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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PRE-LAW EDUCATION

There is no Pre-Law major. Students with any major can apply and be admitted to law schools. The Association of American Law Schools recommends a broad-based liberal arts curriculum. Students should choose an undergraduate major that interests them and one that will develop skills in writing, research, problem solving, and analysis.

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences: Honors (L.A.H.) is one of the appropriate programs for DCC students to begin their academic preparation for law school.

*Albany Law School for example does not require any particular subjects or a specific program of study for admission, but recommends that prospective law students include subjects in the following disciplines (listed below).

*Applicants for admission to Albany Law School generally have completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

ENGLISH
HISTORY
GOVERNMENT
ECONOMICS
PHILOSOPHY
LITERATURE
LOGIC
MATHEMATICS
ACCOUNTING

SUGGESTED DCC COURSES (L.A.H.: HONORS)

ENG 101 -H & ENG 102-H
HIS 107-H & HIS 108-H
GOV 219-H
ECO 201
PHI 107-H
ENG 204-H & ENG 264-H
PHI 205
MAT 221 OR MAT 118
ACC 101

**While it is necessary for students to transfer to a four-year institution in order to continue academic preparation for law school, they are encouraged to complete an A.A. or A.S. degree (additional course work and a credential can only make you a stronger candidate!)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION:

- 1) When making a decision, the Albany Law School Admissions Committee focuses on two areas of criteria:
- A) Objective Academic Criteria – LSAT scores, undergraduate G.P.A. and the rigor of an applicants undergraduate academic program.
 - B) Uniqueness of Experience/Background – employment experience, life experience, and racial, ethnic, religious, gender, sexual orientation, cultural and national affiliations.

***Additional information about law schools in general is available on-line: Law School Admission Services www.lsac.org

Below is a partial listing of undergraduate institutions from which Albany Law School has accepted students in recent years:

SUNY New Paltz
Cornell University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Oneonta
Pace University
Manhattan College

Marist College
Dartmouth College
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Utica/Rome
Vassar College
RPI
Ithaca College

Yale University
Wells College
Syracuse University
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Empire
SUNY Oswego