PRE-LAW AT UVM
PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
General Information
Our goals are to prepare you for (1) deciding whether you want to pursue a career in law, and
(2) if so, preparing you to prepare for that career.
A pre-law curriculum is a comprehensive undergraduate plan of study that you design to
maximize your chances of admission to a law school when you are a senior. There is no specified
or required pre-law curriculum. Law school admissions committees do not favor applicants with
certain majors. Nevertheless, there are recommended courses which should help prepare you for
admission, aid you in law school courses, and give you success in law school. Whatever major you
choose, and whatever other courses you take, you must achieve an outstanding undergraduate
academic record. In addition, you are responsible for doing all the necessary preparation in order
to make yourself an attractive law school applicant. Law school admissions are competitive. You
will be competing against other applicants who have impressive records as well.
The Department of Political Science has a number of faculty who are experienced in advising
students who are considering law school after graduation. Professors Ellen Andersen, Alec Ewald,
Lisa Holmes, and Thomas Sullivan are available to answer your questions and help you plan your
decision making. In additions, the UVM career service office is available with counseling. The
department throughout the academic year hosts discussion and learning sessions for students
who have interest in law school.