

2016 SLSPA Curriculum

All classes meet Monday through Friday, and are subject to change. Students are also expected to attend plenary sessions on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30. Students will select two courses in each phase.

Phase I (First 5 week summer term, 5/31-7/7/2016)

- **LGS 3213** **Law School Studies** **9:15-10:45**
Basic introduction to the primary subject areas covered in American law schools. Topics generally include Property, Civil Procedure, Contracts, Torts, Criminal Law, Family Law, Constitutional Law, and Professional Ethics.
- **LGS 3323** **Constitutional Analysis I** **11-12:30**
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.
- **LGS 4123** **Legal and Philosophical Reasoning** **12:45-2:15**
An intensive analysis of selected philosophical texts focusing on law and justice. Students are challenged to develop critical reading and thinking skills by studying the texts of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Dworkin, Hart, and/or others who outline difficult arguments and unfamiliar ideas. Emphasis is placed on drawing reasoned conclusions, advocating positions, and expressing oneself in oral and written forms.
- **WRC 3013** **Writing for Prelaw (2 sections)** **9:15-10:45 or 11-12:30**
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.

Phase II (Second 5 week term, 7/8-8/13/2016)

- **LGS 4013** **L&S: Analytical Reasoning, Logic, & the LSAT** **9:15-10:45, or 12:45-2:15**
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.
- **LGS 4223** **Torts (cross-listed with BLW 4953) (2 sections)** **9:15-10:45 or 11-12:30**
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.
- **LGS 3333** **Constitutional Analysis II** **11-12:30**
An analysis of constitutional cases, issues, and modes of interpretation focusing on the Bill of Rights, individual freedoms, and equal protection. Provides students the opportunity to enhance analytical, critical-reading, and writing skills and to increase substantive knowledge of constitutional law.