

UNDERGRADUATE EMBEDDED CERTIFICATE IN PRE-LAW

The mission of the Pre-Law program is two-fold. The first aspect of our mission is to enable students to make an educated decision about whether to attend law school and embark on a career in law. Unlike most academic disciplines, law has no undergraduate major leading to a degree in the field. Accordingly, it can be difficult for a student majoring in any of our undergraduate programs to make an informed decision about becoming a lawyer. Students will have an idea about careers in their fields of study, or about graduate education in their fields, but students are unlikely to be in a position to make an informed decision about law practice or legal education. By the time a student completes the Law Science & Technology minor or the Pre-Law certificate, that student will be well positioned to decide on whether to become a lawyer. The program is designed to inform students who are interested in applying to law school and to inform students who want to understand elements of legal practice that are useful in other career choices.

The second aspect of our mission is to develop the skill set necessary for Georgia Tech students to excel in law school. This is different than the skill set emphasized in engineering or scientific majors. As law students, written communication skills are essential. Law students must learn to read large volumes of complex material, synthesize it with other material, and prepare a well-written analysis. To help develop these skills, many of our classes contain a significant writing component. While introducing students to the fundamentals of legal writing, we are necessarily practicing the fundamentals of good writing in general. This training will position our students to be competitive with their peers in law school.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required course		
PUBP 3000	American Constitutional Issues	3
	or PUBP 30 Judicial Process	
	or PUBP 36 Pre-Law Seminar	
	or PUBP 46 Legal Practice	
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Electives ³		9
CS 4010	Introduction to Computer Law	
CS 4280	Survey of Telecommunications and the Law	
CS/MGT/ PUBP 4725	Information Security Strategies and Policies	
CS/MGT/ PUBP 4726	Privacy, Technology, Policy, and Law	
CS 4803	Internet Law	
ECON 4301	Economics of Information, Transactions Costs, and Contracts	
ECON 4321	Economics of Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship	
ECON 4370	Law and Economics	
HTS 3002	History of American Business	
HTS 3006	United States Labor History	
HTS 3085	Law, Technology, and Politics	
INTA 3031	Human Rights in a Technological World	
INTA 3301	International Political Economy ¹	

INTA 4060	International Law
INTA 4803	International Law
INTA 4803	International Human Rights
INTA 4803	National Security Law
INTA 4803	The Laws of War
ME 4803	Engineering Law and Ethics
ME 2803	Patent Preparation and Process
MGT 2106	Legal, Social, Ethical Aspects of Business ²
MGT 3102	Managing Human Resources within a Regulatory Environment ²
MGT 3605	Principles of Commerical Law
MGT 3606	International Business Law
MGT 3608	Technology Law and Ethics
MGT 3609	Legal Aspects of Real Estate
MGT 3614	Law for Entrepreneurs
MGT 4010	Business Taxation
MGT 4803	Business and Government Regulation
MGT 4803	Corporate Governance
MGT 4803	Legal Issues in Sports Management
PHIL 3113	Logic and Critical Thinking
PHIL 4803/	Health Care Law, Policy, and Management/
PUBP 4803	Ethics
PHIL 4803	Philosophical Analysis with Argument Mapping
PUBP 3000	American Constitutional Issues
PUBP 3016	Judicial Process
PUBP 3610	Pre-Law Seminar
PUBP 4111	Internet and Public Policy
PUBP 4226	Business and Government
PUBP 4440	Science, Technology, and Regulation
PUBP 4609	Legal Practice
PUBP 4620	Environmental Law
PUBP 4640	Technology Law, Policy, and Management
PUBP 4650	Internet Law
PUBP 4652	OLA Legal Internship
PUBP 4803	Biomedical Law, Policy, & Ethics
PUBP 4803	Biotechnology Law & Policy
PUBP 4803	Current Controversies
PUBP 4803	Race, Gender, and the Fourteenth Amendment
PUBP 4803	History of American Law
PUBP 4803	Intellectual Property Transactions
PUBP 4803	Law and Science
PUBP 4803	Legal Internship
PUBP 4803	Mock Trial
PUBP 4803	Science, Philosophy, and the Law
PUBP 4803	Transactional Law
PUBP 4803	Survey of Telecommunications and the Law
PUBP 4803	Sports Law and Public Policy
PUBP 4801	Advanced Intellectual Property Law
PUBP 4801	Legal Research and Writing
PUBP 6330	Environmental Law

Total Credit Hours

12

¹ INTA majors MAY NOT count this course as an elective toward the Certificate or Minor because it is required by name and number for the INTA major. This is an Institute rule for Certificates and Minors.

² Management majors MAY NOT count this course as an elective toward the Certificate or Minor because it is required by name and number for the Management major. This is an Institute rule for Certificates and Minors.

³ Special problems courses, as designated by the Director of the Law, Science & Technology Program on a case-by-case basis, may be counted towards the electives requirements for the Certificate and Minor.

- At least 9 hours must consist of upper-level coursework (courses numbered 3000 or above).
- Special topics courses set forth above may be counted toward the Pre-Law Certificate electives requirement. These courses may be 1-hour, 2-hour, 3-hour, or 4-hour courses. You may apply any combination of these courses toward satisfying the 9-hour Certificate electives requirement.
- Special problems courses, as designated by the Director of the Law, Science & Technology Program on a case-by-case basis, may be counted toward the Pre-Law Certificate electives requirement. These courses may be 1-hour, 2-hour, 3-hour, or 4-hour courses. You may apply any combination of these courses toward satisfying the Certificate electives requirement, but you may not count more than 4 hours of special problems courses toward this requirement.
- Courses specifically required by name and number in a student's major degree program may not be counted toward the Pre-Law Certificate.
- Courses applied to fulfill electives requirements for the student's major (free electives, technical electives, humanities electives, social science electives, etc.) may be counted toward the Certificate.
- No course applied to satisfy any requirement for the Pre-Law Certificate may be applied to satisfy any requirement for any other Certificate or Minor.
- All courses applied to satisfy any requirement for the Pre-Law Certificate must be taken in residence at Georgia Tech.