Pre-Law

**ADVISORS:** Peter Coogan (history), Michael Gettings (philosophy)

Law schools seek students with strong liberal arts backgrounds reflecting quality performance. There is no set pattern of courses for a pre-law student, but students will find courses that emphasize reading, comprehension, analysis, and writing useful. Courses that may prove particularly useful include: ECON 158, ECON 241, ECON 261, and ECON 321; GWS 141 and GWS 203; PHIL 120 and PHIL 211; POLS 101, POLS 118, POLS 214, POLS 216, POLS 268, POLS 310, POLS 345, and POLS 363; and SOC 215, SOC 242, and SOC 260. History, mathematics, English, and science courses, particularly physics and chemistry, are also suggested.

Pre-Medicine

**ADVISORS:** Sandra Boatman (chemistry), Rebecca Beach (biology)

Medical schools seek broadly educated applicants who have a solid foundation in the natural sciences, strong analytical and communication skills, and extensive experience in the health professions in the form of employment, volunteer work, and/or internships. The following courses correspond to the academic requirements for admission to most medical school, mainly because most schools require students to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT); most of the topics covered on this test are found in the following courses: BIOL 220 and BIOL 236; CHEM 101 and CHEM 102 or CHEM 105 and CHEM 214; CHEM 221 and CHEM 222; CHEM/BIOL 351; PHYS 151 and PHYS 152 or PHYS 201 and PHYS 202 (all but CHEM/BIOL 351 including laboratories); PSYC 141; an introductory SOC course; and either STAT 140 or 251 or PSYC 208. In addition, most schools require or strongly recommend some college-level mathematics (typically MATH 140, or, in a few cases, MATH 241), and pre-calculus or calculus is required for physics. A few require computer science, as well as one or two semesters of English. First-year students who wish to enter medical school in the fall following graduation from Hollins are strongly encouraged to enroll in either biology or chemistry and mathematics during their first semester. Students should consult the Medical School Admissions Requirements (published by the Association of American Medical Colleges) for the requirements and recommendations of specific medical schools.

Pre-Nursing

**ADVISOR:** Rebecca Beach (biology)

An articulation agreement has been established with Jefferson College of Health Sciences (JCHS) in Roanoke, Virginia for Hollins students seeking career opportunities in the field of nursing. Each year, JCHS will grant priority admission to a maximum of six qualified Hollins students into the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program, three spaces for admission in the fall cohort and three for admission in the spring. Hollins students with a grade point average of at least 2.7 (first tier admission requires a minimum 3.2 GPA) who have completed their baccalaureate degree (in any field) and completed the following prerequisite courses (each with a grade of “C” or above) are eligible to apply:

- PHIL 253 (preferred), PHIL 182 or PHIL 252
- STAT 140, STAT 251, or PSY 208
- BIOL 220/220L, BIOL 260, and BIOL 312/312L
- PSY 144 or PSY 204
- Nutrition taken at JCHS during Short Term

Required course work for the Accelerated B.S.N. program will be completed at JCHS over four terms (fall, spring, summer, fall) after confirmation of the Hollins baccalaureate degree. The annual application deadlines for priority admission can be found at [https://www.jchs.edu/](https://www.jchs.edu/)