

# Academic Programs and Requirements for Degrees

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## Pre-Professional Programs

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Albertus Magnus College offers pre-professional programs for undergraduate students interested in continuing their studies in education, law and medicine related professional programs. These programs are not majors, but are designed to help students gain experiences, prepare for the rigors of and satisfy the requirements needed for entrance into graduate or professional school. Faculty advisors collaborate with students to develop a program of study that supports advanced study and their career interests.

Completion of pre-professional prerequisites does not guarantee admission to a graduate or professional school. Admission to these programs is highly selective.

## Education and Teacher Preparation

Albertus Magnus College is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, has approval by the Connecticut Department of Education, and is fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) to offer planned programs at the undergraduate level leading to [initial teacher certification](#). Planned programs are in place as follows:

- Secondary Level (grades 7–12): biology; business; chemistry; general science; English; history/social studies; mathematics; Spanish
- Middle Level (grades 4– 8): \*English; general science; history/social studies; mathematics
- Grades pre-k–12: art

The Education and Teacher Preparation department also offers a minor in Education for students interested in licensures that are not included above. The 18 credit minor prepares students to enter a teacher preparation at the Master's level. Currently, the college has agreements with Southern Connecticut State University and Quinnipiac University to offer pathways to Early Childhood, Elementary, Bilingual Elementary, and Special Education teacher certification.

Students considering careers in Education should make an appointment with Lauren Carpenter, Director of Education Programs, [lcarpenter@albertus.edu](mailto:lcarpenter@albertus.edu).

## Pre-Law

Students preparing to enter law school need a strong foundation in the liberal arts. The College's general education program, Invitation to Inquiry, is well-aligned with the skills needed to become a successful lawyer. The pre-law minor will help students develop critical thinking, critical reading, written and oral communication, and quantitative reasoning skills. Potential majors include Criminal Justice, English, Healthcare

Management, History, Philosophy, Political Science, or Public Health and the minor in Pre-law.

- [Criminal Justice](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [English](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [Healthcare Management](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [History](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [Philosophy](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [Political Science](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)
- [Public Health](#) with a minor in [Pre-Law](#)

Students considering careers in law should make an appointment with Bill Aniskovich, Dean of the Tagliatela School of Business, [waaniskovich@albertus.edu](mailto:waaniskovich@albertus.edu).

## Pre-Medical Studies

Students interested in pursuing doctoral or advanced professional degrees in medicine with the goal of becoming a physician, physician's assistant, dentist, veterinarian, or other medical profession should consider pre-medical studies. Pre-medical is not a major or minor - it is an advising track to help students track completion of core requirements. While pre-medical studies will cover the majority of standard prerequisite courses, requirements vary by program type and school. Students must check their intended programs in advance of the application process to determine whether additional coursework is required to apply.

Students interested in pre-med will work with the program advisor and the Office of Career and Professional Development to plan their course of study. Students must actively pursue opportunities throughout their undergraduate years that help them gain knowledge about the healthcare field and their intended profession. These experiences include clinical work, shadowing, volunteering, research, community involvement, and leadership experiences. Students will also be expected to participate in pre-health advising workshops, research training and networking opportunities.

Students interested in pre-med are advised to major in [Biology](#) and minor in [Chemistry](#), [Psychology](#) or another related area, and must maintain a cumulative GPA of or above 3.2. Application to professional school may require coursework outside of the specific major/minor courses.

Students considering careers in the medical professions should make an appointment with Rebecca Brogan, Professor of Biology and advisor of the Pre-Medical Program, [rbrogan@albertus.edu](mailto:rbrogan@albertus.edu).