

PRE-LAW DREXEL (3+3) at Arcadia University

3+3 Pre-Law Program with Drexel Law School (leading to a B.A. in Political Science from Arcadia University and a J.D. from Drexel University)

Faculty

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Degree/Concentrations

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

International Relations

Pre-Law and Political Theory

U.S. Politics and Policy

Related Undergraduate Study

Minor in Pre-Law

Minor in Political Science

About the 3+3 Program

This program allows students to pursue the B.A. in Political Science on an accelerated three-year track, with assured admission to Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law for students who meet the admissions criteria. This accelerated program integrates undergraduate and graduate training and provides comprehensive global learning opportunities.

The program meets the needs of students who want to pursue accelerated training in law, allowing for an intensive and rigorous six-year academic program that integrates classroom learning with real-world experiences and practical fieldwork. This program allows

talented students to pursue an accelerated option that is both more affordable and custom-designed to prepare them for a highly competitive job market.

Assured Admission Criteria to Earle Mack School of Law

Admission to the Pre-Law accelerated program at Arcadia University does not guarantee a student admission to Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law.

Students will be admitted only if they meet the following criteria:

- Complete all Political Science major and core course requirements at Arcadia University, and complete 96 or more credits before enrolling in courses at Earle Mack School of Law.
- Earn a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.4, as calculated by the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service.
- Meet the character and fitness requirements of Earle Mack School of Law.
- Comply with all application, seat deposit, and other deadlines established by Earle Mack School of Law.
- Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) no later than December of the third year of the program.
- Earn an LSAT score at least equal to the median LSAT for Drexel's 1-L class in the year the student was admitted to Arcadia University. For example, the median LSAT for Drexel's 2010 entering class was 159. Hypothetically, students admitted to the EAP in the 2010-11 academic year must score at least 159 on the LSAT.

In addition to the GPA and course requirements listed above for admission into Drexel's Earle Mack School of Law, Arcadia University will require the following of students to maintain enrollment in the EAP:

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- Earn a minimum of a 3.00 GPA after the first year.
- Earn at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA after the second year.
- Earn a minimum of a 3.40 at the end of the third year.
- Comply with all academic standards and expectations for student conduct established by Arcadia University.

Arcadia students who do not meet these requirements or who are not admitted to EAP as first-year students (freshmen) may apply to Drexel's Earle Mack School of Law, if interested, through normal admission channels.

Program Structure of the Six-Year Accelerated Pre-Law (3+3 program)

Students who want to pursue the accelerated B.A. in Political Science and J.D. in Law will complete all degree requirements in six years.

A student will complete 128 hours toward the B.A. degree in Political Science and 38 hours toward the J.D. degree in Law at Drexel University.

In years one to three, students complete all Undergraduate Curriculum requirements as well as all of the requirements for the Political Science major, including the Senior Thesis and any study abroad. In year four, students begin coursework for Drexel University's Law program. In years five and six, students complete their Law requirements, including study abroad, internship and thesis.

Undergraduate Curriculum and Major Requirements for B.A. in Political Science from Arcadia University

Arcadia's undergraduate program in Political Science enriches the multidisciplinary perspectives inherent in the field of law. Most Political Science majors in the accelerated program will choose the Pre-Law concentration. To complete this concentration, of the 44 credits required by the Political Science major, 20 must be selected from approved pre-law offerings. The Pre-Law concentration offers preparation for paralegal

positions and a foundation for the law program at Drexel University. All Political Science majors must take PS 101, 150, 201, 241, 245 or 330, 490 and 491. Additionally, Political Science majors must take four electives at least two of which must be at the 300 level. Political Science majors typically take two to six courses within the major that meet Undergraduate Curriculum. The following Undergraduate Curriculum requirements typically can be met within the Political Science major: Global Connections, Self and Society, Senior Capstone, and Research and Writing. Additionally, if students take a recommended Statistics class, they can meet a Quantitative Reasoning requirement. There is also the possibility that certain University Seminars will count toward the Political Science major. The additional undergraduate requirements must be taken outside the major.

Study Abroad Possibilities for the Pre-Law Drexel (3+3) Accelerated Program

Students in the accelerated program are urged to study abroad in the first three years for a year or a semester, or whatever time period works for them. Students in the program may study abroad any semester except for the fall of the third year due to the need to complete PS 490 Senior Thesis Seminar. Students should work with their advisers, who will ensure that they are on track to meet all the requirements for the accelerated program.