

Pre-Law Focus

Associate in Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA)

Law careers can be built upon interests in accounting, corporate management, public administration, politics, criminal investigation, as well as legal practice. Most law schools do not require specific undergraduate programs, but recommend courses appropriate for the baccalaureate degree of the student's choice. Pre-law students should have the ability to read, write, and speak English well, a critical understanding of human values and institutions, and the creative power to think.

For a roadmap that identifies the preferred sequencing of courses and other specific recommendations from faculty, please see the corresponding program map(s):

- [Pre-Law Focus Associate in Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement \(AA-DTA\) \(lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/social-science/AADTA-Pre-Law\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/social-science/AADTA-Pre-Law)

Degree Requirements

Total credits required to earn this degree: 90 in courses numbered 100 or above with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. A course cannot be credited toward more than one distribution area.

LCC students must meet distribution requirements for bachelor degrees, associate degrees, and specific certificates. See [Diversity and Distribution Lists \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/) for more information.

General Education Requirements

- **Communications:**

15 credits: ENGL& 101 English Composition I **AND**
(ENGL& 102 Composition II **OR** ENGL& 235 Technical Writing) **AND**
(CMST& 220 Public Speaking **OR** CMST& 230 Small Group Communication).

- **Quantitative / Symbolic Reasoning Skills:**

5 credits - MATH& 107 or higher (excluding MATH& 131).

- **Humanities:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*. No more than 5 credits in foreign language at the 100 level, no more than 10 credits from any one discipline. No more than 5 credits in performance/skills courses are allowed.

- **Natural Sciences:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*; must include 5 credits of lab courses. At least 10 credits in physical, biological and/or earth sciences. No more than 5 credits from Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering. Courses used to satisfy this requirement may not be used to satisfy the Quantitative Skills requirement.

- **Social Sciences:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*. No more than 10 credits from any one discipline. PSYC and SOC are recommended courses.

- **Diversity:**

5 credits – from the *Diversity Course List*. Courses that meet this requirement may also be used toward other graduation requirements. Diversity courses are listed in the quarterly

schedule and identified by 'DIV' attached to the course title. Example: SOC& 101 – Intro to Sociology:DIV.

- **Electives:**

25 credits - See advisor for approved list of electives. No more than 15 credits may be taken from the *Restricted Course List* on the *Distribution List*.

Recommended Electives

| Course Code | Course Title | Number of Credits |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| BUS& 201 | Business Law | 5 |
| CJ 154 | The American Legal System | 5 |
| POLS& 101 | Intro Political Science | 5 |
| POLS 220 | The Law and Social Issues | 5 |
| SOC& 101 | Introduction to Sociology:DIV | 5 |

AA-DTA Outcomes

Upon the completion of the AA DTA, students will be prepared for transfer to a four-year institution for their intended career pathway, and have the following skills and abilities:

Global Skills (assessed at degree level):

- Communication: Express ideas and information in writing and speaking in a manner that is clear and appropriate to the audience, and read and listen effectively.
- Critical Thinking: Apply objective, valid methods of inquiry and problem-solving to draw rational, ethical, and coherent conclusions.
- Quantitative Literacy: Reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations.
- Teamwork: Facilitate a team's ability to achieve a desired goal or outcome.

General education outcomes (assessed at course level):

- Diversity: Examine the causes and expressions of difference, power, and discrimination.
- Humanities: Explore how people process, document, and express their social and cultural experience.
- Social Science: Examine society, behavior, and relationships among individuals within a society.
- Natural Science: Develop familiarity with various aspects of the physical world and scientific explanations of observed phenomena.

Area of study outcomes:

- A basic understanding of the institutions that develop law.
- Ability to read for a clear understanding of content and relationships.
- Reason logically and think critically.

- Solve problems given specific factual situations.
- Write and speak with clarity, precision, and style.

Notes

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Program planning is based on information available at the time of preparation. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their LCC advisor and with an advisor at the college to which they plan to transfer for specific requirements. Consult the LCC catalog for LCC graduation requirements.

Most four-year universities require one year of a single foreign language as a graduation requirement.