

UIS PRE-LAW CENTER

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Are you interested in learning more about a career in law? The Pre-Law Center was established to enhance and expand the services available to UIS students and those in the greater Springfield community interested in the study of law. The Center provides an array of resources and services to assist you as you make plans for law school and beyond.

Pre-Law Center Services Include:

- Individualized Pre-Law Advising from faculty who are attorneys and have practiced law
 - Course selection, choice of major, skill development, choice of law school
- Single Campus Location for All Pre-Law Documents, Books, and References (PAC 363)
 - Current information and news from the Law School Admission Council and extensive library of Pre-Law materials and law school information
- Law School Application Assistance
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Preparation
 - Intensive preparation course each semester
 - Mock LSAT exam each semester
- Networking Opportunities with Members of the Legal Community
- Organized Travel to Law School Forums
- Law and Law School Related Speakers and Workshops

What can I do with a law degree (besides practice law)?

There are numerous non-practitioner jobs within the legal profession, including the extensive legal products and services industry. Many students interested in the law see themselves in state government, labor relations, insurance, or private investment firms, guiding their employers through the rules and regulations that govern their industry. A Juris Doctorate can also serve as a ticket of admission to careers in business, communications, politics, and academia.

WHY LAW?

A career in law offers prestige, a professional lifestyle, economic opportunity, career flexibility, opportunities within and outside of the legal profession, and a chance to make a difference in the world. Many employers recognize that law school graduates can offer them a broad range of skills that are useful outside of the practice of law as well. Whatever your motivation, the Center can help you sort out your options and prepare yourself for success in the field.



The mission of the UIS Pre-Law Center is to help students make decisions about law school, including whether, when, and where to apply and attend. The Center can also help students gain entrance into appropriately chosen law schools and prepare them to succeed in earning their Juris Doctorate degree.

Pre-Law Center Co-Directors



Deborah Anthony earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Philosophy in 1998 from the University of Utah, a Juris

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Advantage UIS

- **Class size.** Small classes make a difference, providing the kind of personal mentoring and opportunity to participate that produces confident leaders and students with vision – which is precisely what law schools are looking for in their applicants.
- **Faculty expertise.** Our professors bring years of practical experience to the classroom, giving us the edge when it comes to relevant coursework. Expect to learn how concepts work in the real world, with a diverse group of faculty and students to enhance your experience.

Experiential Learning

Applied Study. All UIS students participate in an Applied Study internship and those interested in legal careers will be placed in a law-related project where they will gain practical experience in a particular area of law. The experience will not only help you to determine whether the law is right for you, but will also make you a more attractive candidate when applying to law school.

UIS Downstate Illinois Innocence Project.

UIS students of all majors have the opportunity to participate in one of the only recognized undergraduate innocence projects in the country. Students work with professional investigators and attorneys, providing research and investigative assistance for cases where there is a strong likelihood that a convicted person is actually innocent.

Visit our website for more information on

- UIS Admission Requirements
- Financial Aid
- Applying to law school
- LSAT preparation
- Office hours
- Events and activities
- Law-related links

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