



## Academic Preparation for Law School: First-Year Students and Sophomores

- Choose a balanced and diverse course of study. Select classes which encourage logical reasoning and writing skills. Useful courses include, but are not limited to: philosophy, ethics, critical thinking, symbolic logic, sociology, American government, negotiations, criminology, and business law.
- Work hard in class. Good grades help students gain admission to law school. Retake classes in which you earned a non-passing grade.
- Develop a personal relationship with two or more faculty members who stimulate you intellectually. Consider who you will ask to write letters of recommendation for admission to law school.
- Visit Tulane's Writing Workshop and [Career Center](#) for assistance with personal statements and resumes.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Join Tulane's free Prelaw Society. Participate in law related activities on or off campus.
- Read broadly.
- Embrace every opportunity to write and be critiqued.
- Talk to lawyers and Tulane law students about the nature of the profession.
- Peruse the [Law School Admission Council](#) web site for information about preparation for law school.
- If you have questions, make an appointment to meet with the prelaw advisor.
- One of the most important aspects of being an attorney is not found in the confrontational attitudes that provide dramatic moments in television and movies about attorneys; rather, it is the ability to act as a professional even in the heat of battle. Practice gentility and good business manners.