



Preparation for Professional Programs

Law

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.

Ministry

While many majors offered in the institution are acceptable for admission into seminary, students are encouraged to prepare for seminary by having a solid foundation in Religious Studies, Philosophy, Literature, Foreign Language, and the Social Sciences.

Upon completion of the King degree, students may be admitted to seminary, where, after three years of study, they receive the degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.).

Teacher Education

The educator preparation programs offered by the School of Education are designed to prepare qualified candidates for careers in the teaching profession. Programs are available leading to Tennessee licensure in ten secondary subject areas (Grade 6-12), Elementary Education (Grade K-5), K-12 Music (Vocal or Instrumental), and English as a Second Language.

Modified academic majors in Biology, Chemistry, English, French, History, History/Geography, History/Government, Mathematics, Physics, and Spanish will lead to secondary licensure (Grade 6-12) when accompanied by the secondary education minor and successful completion of licensure examinations.

Students seeking elementary licensure (Grades K-5) complete an interdisciplinary studies program, the elementary education minor, and required licensure examinations.

Students seeking K-12 licensure in Music Education Vocal/General or Music Education Instrumental complete a major matched to state standards, the K-12 education minor, and required licensure examinations.

An English as a Second Language endorsement may be added to any other teaching license.

The MEd in Curriculum and Instruction is a graduate program for those who already possess a bachelor's degree. The MEd offers Initial Licensure in all approved subject areas.

The M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership is designed for licensed teachers who want to serve their schools in formal administrative capacities.

Subsequent licensure in Virginia or other states may require additional testing. Both traditional and post-baccalaureate licensure options are available. Teacher licensure does not automatically confer highly qualified status under the No Child Left Behind legislation; therefore, additional coursework may be required.

Consult with the Program Coordinator of Teacher Education for details on teacher licensure.