

UTSA Institute for Law and Public Affairs is Accepting Applications for Prelaw Academy

The UTSA Institute for Law and Public Affairs (ILPA) is accepting applications for the Summer Law School Preparation Academy (SLSPA), a leading pre-law program designed to increase the number of students who successfully gain admission to and excel in quality law schools.

The priority deadline to apply is March 1. Regular deadline is April 1, 2016.

The SLSPA curriculum prepares students for law school and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) by emphasizing analytical thinking, critical reading and quality writing skills. SLSPA students receive 12 hours of undergraduate credit, which can transfer to most accredited universities. The program also features a weekly series of speakers including law school professors, admissions directors, and legal practitioners.

The academy incorporates two phases with students taking two three-credit courses in each. Each phase is five weeks. Phase I starts May 31 and phase II starts July 8. Students apply for Phase I as sophomores and attend the academy during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Students enroll in Phase II during the summer after their junior year and before their senior year. Students also may take the two phases in one summer as well. Students who complete the SLSPA receive the Certificate in Legal Reasoning. Admittance is on a competitive basis.

Benefits of participating in the UTSA Summer Law School Preparation Academy are:

- Earn up to 12 credits toward the student's GPA.
- Receive concentrated LSAT preparation and intensive skills development.
- Attend mock law classes by law school professors from Texas and across the country.
- Learn ways to build a successful law school application, how to write a strong personal statement, and apply for scholarships and secure financial aid.
- Attend seminars by law school deans and directors of admissions.
- Network with law school admissions deans, directors, professors, and practitioner lawyers,
- judges, district and city attorneys, and other professionals in the legal field.
- Receive pre-law advising.
- Earn the Certificate in Legal Reasoning.

The Institute for Law and Public Affairs also provides prelaw advising to all students considering law school, regardless their participation in the Summer Law School Preparation Academy.

For more information, visit the UTSA Institute for Law and Public Affairs website or email ilpa@utsa.edu.