

Pre-Law Program And Accelerated Program with Albany Law School

Where you'll go...

Each year, well-regarded law schools accept qualified Russell Sage graduates. Undergraduate study at Sage fosters students' special interest in law and the courts, and provides a sound foundation in the liberal arts.

Sage offers you a unique opportunity for those who qualify to earn your bachelor's and law degree in a combined six-year accelerated program with Albany Law School.

Whether or not you pursue the accelerated program, Russell Sage offers a Minor in Pre-Law Studies, which can be completed by students in almost any major.

Law Schools want students to pursue the undergraduate degree of their choice. Especially desirable are those majors that emphasize reading, writing and/or speaking. Russell Sage offers many of these majors such as Political Science, English, History, Psychology, Sociology and many others.

Law schools also look for outside activities, such as volunteer work, internships and study abroad, all of which Sage offers.

You'll receive a solid liberal arts education at Sage in your chosen major, which will prepare you for the rigors and demands of law school.

The law is a challenging and rewarding field where you can make a difference and positively impact the lives of others. And there's a field of law that matches just about any interest: from criminal justice to entertainment and from business to international law, you'll find that law offers a variety of ways for you to have an exciting and successful career.

If you see your future in law, then Sage is the place for you.

What you'll do...

See yourself...

- Representing clients in specialized fields like business, criminal or family law—or practice as a generalist.

- Working in government to help shape legislation and policy.
- Protecting the public through consumer law or enforcing local, state and national regulations.
- Traveling the world via the growing field of international law.
- Taking up the challenge of the fast-growing field of environmental law.

What you'll earn...

As a lawyer, you can earn from \$40,000 a year to much more than \$175,000 a year depending on work setting and field of law.

At Sage you'll...

Choose a major that interests you (and for 3+3 program students, one that can be completed in three years at Sage). Possibilities include: Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Criminal Justice, English, History, International and Globalization Studies, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Foreign Language.

Work with Sage's Pre-law Advisor to explore law schools and law careers.

Visit classes at Albany Law School and learn from law students and lawyers who visit the Sage campus during the year.

Join the Pre-Law Club on excursions to the State Capital or Spring Break trips to Washington, D.C.

The Pre-law and accelerated law school program at Sage will enrich your future—and enliven the present. Your adventure begins here.

How you'll get there...

Here's how you'll prepare for the Sage-Albany Law School Six-Year Program.

Prospective students and post-first-year students can apply for Sage's highly selective Six-Year Program with Albany Law School. Students who are accepted spend three years instead of four at Sage, and three years at Albany Law School; and receive both a bachelor's and *Juris Doctor* degree.

The admission committees at both schools use grade point average, class rank, SAT or ACT scores, and an essay or writing sample as criteria for admission. Students applying during their first year at Sage must have an overall grade point average of 3.3 with a minimum of 27 credits.

Or, if you prefer, spend four years at Sage before attending law school. Here are the requirements you will need to meet to earn a minor in Pre-Law Studies:

Pre-Law Studies Minor (18 credits)

POL 205	Research in Law and Government	3
ENG 233	Writing as Persuasion	3
	Select four additional Pre-Law courses with advisement from the Pre-Law Minor advisor	12
	Credits required for minor	18

Courses that emphasize various ways of organizing one's thinking are especially important preparation for the Lasts and for law school. Offerings include, but are not restricted to: criminal justice, economics, English, history, philosophy, political science, and sociology. A list of law-related courses is available, and our Pre-Law Advisor (an attorney herself) can answer your questions and provide relevant co-curricular experiences.

Once a student decides that she is interested in attending law school, there is a great deal of planning and preparation: major and course selection; registration and preparation for the LSAT; determining where to apply to law school; applying to law school; and more. The Pre-Law Advisor assists you along the way. Orientation programs for Pre-Law students are supplemented by individual advisement.

About the Faculty

The diverse and talented members of the Sage faculty are highly credentialed academicians and dedicated teachers who are also authors, researchers, practitioners, and leaders in their fields. They encourage, challenge, and support Sage students and provide programs of study that connect the classroom to the world beyond campus.

Russell Sage College—Women of Influence

. At Russell Sage College women are encouraged to take risks, discover their strengths, and apply what they've learned to improve the world around them. Women dominate every class discussion, run student government and the campus newspaper, and win all the academic prizes and scholarships. But, that doesn't mean Sage is a campus without men or without the potential for an active social life; it means that in the classroom, in the lab, on the playing field, and beyond, Russell Sage students are free to be their most intelligent, creative, determined, successful selves.

Be. Know. Do.

Russell Sage College was founded in Troy in 1916 by suffragist Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage, with the guidance of Eliza Kolas, head of the college preparatory Emma Willard School (also located in Troy). Together they founded Russell Sage College as a "school of practical arts," one of the very first institutions to offer women the means of economic and social independence through preparation for professional careers.

Sage remains one of the only women's schools in the country that require a women's studies curriculum. Through two courses -- Women in the World and Women Changing the World -- you'll come to understand how women throughout history have struggled, adapted, changed, and flourished. This historical backdrop will lay the groundwork for your self-discovery as a woman in today's world.

Sage's Early College program is one of only two in the country designed for early college entry by outstanding young women in high school.

Inspiring Women

Inspirational women of influence have studied at and visited Russell Sage College. As a Sage student, you will learn by their courageous examples. Eleanor Roosevelt was the first person to receive an honorary degree from Sage; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has visited campus; Anita Riddick, activist, author, and founder of *The Body Shop*, has delivered the Commencement keynote; biologist and theorist Dr. Lynn Margulies was a Geneva Sayre lecturer at Sage; and activist Angela Davis, author and poet Maya Angelou, former U.S. Surgeon General Antonia C. Novella and artist Faith Ringgold have all visited.

At Russell Sage, women of all ages and backgrounds can gain a strong vision of their own power and potential. At Russell Sage, everything is possible.

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