

2019 Summer Law School Preparation Academy Curriculum

All classes meet Monday through Friday, and times are tentative. Students are also expected to attend plenary sessions during Phase I, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:45 to 2:15pm. Students who take the 4 SLSPA courses are expected to attend an LSAT workshop during Phase II, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:45 to 2:15pm.

Phase I (First 5 week summer term, May 28-July 3, 2019)

• PAL 3323 Constitutional Analysis. (3-0) Credit Hours. 9:15am-10:45am

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.

• PHI 2043 Introductory Logic. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. 11:00am-12:30pm

This course introduces students to some of the modern formal systems used to distinguish between good and bad forms of reasoning in either or both of the deductive or inductive realms. Topics may include: translation from natural to formal languages, probability theory, scientific inductive reasoning, Bayesian reasoning, propositional calculus, predicate calculus, other kinds of formal deductive reasoning (e.g., modal, deontic or belief logics), natural deduction and/or other formal proof methods, problems in philosophical logic (denoting, elementary meta-logic, consistency and completeness of formal systems, elementary model theory etc.).

Phase II (Second 5 week summer term, July 5-August 10, 2019)

• WRC 3013 Writing for Prelaw. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. 9:15am-10:45am

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 4223 Torts. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours. 11:00am-12:30pm

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.