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# Pre-Law

## at Rutgers–Newark

**W**ith its nationally ranked law school, state-of-the-art center for law and criminal justice, and thriving pre-law society, the Newark campus at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a great place to prepare yourself for a legal education. From environmental sciences to history to psychology, the choice of majors is wide open to pre-law students at Rutgers–Newark. And the location is ideal: Newark is the hub of New Jersey's legal community, while New York City, just one train stop away, hosts the nation's leading law firms.

### BA/JD Program

As a high school senior, you can apply to a dual-degree program offered by Rutgers' Newark College of Arts and Sciences and Rutgers' School of Law–Newark. Once in the program, you will be on the inside track, able to seek one-on-one guidance from the program director and to sit in on a law school class. High achieving graduates of the Newark College of Arts and Sciences who maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, score in the 80th percentile or higher on the LSAT, and submit a complete law school application will be given priority consideration for admission to the School of Law–Newark.

### Who's eligible?

- Open to high school seniors only
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must have a SAT I minimum score of 630 on the critical reading section and a minimum score of 640 on the math section (ACT scores are not acceptable in lieu of the SAT I)
- Must have a competitive record of academic achievement



### How do I apply?

**Step One:** Apply online by the December 1 priority deadline at [admissions.rutgers.edu](http://admissions.rutgers.edu). Select Newark College of Arts and Sciences (code 21) with area of interest BA/JD (code 043). If you are not applying to the BA/JD program, select area of interest Pre-Law (code 044) or any other major available at Newark College of Arts and Sciences.

**Step Two:** For BA/JD program consideration, submit one letter of recommendation that specifically supports your candidacy to the program. The letter must be received by December 1 of your senior year and should be sent to Admissions Officer–BA/JD Program, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 249 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102. Notification of admission status to the BA/JD program will be sent separate of notification of admission status to the university.



**H**ome to more than 35,000 students, Newark is a college town. Rutgers–Newark’s location in a major metropolitan center is one of the university’s great strengths. The city is home to world-class museums, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, fine galleries and restaurants, University Science Park, leading corporations, two law schools, a medical school, an engineering college, a school of architecture, major hospitals, and a professional baseball stadium. And, with Penn Station–Newark within walking distance to campus, the unparalleled resources of New York City are just a train stop away.

## The Road to Law School

What does it mean to be a pre-law student at Rutgers–Newark?

- From the start, pre-law students are referred to a special pre-law adviser for in-depth **guidance** on everything from the choice of majors to the LSAT.
- Critical thinking, writing ability, research know-how—whether you major in chemistry or philosophy, you will be acquiring the **intellectual discipline** required by law schools.
- Pre-law students have the chance to **explore** the legal field with courses such as American Legal History, U.S. History in the Courtroom, and American Constitutional Law and Politics.
- Rutgers–Newark graduates have gone on to study at the nation’s **top-tier law schools**, including Harvard Law School and NYU School of Law. The university is within easy reach of a wide range of law schools, including Columbia, Fordham, Rutgers’ School of Law–Newark, and Seton Hall.

## Pre-Law Society

The school’s active pre-law group provides these perks:

- A once-a-year trip to Washington, D.C., including a behind-the-scenes look at the Supreme Court
- Informal Q&A sessions with current law students and working lawyers for the inside scoop on law school and the legal profession
- An up-close look at the law school admissions process from a dean at the School of Law–Newark
- LSAT prep advice, Pre-Law Society t-shirts, plenty of pizza, and more

## Internships

At Rutgers–Newark, internship opportunities abound for pre-law students. Newark is home to some of the state’s top law firms, as well as government offices and county and federal court-houses—all of them presenting out-of-classroom learning opportunities. And with New York City so close, students have the chance to explore the field at the world’s most prestigious law firms and nonprofit institutions addressing civil rights, homelessness, and urban issues.

## About Rutgers’ School of Law–Newark

Housed in the stunning Center for Law and Justice, the law school is a vibrant institution with a national reputation. With its 120-foot clock tower, the center is a campus landmark bringing together a trio of institutions dedicated to law and public service—the School of Law–Newark, the School of Criminal Justice, and the Center for Global Change and Governance. The school’s legal clinics provide law students the chance to work on cases in child advocacy, the environment, and women’s rights. Pre-law students at Rutgers–Newark have easy access to the law school—and the chance to gain a first-hand look at what it means to study the law.

### To obtain further information, contact:

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“Rutgers–Newark provides a unique opportunity for someone interested in a law career. You have the law school right there—you can walk across the street, talk to law students, sit in on a class, and learn what law school is all about.”

—Jason Lagas, Rutgers–Newark senior  
and president of the Pre-Law Society

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