

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS
Study Track: PRE-LAW*
Revised Spring Semester 2009

The faculty at Durham Tech recommend the following list of courses for students who are considering a career in law. It is to be used as a blueprint for guiding students interested in law* in the selection of their courses. Students who successfully complete this course of study and who meet the requirements for admission to the university may be eligible to apply for admission to the major with junior standing. **This agreement is meant as a guide and the student should not assume that it addresses unique requirements set by his or her university of choice. It is the student's responsibility to become aware of individual requirements of the senior institution and to make course substitutions as warranted, within the requirements of the AA Plan-of-Study.***

**See note at end of back page.*

General Education Core (44 SHC): 44 semester hours of credit (SHC) in general education core courses are required as outlined by the North Carolina Community College Curriculum Standards for Associate in Arts degree programs. Students who complete the General Education Core requirements exclusively at public colleges and universities in North Carolina or at private colleges that have signed on to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement will be able to transfer the set of courses as a package. The General Education Core includes study in the areas of English composition, humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics.

English Composition (6 SHC):

- ENG 111 (3 SHC)—Expository Writing
- ENG 113 (3 SHC)—Literature-Based Research

Humanities and Fine Arts (12 SHC):

- One English literature course (3 SHC) selected from—ENG 231, 232, 233, 241, 242, 243, 251, 252, 261, 262
- *FL 111 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language I (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
- *FL 112 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language II (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
- PHI 240 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Ethics

**Foreign languages offered at Durham Tech include Arabic, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Students graduating from UNC-CH are required to complete Intermediate Foreign Language I.*

Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC):

- One history sequence (6 SHC) selected from—
HIS 111 and 112—World Civilizations I and II *or*
HIS 121 and 122—Western Civilizations I and II
- PSY 150 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Psychology
- One course (3 SHC) selected from—SOC 210, 220, 225

Natural Science (8 SHC):

- Two courses (8 SHC) selected from—AST 151/151A; BIO 111, 112, 120, 130; CHM 151*, 152*; GEL 111, 113; PHY 151* *or* 251*, 152* *or* 252*

**Indicates courses that have mathematics pre-requisites beyond those listed below.*

Mathematics (6 SHC):

- MAT 151 (3 SHC)—Statistics I
 - MAT 161 (3 SHC)—College Algebra (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below.*) (*Note: UNC-CH does not accept MAT 161 as a core mathematics course. If transferring to UNC-CH, take MAT 171/ 171A then MAT 172/ 172A or 263.*)
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PRE-LAW*, Continued

ELECTIVES: To complete the Associate in Arts degree, a student must complete a total of 64 hours. Sixty-four credit hours are guaranteed to transfer. Transfer of credit hours beyond the 64th is not guaranteed. Electives transfer as a package if the student completes the AA degree. If the degree is not completed, then elective courses transfer on a course-by-course basis, and it is the student's responsibility to address individual requirements at the university. We recommend that the additional 20 hours beyond the General Education Core be distributed as follows:

Elective Hours Required for Graduation (8-11 SHC):

- ACA 122 (1 SCH)—College Transfer Success
- CIS 110 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Computers *or* CIS 115—Introduction to Programming and Logic *or* satisfactory score on computer competency test
- FL 181 (1 SHC)—Lab for Foreign Language I
- FL 182 (1 SHC)—Lab For Foreign Language II
- MAT 161A (1 SHC)—Lab for College Algebra
- One physical education course (1 SHC) selected from—PED 111, 113, 120, 121, 128, 130, 139, 142, 143, 145, 148, 149, 162, 183, 186
- CAPSTONE COURSE: HUM 212 (3 SHC)—Humanities II *or* BIO 140 (3 SHC)—Environmental Biology

Other Elective Hours (9-12 SHC)—Three to four additional courses selected from the following:

- COM 231 (3 SHC)—Public Speaking
- ECO 251 (3 SHC)—Principles of Microeconomics *or* ECO 252 (3 SHC)—Principles of Macroeconomics (*At UNC-CH, ECO 251 and 252 transfer as a single three hour course.*)
- HIS 131 (3 SHC)—American History I *or* HIS 132 (3 SHC)—American History II
- POL 120 (3 SHC)—American Government
- POL 220 (3 SHC)—International Relations

Universities allow, at most, 64 hours of credit to transfer. However, there are situations where more than 64 hours can be completed at the community college. Please consult with an advisor to find out what those situations are.

Durham Technical Community College awards the Transfer Core Diploma. The Transfer Core Diploma confirms that students have completed all their General Education Core requirements under an A.A. or A.S. degree program. Core completion certifies that a student has met all the lower-division General Education Requirements of the receiving senior institution and has met the Minimum Course Requirements (MCRs) for admission to the University of North Carolina System. Students need to apply for the Diploma once they have completed the Core of their respective Plan of Study. Forms are available in Admissions in the Wynn Center.

**Students should be aware that there is no legitimate study-track for pre-law since a law degree is an advanced degree, beyond the baccalaureate degree. The faculty at Durham Tech recommend that a student interested in law focus on one of the following pre-majors or study tracks: Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, English, History, or Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. The courses recommended above will lead you to an Associate in Arts degree with an emphasis on history and political science. However, any of the listed pre-majors or study tracks will provide you the necessary foundation to earn an advanced degree in jurisprudence.*