Law schools have traditionally recommended for those seeking preparation for legal studies precisely the sort of broadly-based, high-quality liberal arts education that King offers. While most law schools tend to avoid suggesting any specific major program or set of “pre-law” courses, the Association of American Law Schools stresses a pre-law education which emphasizes “comprehension and expression in words; critical understanding of human institutions and values with which the law deals; [and] creative power in thinking” (Association of American Law Schools and the Law School Admission Council, Inc., Pre-Law Handbook).

King’s basic requirements can be relied upon to develop the student in these areas; a major program and carefully selected elective courses serve to permit diversity as well as comprehensiveness in pre-law study. In recent years, King students seeking legal careers have tended to major in Political Science/History and have met with considerable success in gaining admission to law schools, but other King students have found other major programs suitable for pre-law training as well.

Pre-law students should work closely with King’s pre-law faculty advisor in planning their undergraduate program so that it reflects the recommendations of the AALS, and in order to gather the necessary information about various law school programs, entrance requirements, the LSAT, and financial aid.