

# Minor in Pre-Law

The Pre-Law Minor is an interdisciplinary minor intended to support students who are interested in attending law school, as well as those interested in better understanding the legal system. The minor will assist students with acquiring specific skills and knowledge that are relevant to legal careers. The program has three core classes in Philosophy, Political Science, and Justice Studies, and draws electives from a wide range of disciplines, allowing students to expand their expertise within their particular areas of interest.

## University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Fine Arts (FA)*</b> 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	6
<b>Humanities (HU)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	9
<b>Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	9
<b>Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)**</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	9

### Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

#### Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

#### Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

#### Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

\* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

\*\* Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

There are three required courses (9 credits) and three electives (9 credits) that students will complete, totaling 18 credit hours. The electives must be taken from two or more academic disciplines.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required courses:</b>		
PHIL-201	Logic I	3
JUST-205	Law & Society	3
PSCI-320	Constitutional Law	3
<b>Electives:</b>		<b>9</b>
BLAW-285	Legal Environment Of Business	
BLAW-384	Labor & Employment Law	
BLAW-391	Intellectual Property Creation And Management	
CMTC-310	Persuasion	
CMTC-317	Intercultural Communication	
CMTC-319	Conflict Communication	
CMTM-379	Media Law & Ethics	
ENGL-344	Literatures Of Incarceration	
ENGL-377	Argumentative Prose	
HIST-308	Human Rights In History, Literature, And Law	
HIST-309	The History Of Disability	
HIST-329B	African American History And Race Relations Since 1865	
HIST-329C	Documenting The "Long" Civil Rights Movement	
HIST-335	History Of Crime And Violence In America	
HIST-346	Environmental History	
JUST-201	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System	
JUST-305	The Carceral State: A Contemporary System Of Punishment And Control	
JUST-309	Portrayal Of Crime In Media	
JUST-311	Women, Crime, And The Criminal Justice System	
JUST-312	Theories Of Criminal Behavior	
JUST-313	Prisons And Jails	
JUST-314	Police In The Minority Community	
JUST-316	Crime, Violence And Culture	
JUST-317	White Collar Crime & Elite Deviance	
JUST-319	Latinos/as & The Criminal Justice System	
JUST-321	Violence Against Women	
JUST-322	Women, Justice And The Law	
JUST-323/CAST-301	Introduction To Child Advocacy Studies	
JUST-326	Juvenile Justice System	
JUST-328	Social Justice & LGBTQ Issues	
JUST-331	Law And Racism In America	
JUST-333	Community Law	
JUST-334	Criminal Law And Procedure	
JUST-337	Workers' Rights Clinic	
JUST-338	Introduction To Human Rights	
JUST-339	Tenant's Rights Clinic	
JUST-340	Sociology Of Law	
JUST-347	Restorative Justice Theories And Practices	
JUST-355	LGBTQ Communities & Crime	
JUST-357	Social Justice, Mental Health, And The Law	
JUST-371	U.S. Immigration Policy & Human Rights In The Americas	
PHIL-101	Argument And Reasoning	
PHIL-213	Ethics	
PHIL-362	Philosophy Of Law	

PHIL-391	Modern Political Theory
PSCI-309A	Moot Court And Appellate Advocacy
PSCI-310	Congress And The Legislative Branch
PSCI-311	The American Judiciary And The Judicial Process In American Government
PSCI-312	American Presidency And The Executive Branch
PSCI-319	The Politics Of Law
PSCI-332	Latinos & The Law
PSCI-341	Public Administration
PSCI-358	Modern European Governments
PSCI-372	Democracy, Responsiveness, & Accountability
PSCI-377	International Organization: Theory And Practice
PSCI-380	International Law
PSCI-391	Modern Political Theory
PSCI-395	Early American Political Thought
SOC-304	Sociology Of Law
SOC-309	Sociology Of Racism
SOC-316	Race And Ethnic Relations
SOC-320	Sociological Analysis
SOC-324	Power, Politics & Society
SOC-362	Identity And Social Policy

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**Total Hours**
**18**