

PATHWAY TO LAW SCHOOL, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement (COA) provides a good academic foundation for a pre-law or related major at a baccalaureate-granting institution. Many of the courses present in this Certificate of Achievement are also options for the completion of the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer. The completion of the courses in this Certificate of Achievement will assist students to be recognized as a community college Pathway to Law School scholar. This recognition will assist students with law school admissions.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Pathway to Law Counselor, or other Ventura College counselors, to ensure that the appropriate courses are selected for the student's chosen major to universities and colleges in California or out-of-state.

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe the American legal system including its development, structure, and history.
- Articulate their views on legal and political issues.
- Evaluate diverse viewpoints.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of research methods and identify research questions, hypothesize and analyze, critique, and integrate source materials.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core: Select one course from each Section (24 units)		
Section 1. Understanding the Law		
POLS V17	Introduction to American Law	3
Section 2. Oral Communication		
COMM V10	Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate	3
Section 3. Written Communication		
ENGL V01A	English Composition	4
Section 4. Critical Thinking		
ENGL V01B	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	4
Section 5. Quantitative Reasoning		
MATH V44	Elementary Statistics	4
Section 6. United States History		
HIST V46	United States History to 1877	3
or HIST V56	United States History since 1865	
Section 7. American Government		
POLS V01	American Government	3
Total Units		24

Year 1		Units/Hours
Fall Semester		
ENGL V01A	English Composition	4
HIST V46 or HIST V56	United States History to 1877 or United States History since 1865	3
POLS V01	American Government	3
POLS V17	Introduction to American Law	3
Units/Hours		13
Spring Semester		
COMM V10	Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate	3
ENGL V01B	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	4
MATH V44	Elementary Statistics	4
Units/Hours		11
Total Units/Hours		24