



PRE-LAW
CAREER GUIDE



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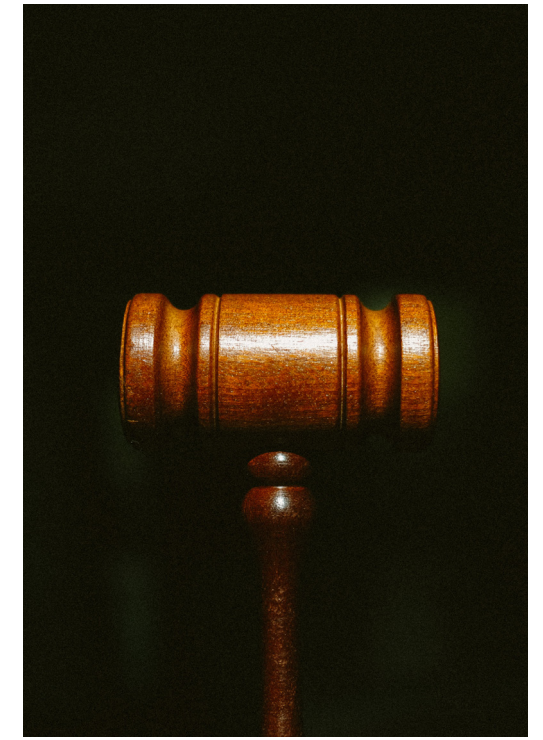
Career and Internship
Center

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What is Pre-Law at UBalt

While Pre-Law is not an official 'major' at the University of Baltimore, multiple majors are connected to this designation. These majors cross the various colleges at UBalt. Pre-Law is focused on providing routes to UBalt School of Law for interested students and on providing insights into alternate law-related careers.



• 4-year programs

- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Sustainability
- Forensic Studies
- History
- Legal Studies
- Philosophy, Law and Ethics
- Policy, Politics and International Affairs

• Certificates

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Forensic Document Analysis

The official advisor for Pre-Law students is Professor Michele Cotton (prelaw@ubalt.edu). She is a vital resources for any student interested in a law or law-related career. The Career and Internship Center encourages you to reach out with any questions or concerns you have, particularly as it relates to application to the UBalt School of Law.

Pre-Law Paths & Options

Students that fall in the Pre-Law designation are likely to find themselves in one of two categories: students planning to pursue law school in order to begin a career in law, or students interested in a law-related career but not necessarily planning to go to law school. Depending on your interests, either of these paths could be effective in getting you where you want to go. The resources available to you here at UBalt can also assist you in navigating these decisions and options.

For those students looking to gain experience in the legal field, there are numerous opportunities connected to this field. Here are some examples of internships and employers if you're interested in an internship or work experience:

- Baltimore City District Court (court navigator program)
- Baltimore museum of industry
- Baltimore police department
- Bank of America
- Bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Forensic labs
- House of Ruth
- MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- MD police departments
- MD Legal Aid Bureau
- MD State Police
- Mount Clare Museum House
- National Security Agency
- New York City Police Department
- US Department of Defense
- US Department of State
- US Secret Service
- US Senate

Of the opportunities listed above, one to take note of is the Court Navigator Program offered through UBalt and the Baltimore City District Court. This program allows undergraduate, graduate, and law students to gain experience as court navigators by helping unrepresented people navigate the steps of the court process. Among the responsibilities of court navigators include providing tenants with information about legal options, assisting with completing court forms, going with them to courtroom hearings, and aiding in follow-up steps.

Full details on the program can be found here:

<https://www.ubalt.edu/academics/prelaw/court-navigator-pilot-project.cfm>

Law School

For students interested in practicing professional law, you must enroll in law school to receive a necessary degree and/or certification. For students who are unsure if they are interested in going to law school or who need further insights into what law school is like, we encourage you to use the following link to access the Prelaw at UBalt webpage and the Prelaw Handbook found on the page, as it breaks down the process in greater depth:

<https://www.ubalt.edu/academics/prelaw/>



Applying to law school can be a time-intensive and stressful process, and many students are anxious to identify ways to set themselves apart in their applications and to gain experience prior to attending law school. Prelaw at UBalt offers many resources and forms of support designed to assist students in managing the application process, including the following:

- Free LSAT prep tests
- Prelaw Handbook (geared mainly towards law school), found on the Prelaw at UBalt webpage
- Information on Automatic Admit and Early Entry
- Information on GRE option for UBaltSchool of Law

The resources mentioned above are invaluable for law school preparation,

as is Professor Michele Cotton, the Pre-Law Advisor. Contact her at prelaw@ubalt.edu for details and information on the application process and check the Pre-Law at UBalt webpage to see updates on events, information sessions, and resources that will assist you in navigating these processes.

Upon being accepted into the UBaltSchool of Law, students will receive access to the UBaltSchool of Law's career center (the Law Career Development Office) so that, while pursuing their degree, they will be provided with specialized career support throughout law school. The Law Career Development Office's webpage is <https://law.ubalt.edu/career/> and they can be contacted with questions at lawcareer@ubalt.edu.

No Law School

Many students are not aware that, aside from practicing law, there are a number of law-related fields and positions to pursue. In addition, many of these alternate positions do not require one to have a law degree in order to enter the field. However, the skills required for these fields tend to have some overlap with those needed to excel in law—in particular, effective communication skills and the ability to analyze and think critically. Below are some career opportunities that have some of this overlap:

• Career Opportunities:

- Education
- Environmental management and planning
- Forensic studies and science
- Law enforcement
- Libraries and archives
- Local, state, and federal government
- Museums
- National security
- Nonprofit organizations
- Political campaigns and office



If you are unsure of the types of jobs to look for, here is a list of some job titles that fall into various law-related areas (Note: these positions do not all have identical qualifications/requirements – some may still require advanced education or experience levels to attain):

- Paralegal
- Legal assistant
- Court personnel
- Compliance office
- Law enforcement and corrections officer
- Agent
- Tax preparer
- Court clerk
- Judicial law clerk
- Legal secretary
- Mediator
- Court reporter
- Litigation support professional
- Conflict of interest manager
- Electronic discovery specialist
- Title examiner, abstractor, and searcher
- Legal technology support specialist