





MAJOR MAP

Pre-Law Track (Degree programs based on field of interest) Minors in Business, Communications, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (PPEL)

URL for Undergrad Catalog - bgsu.edu/catalog.html

CLASS OPTIONS	Freshman Consider traditional paths: history, philosophy, English, economics, political science, and international relations.	Sophomore Consider alternate paths such as art, computer science, and music.	Junior Be sure that you have taken foundation courses in political science, philosophy, economics, and law.	Senior Continue exposure to critical thinking, logic, and communication coursework.
GOOD ADVICE	Meet with your pre-law mentor, academic advisor, and program advisor for assistance in their areas of expertise. Attend BGSU's Law School Fair to gain insight from admission reps.	Visit the Wood County Law Library to get acquainted with research resources. Attend Statehouse Falcons to learn about jobs and internships with government agencies related to our legal systems.	 Seek informational interviews with those attending law school, practicing law, and those who earned a JD but don't practice.	Develop research, organization and management skills. Fine tune your problem solving, analytical, written and communication skills.
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Seek opportunities to further develop your leadership skills. 	Work with the Career Center to pursue internship opportunities and employment with law firms.	Find opportunities to advocate.	Volunteer in the Student Legal Services office.
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	Join BGSU student organizations such as Society of PPEL, The BGSU Mediation Team & Law Society.	Attend all info sessions, law fairs, workshops, webinars, and panel discussions with your peers.	Review LSAT and LSAC timelines. Obtain a leadership position in a student organization. Learn to work in study groups to develop collaborative and relationship building skills.	Get involved in community activities that promote justice and public service.
GLOBAL VIEWS	Master a foreign language.	Seek study abroad opportunities. 	Study human behavior & diverse cultures around the world. Apply for International Summer Legal Internships prior to your senior year.	
CAREER PREP	Visit the BGSU Career Center at www.bgsu.edu/career-center and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program. Explore in-demand careers, career pathways, and occupations using http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com	Become familiar with the Law School Admissions Council at www.lsac.org to review expectations and time lines. Develop a basic understanding of political and legal institutions, Become familiar with ethics and theory of justice.	Form study groups to prep for LSAT to familiarize with content and basic test strategies. 	Master basic formal logic; understand the logic argument structure, and practice logic games and develop grammar skills.



Graduation & Beyond

Students who pursue a law degree often go into private practice, join a law firm or work for a corporation or organization.

Points of Pride

BGSU grads have attended:

- Yale Law School
- Michigan State University College of Law
- Michael E. Moritz College of Law: The Ohio State University

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ALUMNI SUCCESS



L Lauren Biksacky '10, a litigation associate in Chicago for the office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, graduated from BGSU first in her class with summa cum laude. She left BGSU with a Political Science/International Studies degree, and continued her education at Yale Law School, graduating in 2014. During her time at Yale, she was part of the Yale Trial Advocacy Team. Lauren also achieved the title of Arbitration Team Top Attorney. She also was a semifinalist of the Moot Court of Appeals.



Betty Montgomery '70

Betty Montgomery, the first female Ohio Attorney General, former State Auditor, and BGSU Board of Trustees member. Currently Montgomery is an attorney with MacMurray, Peterson & Shuster in Columbus, Ohio.

BGSU Mediation Team [formerly known as MOCK TRIAL]

- 2015 was the first year that BGSU competed in Intercollegiate mediation competition.
- The season lasts from September through mid-November.
- BGSU participates in 3 tournaments at other universities, culminating in the National Championships that will be held in Dallas in 2016.
- Courts are increasingly relying on mediation to handle many kinds of disputes because it is cheaper and quicker than a full-scale court trial.
- Our team meets at least once a week during the season for training and practice.
- In the primary pre-National Championship Tournament in Atlanta in October of 2015, BGSU won 1st and 2nd place out of 48 teams.
- The Academy of International Alternative Dispute Resolution names 36 All-American Undergraduate Mediators. BGSU had 4 All Americans out of the 36 total. Each All-American is offered a scholarship to Drake Law School.



Neil Browne

Faculty Advisor

PROGRAM SUCCESS

BGSU, pending the Board of Trustees approval, will be launching a new major in Fall 2016 in conjunction with the Pre-Law Track program - The existing PPEL (Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law) minor is a multidisciplinary major/minor that provides students with multiple tool kits and perspectives helpful in answering hard questions. Coursework focuses on teaching students how to understand and evaluate the production, maintenance and interaction of social, political, legal and economic institutions.

The program consists of 36 credit hours, divided into three groups. The Groundwork courses (12 credits) ensure that students have a foundation in philosophy, economics, and political science. Second, the Core courses are four PPEL major only courses (12 credits) that integrate the three fields, including formal analysis, history, and original research. PPEL majors may then select a "Track" within the major that allows them to further pursue their research questions. Three tracks are offered: Law, Ethics & Policy, and National & International Perspectives. The tracks emphasize multidisciplinary skills.

The minor has the same aims as the major, but requires only 21 units of coursework.

All majors and minors take a capstone course their senior year – PPEL 4800 – where PPEL students develop research projects on advanced empirical and normative questions. This course can be united with internship and service learning opportunities in PPEL related fields like law and public policy.