Pre-Law (PLW) Thematic Minor - Checklist 2023-2024

The Pre-Law Thematic (PLW) Minor is designed to prepare you for a career in law. You will have the opportunity to research topics, analyze information, and think critically.

The philosophy of the PLW Minor is to prepare students for the Law School Admission process, including the components of the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). These courses are not mandatory for law school admission, but are recommended for students interested in law school.

The courses in the PLW Minor have been selected to address the following sections reflected in the LSAT and law school admissions requirements, as recommended by the American Bar Association https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law/. We encourage you to choose courses from at least 2 areas below that address these key areas.

- Logical Reasoning
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Critical Reading Comprehension and Research
- Writing and Editing
- Public Service and Promoting Justice
- Oral Communication and Listening
- Organization and Management
- Relationship-building and Collaboration
- Background Knowledge
  - Historical, Political, Social, Cultural, Economic/Financial and more

The PLW Minor can prepare you for a law school application and success in law school through:

- Opportunities to interact with diverse faculty, who may write you letters of recommendation
- Extensive reading and writing experience
- Hone your logical and analytical reasoning skills
- Develop your research and writing skills
- Practice self-reflection and writing about oneself and one’s own story
- Composing a logically or legally structured argument

The PLW Minor is not a substitute for a legal internship or law-related career experience. Internships or law-related employment can be valuable tools to determine if a legal career is right for you.

Check out law career and law school-related resources below:

https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/pre-law-advising
https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/getting-experience
https://theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-law/applying-law-school
https://career.arizona.edu/channels/law-justice/
https://sgpp.arizona.edu/sgpp-internships/law
https://thinktank.arizona.edu/test-prep/lsat-prep-course
PLW Minor Requirements

- The PLW Minor requires a minimum of 18 total units, 12 UD units.
  - UD = upper division, 300-499 level courses.
- A 2.00 grade point average (GPA) is required for the PLW Minor.
  - A 3.0 or greater overall GPA is recommended for applying to law school.
- Must take courses from 2 or more subject areas (EX: HIST, ENGL, PHIL).
  - Some courses may have pre-requisite restrictions on enrollment, be sure to check that you are eligible to enroll.
- Courses used in your Major(s) or another Minor(s) may NOT be used to fulfill PLW Minor.
- Speak to your PLW Minor Advisor to discuss double dipping rules between General Education requirements and the PLW Minor.
- No courses may be taken for Pass/Fail Credit (with the exception of Internship Credit).
- Up to 3 units of appropriate Internship credit may apply. If you are interested in Internship credit, learn more at the SBS College Internship website.

Any advisor can declare a PLW Minor.

- Students can also email the PLW Minor advisors to declare PLW Minor.
- Christopher Cruz: cbcruz75@arizona.edu or Laura Owen: lauraowen@arizona.edu.

PLW Minor Courses: (300-499 level)

See course options pages 3-6.

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- Some courses may have pre-requisite restrictions on enrollment, be sure to check that you are eligible to enroll. Courses are not offered every semester, so make sure to check availability.

**Logical Reasoning**

PHIL 110: Logic and Critical Thinking  
PHIL 113: Intro to Moral and Social Philosophy  
PHIL/LING 202: Symbolic Logic  
PHIL 203: Logic in Law

**Oral Communication and Management**

BNAD 302: Human Side of Organizations  
COMM/PR 119: Intro to Public Speaking  
COMM/POL 410: Struggle for the Presidency  
MGMT 202: Ethical Issues in Business

**Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving**

ESOC 317: Digital Crime and Social Media  
ESOC 330: Digital Dilemmas - Privacy, Property & Access  
ESOC 477: Information Security  
ESOC 478: Science Information and its Presentation  
PHIL/PA/PPEL 205: Ethics & Economics of Wealth Creation  
PHIL 210: Moral Thinking  
PHIL 213: Contemporary Moral Problems  
PHIL 250: The Social Contract  
PHIL 320A: Philosophy of Freedom (fall)  
PHIL 320B: Philosophy of Freedom (spring)  
PHIL/PA 321: Medical Ethics  
PHIL/PA 323: Environmental Ethics  
PHIL/POL/PA 324: Law and Morality  
PHIL 346: Minds, Brains & Computers  
PHIL/FSHD 347: Neuroethics  
PHIL 348: The Moral Mind  
PHIL 410A: History of Moral & Political Philosophy  
PHIL 410B: History of Moral & Political Philosophy  
PHIL 430A: Ethical Theory  
PHIL 430B: Ethical Theory  
PHIL 434: Social and Political Philosophy  
PHIL/PA 439: Decision Theory  
PHIL 469A: Freedom of Expression in Philosophy and Law
Public Service and Promoting Justice

AIS 434: Tribal Government
AIS 437A: Nation-Building: Issues of Leadership, Institution-Building, Governance, and Culture
AIS 450A: Native American Law & Policy

