

## Law at Conn

Employers, both in the private and public sectors, as well as law schools, prefer applicants who have achieved strong competency in:

- Oral and written expression
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Global and intercultural fluency
- Leadership
- Teamwork and collaboration

*A liberal arts education is a great foundation for a career in law.*

### Skills to career

*There are no major requirements for students interested in pursuing a law degree. Connecticut College students gain transferable skills and career readiness competencies that are key to graduate and professional school application, as well as careers. These include:*

- Research and digital literacy
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Written and oral communication skills
- Critical Thinking and problem solving
- Intercultural fluency
- Professionalism and work ethic
- Public speaking and presentation

### Career Informed Learning/ Career in the classroom

- Alumni introduce a real-world problem
- Students research, analyze and offer solutions
- Example: *U.S. Government and Politics*, students conducted policy research and then acted as specific members of Congress to solicit the political action committee of a major U.S. corporation for campaign donations. Students experienced the intricacies of politics, communication and negotiation.

### Connections curriculum

*Students interested in law can select from a number of innovative Pathways including Power/Knowledge; Social Justice and Sustainability; Public Health; Migrations, Displacements and (im)mobilities; Global Capitalism; Peace and Conflict and more, in which they will experience aspects of law and policy and will develop the skills needed to be successful in the field of law.*



## Internships

*Connecticut College's career funding program was one of the first career programs in the country to offer internship funding for every student. Over the past years, students interested in law have interned in public defense, restorative justice, legal aid and services, state supreme courts, children's protection, environmental protection, among many other areas, and with smaller private and 'big law' firms.*

## Law schools

*Connecticut College students navigate the law school application process with the support of the Pre-Law Professions Adviser and are accepted to and matriculate at many top tier law schools, including:*

- Columbia University School of Law
- Cornell Law School
- Duke University School of Law
- Georgetown University Law School
- Harvard Law School
- New York University School of Law
- Northwestern Prtizker School of Law
- UC Berkeley School of Law
- University of Chicago Law School
- University of Michigan Law School
- University of Pennsylvania Law School
- University of Virginia School of Law
- Yale University School of Law

## Co-Curricular Engagements

*Connecticut College students interested in law also gain skills and experience through engagements outside the classroom.*

- **The Connecticut College Law Society** is a student-run organization that coordinates law-related events, including LSAT prep, law school visits and admission information panels, and meetings with alumni.
- **The Mock Trial Club** offers students the chance to gain hands-on experience in mock court exercises. Supporting up to two teams, students benefit from the guidance of a local public defender. The Mock Trial Club is registered with the American Mock Trial Association and competes annually in practice competitions with both the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and UConn; and in a regional competition at Yale University.
- **Career Conversations** allow students to meet (remotely) one-on-one with alumni to discuss career trajectories and in the case of alumni working in law, the chance to talk about law school experiences and the work they are currently doing.

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