The American Bar Association encourages prospective law students to:

**Develop** “a broad understanding of history, including the various factors (social, political, economic, and cultural) that have influenced the development of our society in the United States”;*

**Obtain** experiences that “can help [them] hit the ground running when [they] become a lawyer;”* and

**Pursue** opportunities (courses and experiences) that cultivate a specific set of skills.

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**The S.E.A.L. Curriculum:**

Courses related to society, ethics, law, and policy (18 hours)

Minor in Philosophy (15 hours)

Minor from College other than Liberal Arts, e.g. Business or Science (15-18 hours)

Internship or skill-building (6 hours)

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**Cultivating Skills**

The American Bar Association recommends a skill set that we believe is transferrable to all careers.

1. **Problem Solving** involves “courses and other experiences that will engage [students] in critical thinking about important issues, challenge ... beliefs and improve ... tolerance for uncertainty and criticism.”

2. **Critical Reading** involves “close reading and critical analysis of complex textual material.”

3. **Writing and Editing** involves “preparing original pieces of substantial length and revising written work in response to constructive criticism. [...] Language is the most important tool of a lawyer, and lawyers must learn how to express themselves clearly and concisely.”

4. **Oral Communication and Listening** involves “the ability to speak clearly and persuasively... and excellent listening skills.”

5. **Research** involves “undertaking a project that requires significant library research and the analysis of large amounts of information obtained from that research.”*

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*http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law.html

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