The College of Staten Island is proud to serve as a springboard for students interested in professional graduate training. Many of our graduates go on to pursue rewarding careers in law.

Pre-Law Preparation
In order to become a lawyer, students must complete an undergraduate bachelor’s degree or its equivalent, followed by graduate study in a three-year program at an accredited law school.

While there is no mandatory pre-law sequence of classes that students are required to take, the College of Staten Island offers several undergraduate majors which have traditionally helped students to excel in law school. Aspiring lawyers can choose to major in Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, History, English or any other rigorous program of study.

Students interested in becoming lawyers have a wide range of undergraduate majors available to them—the sky is the limit.

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is required by most law schools. It is typically taken early in the fourth year of college by students nearing the completion of their bachelor’s degree, but may be taken before that or after graduation.

CSI has a faculty member dedicated to guiding pre-law students and helping them to navigate the complex and exciting options available to them. Students should consult the faculty advisor as early as possible in the planning of their academic career so that the advisor can help them with the selection of courses and training to prepare them for law school.

The College of Staten Island also offers an exciting array of co-curricular activities in Student Government and clubs, which students can use to help gain the knowledge and experience they need for success in law school and the profession beyond.

In recent years, CSI graduates have been admitted to law schools such as Brooklyn, Cardozo, Cornell, Fordham, Northeastern, Penn State and Pepperdine.

Program Coordinator
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