

PRE-LAW

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

PRE-LAW CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in PRE-LAW upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a PRE-LAW concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in PRE-LAW can lead to diverse career opportunities, including law-related roles such as lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants, judges, legal consultants, policy analysts, and compliance officers, as well as positions in government, corporate law, nonprofit organizations, and advocacy groups.

Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in PRE-LAW, students will:

1. **Demonstrate** a foundational understanding of legal principles, including constitutional law, civil liberties, criminal law, and legal ethics.
2. **Perform** critical thinking, research, and analytical skills to assess legal issues and construct logical arguments.
3. **Communicate** effectively in writing and orally on legal topics and be prepared for further academic study or careers in law, policy, and related fields.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in PRE-LAW to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

BUS 221	BUSINESS LAW I (3/3)
BUS 222	BUSINESS LAW II (3/3)
CRJ 221	CRIMINAL LAW (3/3)
CRJ 222	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3/3)

GENERAL EDUCATION

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in **PRE-LAW**, such as **LAW 125, BUS 123, ECN 231, ECN 232, SOC 123**, when available, or selected from **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in PRE-LAW. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements
60 CREDITS - 62 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 FALL	16 Credits
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	BIO 114 INTRO TO BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G3	PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G3	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) or SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)

YEAR 1 SPRING	14 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G2	MTH 118 MATH FOR LIBERAL ARTS/QR (4/4)
G4	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	15 CREDITS
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
PR	BUS 221 BUSINESS LAW I (3/3)
PR	CRJ 221 CRIMINAL LAW (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)
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YEAR 2 SPRING	15 CREDITS
G4	PHL 228 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (3/3)
PR	BUS 222 BUSINESS LAW II (3/3)
PR	CRJ 222 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)
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