FCM 202: Health, Sex, and Legal Boundaries
FCM 305: Mental Health, Mental Illness and Justice

GEOG 304: Water, Environment, and Society
GEOG 374: Geography, Social Justice and the Environment

GWS 200: Gender, Identity, and Power
GWS 240: Gender in a Transnational World
GWS 305: Feminist Theories

HIST 355: US Environmental History
HIST 356: Global Environmental History
HIST/GWS/POL 386: Race/Gender: Genealogies, Formations, Politics
HIST/LAS 442: Natural Resources and the Law in the Spanish Borderlands of North America

HRTS 200: Introduction to Human Rights
HRTS 300: Human Rights in the U.S.

JUS/POL 377: Modern Israel
JUS 384: International Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and Israel
JUS 387: History of Anti-Semitism

LAS/POL 312: Global Power and U.S.-Latin American Relations
LAS/POL 348: Drug Wars and Oil Fortunes in Latin America
LAS/POL 356: Indigenous Resistance in Latin America: Democracy from Below
LAS 365: Human Rights, Immigration Enforcement and the US-Mexico Borderlands Today

MAS 317: Latin American Immigration and the Re-making of the U.S.
MAS 365: Latinos and Latinas: Emerging Contemporary Issues

MENA 277B: A People’s History of the Modern Middle East
MENA 334: Islamic Thought
MENA/POL/HIST/JUS 389: Middle Eastern Ethnic and Religious Minorities

POL 493L: Arizona Legislative Internship

RNR 476: Environmental Law and Economics
**Writing and Editing**

ENGL 306: Advanced Composition  
ENGL 307: Business Writing  
ENGL 308: Technical Writing  
ENGL 313: Intro to Professional and Technical Writing  
ENGL 314: Prison Writing  
ENGL 340: Topics in Professional & Technical Writing: Digital Literacies  
ENGL 362: Rhetorical Analysis  

BJP 410: Latinx & the News Media in the United States  
BJP 411: Global Latinx: Diasporic Transnationalism and Media in Latin America, Europe & Asia  

HIST 301: Introduction to the Study of History  

JOUR 420: Digital Communications Law  
JOUR 447: Government Secrecy (summer/online only)

**SocioCultural and Political Knowledge**

ANTH/POL 424A: Political Ecology  
LAW 389: Sex, Race, Drugs, & Power in the Supreme Court  

PA/SOC 241: Criminal Justice Administration  
PA 450: Crime Measurement  

POL 201: American National Government  
POL 202: International Relations  
POL 203: Political Ideas  
POL 204: Comparative Politics  
POL 309: Judicial Process  
POL 472: Law and Political Development  

PSY 277: Law & Policy in Society  
PSY 377A: Psychology & Law  
PSY 378: Psychology, Law & Juvenile Justice  
PSY 379: Psychology of Divorce  

SOC/POL 315: Political Sociology  
SOC/PA 341: Juvenile Delinquency  
SOC/PA 342: Criminology  
SOC 345: Sociology of Rights, Justice, and Law  
SOC 414: Sociology of Terrorism  
SOC 440: Transnational Crime: Causation, Victimization, and Control in an Era of Increased Globalization  
SOC/ANTH 450: Social Inequality
Historical Background

CLAS 116B: Word Roots: Science and Medical Terminology
CLAS 222: Classics Through the Ages: Ancient Greek & Roman Influences on Western Civ. & Beyond
CLAS 260: Ancient Philosophy
CLAS 301A: Ancient Greek Literature: From Homer to the Novel
CLAS 301B: Ancient Roman Literature
CLAS 306: Emergence of Christianity in the GrecoRoman World
CLAS/ANTH 323: Ancient Empires
CLAS 342: The Iliad, The Odyssey, and the Epic Tradition
CLAS 346: Ancient Greek Drama
CLAS 351: Ancient Roman Drama
CLAS 353: Roman Epic
CLAS 362: Women in Antiquity
CLAS 462: Classical and Controversial: Critical Debates in Classical Antiquity

GRK 101*: Elementary Classical Greek I (fall)
GRK 102*: Elementary Classical Greek II (spring)

HIST/CLAS 303: Crime and Punishment in the Ancient World
HIST 314A: Europe 1870-1945
HIST 314B: Europe since 1945
HIST 335: Western America: Law and Order, 1785-1915
HIST/SOC/PA 349: History of Crime in America, 1607- Present
HIST 450: American Foreign Relations since 1914
HIST 471: A History of Migrations in the Modern Middle East, North Africa, & the Mediterranean World
HIST 474: History of Human Rights, Citizenship, and Refugee Law

LAT 101*: Beginning Latin I (fall)
LAT 102*: Beginning Latin II (spring)

* Only one Latin/Greek language course can be used in the PLW Minor.