

2018 Summer Law School Preparation Academy Curriculum

All classes meet Monday through Friday, and times are tentative. Students are also expected to attend plenary sessions on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45 to 2:15. In addition to the plenary sessions, we will offer an optional LSAT lab on most Wednesdays from 12:45 to 2:15, for students planning to take the LSAT in the fall semester.

Phase I (First 5 week summer term, May 30-July 6)

- **WRC 3013 Writing for Prelaw 9:15-10:45**
This writing course is designed for students planning to become attorneys. It emphasizes clear, concise writing, as well as editing conventions necessary to produce readable and correct prose, free of jargon and inflated language. It provides students with an opportunity to improve their ability to express their understanding of law and its application to fact scenarios. The course introduces organizational strategies used to identify relevant elements of facts and law appropriate to the construction of well-written arguments and documents.
- **PAL 3323 Constitutional Analysis 11:00-12:30**
An analysis of constitutional cases, issues, and modes of interpretation focusing on governmental powers. Provides students the opportunity to hone analytical, critical reading, and writing skills and to increase substantive knowledge of constitutional law.

Phase II (Second 5 week summer term, July 9-August 14)

- **PAL 4223 Torts 9:15-10:45**
This course provides students with the opportunity to analyze American tort law. Topics may include negligence, intentional torts, affirmative defenses, and legal damages, as well as vicarious products and strict liability. Students should be prepared to read, brief, and discuss case law.
- **PAL 4013 Law & Society: Analytical Reasoning, Logic, and the LSAT 11:00-12:30**
This course is designed to introduce students to the elements of analytical reasoning and critical thinking, including the clear and precise use of language, deduction, induction, conditional reasoning, analogy, and logic, and to apply those principles of reasoning and logic in preparation for the Law School Admissions Test.