Applying for Law School

The following information has been gathered from the UA Pre-Law Advising Website:

ces.arizona.edu/pre_law_advising

FAQs:

1. **What is the best Pre-Law major?**
   There is no best major for law school. The best preparation is a challenging and well-rounded undergraduate education. Law schools do not list specific courses as pre-reqs for admission, but they do look for the rigors of academics and proficiency in the use of the English language.

2. **Does a double major increase my chances of getting into law school?**
   No. A double major is fine if you would do it regardless of going to law school but is not relevant in terms of law school admission.

3. **What is the LSAT?**
   The LSAT or Law School Admission Test is a half-day standardized test that is administered four times each year throughout the world. The test consists of five 35-minute sections of multiple choice questions: reading comprehension, analytical reasoning, two logical reasoning, and one un-scored experimental section. A 35-minute writing sample is administered at the end of the test. This sample is not scored but copies are sent to law schools to which you apply.

4. **When should I register for LSAT?**
   Regular registration deadlines are typically about one month before the LSAT test date and are listed at www.lsac.org. Some locations, especially at UA, fill well before the regular deadlines so register early!

5. **How many times can I take the LSAT?**
   You may take the LSAT more than once, but no more than three times in two years (including tests for which the score is cancelled). All LSAT scores will be reported.

**Law School Admission Timeline for Undergrad Juniors and Seniors**

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Sept
Receive LSDAS report and check for accuracy
Request letter of recommendation

October
Attend UA’s Law Expo; meet with admission representatives

October-November
Complete and submit applications

November/December
Check LSDAS report status online

January
File financial aid applications including FAFSA

March
Visit law schools during spring break

April-June
Pay deposit by due date

June-July
Celebrate acceptance(s)!

*LSDAS is a central clearinghouse for processing academic records, LSAT scores, and letters of recommendation for law school. Most all American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law schools require that applicants use the LSDAS service for transcript and LSAT reporting: www.lsac.org

Resources

General Information:
1. Pre-Law Advising at CES: Old Main room 200. Call to schedule an appt: 520-621-7763. Also visit: www.prelaw.arizona.edu
2. Boston College Law School Locator. Gives schools by LSAT and GPA. Great tool for researching law schools: www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator
3. To find listings of part-time law school programs with recent LSAT, GPA, and enrollment data: www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschools/law/partime
4. American Bar Association: www.abanet.org

LSAT Prep courses:
1. Think Tank Prep courses through UA: http://thinktank.arizona.edu/grad-school-test-prep/lsat
2. www.getprepped.com
4. www.princetonreview.com
5. www.powerscore.com
6. www.testmasters.com
7. www.prepmaster.com

Pre-Law Organizations:
1. Phi Alpha Delta: www.padprelaw.org
2. Mock Trial Club: www.arizonamocktrial.org