

# Pre-Law Seminar

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**Course prefix:** PUBP

**Course number:** 3610

**Section:** All

**CRN**

81190

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**Semester:** Spring

**Academic year:** 2026

**Course description:**

This course will cover two general areas of practicing law: (1) a focus on specialized fields; and (2) oral advocacy. The first section of the course will include examination of the legal profession in the areas of criminal law, torts, constitutional law, military justice, intellectual property, contracts and property/estate planning. The next section will be a general overview of oral advocacy components and litigation skills. Both of these sections emphasize skills and values that are essential to success in law school, competent lawyering and the practice of law in a variety of fields.

**Academic honesty/integrity statement:**

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

**Core IMPACTS statement(s) (if applicable):**

**This is a Core IMPACTS course that is part of the Social Sciences area.**

Core IMPACTS refers to the core curriculum, which provides students with essential knowledge in foundational academic areas. This course will help master course content, and support students' broad academic and career goals.

This course should direct students toward a broad Orienting Question:

- How do I understand human experiences and connections?

Completion of this course should enable students to meet the following Learning Outcomes:

- Students will effectively analyze the complexity of human behavior, and how historical, economic, political, social or geographic relationships develop, persist or change.

Course content, activities and exercises in this course should help students develop the following Career-Ready Competencies:

- Intercultural Competence
- Perspective-Taking
- Persuasion