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Pre-Law Programs

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Agenda

- **Regular Drop-in / Appointment Advising Hours**
- **One-credit courses for exploration**
- **Intern for Credit Option**
- **Law School Application Prep Sessions**
- **Admissions Informational Sessions**
- **Local Networking Events**
- **Alumni Panels**
- **Annual Montana Supreme Court Event**
- **Pre-Law Club**

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Originally from Great Falls, Montana, Sara began her work at Montana State approximately 10 years ago, lecturing for the Department of Political Science and the College of Letters and Sciences. While Sara continues to teach classes each semester, she finds joy in working one-on-one with pre-law students to help them achieve their dreams.



Pre-Law Advising at MSU!

Drop-in / Appointment office hours for individual help

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- Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior checklists
- Studying for the LSAT
- Courses of interest
- Personal statement / Resume reviews
- Law school selections
- Budgeting for law school
- Comparing offers



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One-Credit Courses for Exploration



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- LEG 140 (fresh/soph)
 - What is the foundation of the US legal system?
 - What professions exist within the US legal system?
 - What happens in court?
 - What types of law do people practice?
 - What basic career paths/credentials are available?
- LEG 340 (junior/senior)
 - Why are ethics important in the legal field?
 - Am I interested in a law degree? Which one? (Paralegal vs MS vs JD)
 - What does it take to apply to law school?
 - Resumes / Personal Statements / Experience
 - Where would I apply / How would I finance it?

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Intern for Credit Option – via application

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- Partnerships with local law offices (e.g. Gallatin County Prosecutor's Office)
- Juniors and Seniors can work 10 hours/week and earn course credit





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Law-School Application Help Sessions



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**Personal
Statement Basics
& Rough Drafts**

**Resume Basics
and Rough Drafts**

**Recommendation
Letter Request
Sessions**

**LSAT Study Sessions
with tips and
practice tests**

**Target, Safety and
Reach Schools List**

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Admissions Informational Sessions

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**In-Person visits and networking
with regional admissions directors**

- University of Montana
- Gonzaga University
- University of South Dakota
- University of Idaho
- University of Wyoming
- University of Denver
- University of Colorado at Boulder

Sign up for notifications!

- Contact Professor Callow to be added to the Canvas page
(sara.callow@montana.edu)
- Follow Pre-Law Advising on Instagram





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Local Networking Events



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- Gallatin County Bar Luncheon with student presentations and volunteers
- Local attorney career panels



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Annual Montana Supreme Court Event



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- Montana Supreme Court hears a case on campus
- Students can volunteer and attend
- Network with Supreme Court Justices!



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Pre-Law Club



Pre-Law Club

- Bi-weekly meetings
- Career perspectives
- LSAT study groups
- Alumni presentations/tips
- Volunteer opportunities
- MSU Law Day
- Field trips
- PIZZA!
- FUN!



What's next?

So, you say you'll be a freshman?

Step 1

Follow us on Instagram!

- @msu_prelaw_advising
- @msuprelaw

Step 2

Connect on Campus!

- Look for us at Catapalooza!
- Email sara.callow@montana.edu to set up an appointment

Step 3

Control the things you can!

- Get good grades
- Stay out of trouble
- Join an organization

Questions?

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I can't wait to see you on campus! Don't hesitate to reach out with questions. Please enjoy your summer until I see you again!

