

# PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

Undergraduate and Graduate

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## *UIS—Engaged in Your Future*

**P**re-professional studies define the intentions, not the majors of our students who plan to attend professional school after undergraduate or graduate work.

**O**ur advisors can help you choose the right classes and explore professional schools. They will also prepare you for those tough entrance exams.

### **Majors**

All majors can seek admittance to professional school but those who build a strong base of appropriate coursework are at a distinct advantage.

Majors for health and science fields:

Biology, Chemistry, Clinical Laboratory Science

Majors for Pre-law:

Legal Studies, Political Studies, Philosophy, Public Affairs Reporting, Criminal Justice, English, History, Business Administration

### **Career Paths**

- Medicine
- Law
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Research
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Veterinary medicine
- Chiropractic medicine
- Physician's Assistant
- Physical or Occupational Therapy

### **Resources**

- Professional School Preparation Guides
- Entrance exam study guides
- Current course catalogs and bulletins from professional schools

### **Pre-Law Center**

Professors who have been to law school staff the center, providing career counseling, LSAT preparation courses, and more.

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## ADVISING

**Two advisors.** You have to graduate from UIS first, so you'll have an academic advisor who will become a friend and trusted resource during your years here. In addition, you'll have a pre-professional advisor – a professor who knows the field you're interested in and will help you find the right professional school for your abilities.

## THE UIS ADVANTAGE FOR PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Multiple options for high quality academic programs that prepare you for professional school.
- Small class sizes, even for introductory courses.
- Classes and labs are taught by professors, not graduate assistants.
- Individual attention from professors primarily focused on teaching.
- Outstanding opportunities for undergraduate research projects directed by faculty.
- Relatively low tuition costs.
- Well-equipped science laboratories; Pre-Law Center.
- All required courses are taught on campus.
- Extensive online offerings for non-laboratory classes.
- Pre-professional websites and clubs.

## WHERE OUR GRADUATES GO

Recent placements include:

Dartmouth Medical School  
University of Illinois Law School  
Pepperdine University Law School  
Washington University School of Medicine  
SIU School of Medicine  
SIU School of Dental Medicine  
Washburn University School of Law  
Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Logan College of Chiropractic Medicine  
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

This is the edge you'll have over applicants from other universities. We offer the same high-level research opportunities as the larger universities. Our small size ensures that all of our students can participate. We also have connections to Central Illinois' primary medical district and the courts of law headquartered in the state capital.

## ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

Our science and law clubs count numerous pre-professional students among their members. They explore their fields, hone their skills and sweat through the application process together. We have a UIS Chapter of the ACLU, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, and Medical Discoveries Club.



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