



## Why UST

The University offers a rigorous liberal arts curriculum that underlines the critical, analytical and problem-solving skills necessary to succeed in law school.

Students will:

- Learn to write and speak effectively
- Understand values, social institutions and human nature
- Develop in-depth reasoning skills while thinking creatively
- Participate in the Mock Trial Program
- Value the commitment to promoting justice and serving others

## Choose UST

For more information on admission to the University of St. Thomas, contact the Admissions Department at 713-525-3500 or visit our Web site at [www.stthom.edu/admissions](http://www.stthom.edu/admissions).

If you are interested in learning more about our Pre-Law Program, contact us today:

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## The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston. At UST, 92% of our students say they would choose us again if they could start their college career over.\*

- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in Medical and Dental schools for Pre-med and Pre-dental students
- **Graduate school flexibility:** MBA program with evening and weekend classes; MLA program coordinated with your individual schedule
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 24th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by The Princeton Review as Best in the West in its 2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- **Study abroad:** Ranked one of 20 top schools in the U.S. for Study Abroad programs according to a report by the Institute of International Educational Exchange
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

\* According to the 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement: [www.nsse.iub.edu](http://www.nsse.iub.edu).



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*The University of St. Thomas is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.*

## Pre-Law



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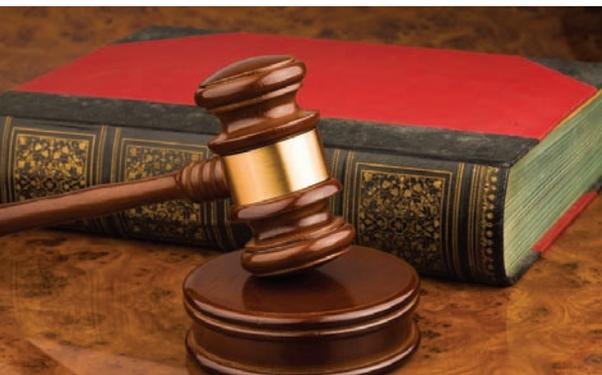
# College Initiative Begins Here

## Pre-Law Program

The University of St. Thomas' liberal arts curriculum and variety of majors offer an ideal foundation for a law career. The University's pre-law program provides excellent preparation for law school by educating students with a broad background in humanities and sciences. The program strives to provide students with a foundation in preparing for and applying to law school. It assists in enabling students to acquire: a strong grounding in ethics, an excellent command of the English language, highly developed analytical and critical thinking skills and a solid understanding of the normative aspects of the law.

## Degree Plans

The pre-law program maximizes the student's opportunities for success in achieving admission to law school. Although law schools accept applicants with a baccalaureate degree from any major, the University believes certain curricular choices are not only preferable but highly desirable. After selecting a major such as political science, the pre-law student enrolls in required pre-law courses that help prepare for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Socratic examination and case briefing. Pre-law courses also teach about the constitutional system and common law heritage.



## Mock Trial

The undergraduate pre-law mock trial course at the University is designed to give undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competition where analytical skills can evolve and oral communication skills can be taught and refined. Mock trial focuses on public speaking. Participation in Mock trial competition can result in significant qualitative change in self confidence and public speaking technique. Mock trial students develop tactics as well as the techniques, procedures and information essential to successfully compete in tournaments sanctioned by the American Mock Trial Association.

During the spring, student teams are assisted by local attorneys to engage in regional tournaments against area universities. The top teams compete nationally. The American Mock Trial Association regional tournament will be hosted at UST for the first time.

## Applying to Law School

The UST pre-law program prepares students for law school and assists applicants in applying to law school. Law schools generally require a high LSAT score. UST pre-law offers an LSAT Review Course during the spring semester that is mandatory for students in the pre-law program. As part of the support pre-law offers UST students in applying to law school, the University participates in a cooperative admission program with South Texas College of Law.

### Cooperative Admission Program With South Texas College of Law

The University participates with South Texas College of Law in a cooperative admission program. Application begins in October each year. Interested students are reviewed by the University's Pre-Law Advising Committee.

The Assistant Dean of Admissions from South Texas College of Law sits on the committee. The Committee and Dean review each student's resume, transcript, and intent letter and conduct interviews. In February or March, a dinner is held to recognize the successful candidates.

The University's Pre-Law Advising Committee is the advising group to the pre-law program. The committee consists of UST professors, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, interested lawyers and a representative from South Texas College of Law.

*"The pre law and mock trial programs prepared me for the rigors of law school. Now I have the confidence to put the skills I learned into practice. The UST program has brought me one step closer to thinking like a lawyer."*

Roy Mitchell, 2007 Graduate

