



BECOME A
CHANGEMAKER
IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

Hood College PRE-LAW PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

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The pre-law professional program at Hood College provides an exceptional foundation for law school with an interdisciplinary, liberal arts curriculum.

The pre-law program gives you the freedom to plan your course of study and select classes that best fit your unique goals. You will develop strong analytical and critical thinking skills to hone your written and oral communications. The ability to write coherently, analyze accurately, reason logically and speak articulately can give you the edge needed to successfully complete the rigors of law school.

Students who pursue a law degree are qualified for many jobs outside the traditional attorney position, such as federal agent, mediator, paralegal, law librarian, legal editor, professor, financial adviser, labor negotiator, international trader and lobbyist.



The Hood College pre-law program offers unique experiences that effectively prepare students for law school and a career in the legal system. I have particularly enjoyed participating in moot court presentations, where I acted as an attorney arguing a case before the Supreme Court. Hood's pre-law program has prepared me for the challenges of law school and inspired me to achieve my professional goals.

— MERARI MORALES '26
Law and Criminal Justice
Major





PROGRAMS

- Law and Criminal Justice (B.A.)
 - Criminal Justice Concentration
 - Law Concentration

LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

When declaring a major in law and criminal justice, all students are required to take five basic courses before they are offered a choice between two concentrations of study with separate objectives. The law concentration prepares you for law school and related careers. The criminal justice concentration is geared toward professional careers within the criminal justice system, the courts and various law enforcement agencies.

PRE-LAW CURRICULUM

The pre-law program focuses on teaching legal analysis and obtaining strong oral and written advocacy skills. By the time you attend law school, you will have written more than 15 case briefs and at least one appellate brief.

Faculty are committed to helping you pursue law school after graduation by providing the following resources:

- Expertise in constitutional law, civil law, criminal law and political science.
- Law school application assistance and personal statement writing sessions.
- Intensive legal writing and oral advocacy assignments (both trial and appellate).
- Impressive field placements in various legal agencies in and around Maryland.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Hood has a Pre-Law Clinic (PLC) that offers hands-on experience with actual clients in a realistic practice setting. Eligible seniors investigate cases, interview witnesses, prepare cases for trial and conduct legal research. The PLC is comprised of a 3-credit seminar that meets twice a week and includes a minimum of 120 experiential learning hours. You will work with a partner on each case and have shared responsibilities for the investigations, pre-trial workups and other tasks for the client.

The moot courtroom is a unique space on campus, where you can participate in simulated mock trial and moot court proceedings for both trial and appellate advocacy. Each year, Hood students taking law and criminal justice classes assume various roles in the legal system: judge, juror, attorney or witness. You will have the opportunity to complete a semester-long hypothetical Supreme Court case that culminates in students acting as the justices, appellate attorneys and amicus curiae (friend of the court).

LSAT PREP

Your pre-law academic adviser will also assist you with preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the law school application process.

CAREERS IN LAW

Pre-professional studies in law can lead to a wide array of careers in the legal field.

- Attorney
- Federal Agent
- Financial Adviser
- Forensics
- Intelligence Analyst
- Labor Negotiator
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Lawyer
- Mediator
- Paralegal



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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

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