gave me a good base on writing and communicating with others. … Being able to communicate ideas is really important no matter what field you go into.”

— Hillary Day, English: Communications Major Future Lawyer
Pre-Law Curriculum

Required courses may also count toward majors, minors, and university liberal arts requirements. Upon completion of the Pre-Law Program and receipt of a baccalaureate degree, the student’s transcript will note that the Pre-Law Curriculum of 40 semester hours has been completed.

Required Courses
- BIO ___ Lab Science Course or
- CHE ___ Lab Science Course or
- PHY ___ Lab Science Course ................................................. 4
- ENG 211 Rhetoric .............................................................. 3
- ENG 212 Research .............................................................. 3
- HIS 140 World Civilizations before 1500 ............................ 3
- HIS 211 U.S. History since 1865 ......................................... 3
- MAT 143 Introduction to Statistics or
- MAT 174 Data Analysis and Statistics .................................. 3
- MGT 302 Management Principles and Cases .................... 3
- PHI 110 Logic ...................................................................... 3
- PHI 201 Introduction to Philosophy ..................................... 3
- PHI 220 Introduction to Ethics ............................................ 3
- PSC 130 American Democracy .......................................... 3
- SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology or
- SOC 113 Cultural Anthropology ......................................... 3
- TSC 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ............ 3

Total .................................................................................. 40 semester hours

Highly Recommended Courses
- ACC 203 Principles of Accounting I ..................................... 4
- BAM 340 Legal Environment of Business ............................ 3
- CIS ___ Computer and Information Systems Elective .......... 3
- CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice ........................... 3
- ECO 221 Microeconomics .................................................. 3
- ECO 222 Macroeconomics ................................................. 3
- ENG 113 Introduction to Literature ..................................... 3
- ENG 341 Advanced Expository Writing ............................. 3
- HIS 111 Western World since 1500 .................................... 3
- HIS 360 Recent U.S. in World History ................................. 3
- MAT 244 Statistical Analysis and Design ........................... 3
- PHI 362 Social and Political Philosophy ............................. 3
- PSC ___ Political Science Elective ....................................... 3
- PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology ................................... 3
- RST 302 Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures ............... 3
- SWK 111 Introduction to Social Welfare Services ............ 3

UDM Law School Partnership

Siena Heights has an articulation agreement with the University of Detroit Mercy Law School providing up to five seats per year to Siena graduates with a 3.2 cumulative GPA and a LSAT score in the top 50th percentile. Internships or cooperative work experiences can be arranged through the Career Services Office.

Why Siena?

“After I was here a couple of months, you couldn’t have dragged me away from Siena. I don’t know that I knew I was going to get my degree from Siena, but once I was here, I was sure of it. ... It’s almost hard to put into words because Siena had such an enormous influence on me. I am who I am today because of the years I spent here at Siena.”

— Gabrielle Davis ’85
Attorney and Educator
Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate

For more information about the Pre-Law program at Siena Heights University, please call the Admissions Office at (800) 521-0009, or email us at admissions@sienaheights.edu.