PRE-LAW STUDIES (PLS)

PLS 1000 - Introduction to Law  
Credit(s): 0-3 Credits  
The purpose of the course is to provide students an introduction to the  
law and legal principles. The structure of the court system, civil litigation  
and methods of alternative dispute resolution will be examined. Elements  
of the following areas of substantive law: torts, contracts, property, trusts  
and estates, corporations, family law, and criminal law and procedure will  
be examined. Cross-listed with POLS 1300.  
Attributes: Law, Religion and Politics

PLS 1930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLS 2000 - Intro Legal Research & Writing  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course has two main objectives (1) to introduce students to the  
basics of legal research and writing and (2) to introduce students to the  
fundamentals of legal reasoning and analysis. Students will be required  
to complete a series of research and writing exercises and a final legal  
analysis paper.

PLS 2800 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Pre-Law Studies topics course, content varies by section and semester.

PLS 3000 - Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity  
to study the nature of conflict and explore dispute resolution techniques  
that provide alternatives to litigation. The course will educate students on  
specific dispute resolution techniques including: negotiation, mediation,  
arbitration, and other forms of dispute resolution. While the course is  
intended to have a health law focus, the practice exercises will cover all  
areas of conflict resolution.

PLS 3100 - Introduction to Trial Advocacy  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course teaches students how to prepare a legal case for a jury trial.  
Students learn the basic building blocks of a jury trial, the development  
of trial strategy, and the use of evidence at trial. The course focuses on  
advocacy techniques and the application of those techniques to the  
court setting. In conjunction with this course, students are encouraged to  
participate in SLU Mock Trial, a student-led group, where students will use  
the techniques in a practical setting as members of the undergraduate  
mock trial teams.

PLS 3900 - Intro to Appellate Advocacy  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course introduces students to the role of appellate courts in the  
American justice system. Students learn and apply the basic elements of  
appellate argument including brief writing and oral advocacy. Students  
use a case problem to explore written and oral advocacy techniques in  
the court of appeals. Students prepare and present an oral argument at  
the end of the semester based upon the case problem.

PLS 3930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLS 3935 - Issues in Health Law  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course provides the opportunity to explore basic law as it applies to  
health-related issues and the health-care community. Special emphasis  
will be given to those laws that directly affect health-care businesses and  
care delivery such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
Act (HIPAA), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the  
Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA), and the Americans  
with Disabilities Act (ADA). The student will also be introduced to the  
concepts of medical ethics and will explore the interplay between law  
and major ethical issues in health care. This is a rotating course that will  
address various areas of law. Possible courses include Sports Law and  
Race, Gender and Justice. This course cannot substitute for MGT 2000.

PLS 4910 - Legal Internship  
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
This course is open to Junior and Senior Law Scholars. Interns work  
in private legal service agency and federal, local, and state judicial  
systems. Students are directed by SLU School of Law in securing their  
law internship placement. This internship is offered during the fall and  
spring semesters and students are encouraged to take this course in  
the spring of junior year or fall of senior year. If the student has any  
questions, please contact the Pre-Law program.  
Prerequisite(s): PLS 1000, PLS 4965, Minimum Earned Credits of 60;  
PLS 2000  
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.  
Attributes: UUC:Reflection-in-Action

PLS 4965 - Foundations of Law  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is open to Pre-Law Scholars. Pre-Law students who have a  
GPA of 3.60 or higher can petition the course instructor for inclusion in  
the course. This is a seminar conducted by faculty of the School of Law.  
A final paper and class participation are major determinants of the grade.  
Cross-listed with POLS 3340.