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## From DACC to Law School

Once you decide to attend law school, it's a good idea to begin doing research: investigate the job outlook, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, compare law schools, <http://www.lsac.org/>; and study for the LSAT, <http://lsat-center.com/>. You should start preparing early for the LSAT; NMSU occasionally offers an LSAT prep class, GOVT 308. A high GPA, letters of recommendation, and a good score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) are necessary for you to gain admission to law school.

You will need very good communication skills, both written and oral, to be a successful lawyer, politician, and/or judge. No matter what major you pursue, concentrate on honing your reading, writing and presentation skills. Many undergraduate majors will prepare you for law school, but the most common choices of major for pre-law students are government, philosophy, and business, depending on the type of law you plan to practice. Again, do the research and be sure that the bachelor's degree you are working to complete will prepare you to practice the type of law you want to specialize in.

NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences has a Supplementary Major in "Law and Society" that includes courses from departments across several colleges.

<https://deptofgov.nmsu.edu/academic-programs/law-society/>,  
<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/government/law-society-supplemental-major/>.

\* NMSU's Department of Philosophy is introducing a new major beginning Fall 2018, "Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law", another option for you.

NMSU's Government Department has advisors who are very well-informed and willing to talk with you and help you plan toward your goal. You can make an appointment through the NMSU Government Department with Kim Seckler, (575) 646-4935, e-mail, [kseckler@nmsu.edu](mailto:kseckler@nmsu.edu).

NMSU's Pre-law information online: <https://deptofgov.nmsu.edu/academic-programs/pre-law/>