

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

Fall 2013 Workshops

The Academic Success Program will offer three workshops this fall. The workshops will focus on the skills fundamental to success in law school from the first day of class to final exams. Each workshop will be presented on a weekday and on the weekend. The workshops are open to all students, and all students are strongly encouraged to attend these important presentations.

The Nature of Our Game: Demystifying the Law School Classroom **Presented by Associate Professor Allen Blair**

Tuesday, September 3 | 11:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. | Room 105

Saturday, September 7 | 3:20 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. | Room 101

Do you walk into class feeling confident but walk out feeling lost? Are you confused about what you are supposed to take away from classroom discussions? Does it feel like no matter how hard you work and prepare, you cannot seem to figure out where your professors have hidden the ball? In this workshop, Professor Blair will help you to analyze and synthesize cases; take structured notes that will help you maximize your comprehension and prepare you for outlining later in the semester; and think about the different learning processes simultaneously taking place in each of your courses. By the end of the workshop, you will hopefully feel a little more certain about your bearings in a law school classroom.

Outline is a VERB: Briefing, Synthesizing, and Outlining for Academic Success **Presented by Associate Professor Morgan Holcomb**

Saturday, September 21 | 3:20 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. | Room 101

Tuesday, September 24 | 11:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. | Room 105

In this session, we will review briefing and synthesizing, and we will discuss how to turn our case briefs into outlines that will help on exams. You will learn the purpose of briefing and synthesizing; learn how to outline course materials; and learn how outlining differs from taking class notes and preparing case briefs.

You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream: Preparing For and Writing Your First Law School Exams **Presented by Professor Ed Butterfoss**

Tuesday, October 8 | 11:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. | Room 105

Saturday, October 12 | 3:20 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. | Room 101

Exams are approaching. It is time to start serious preparation. This workshop will review IRAC as it pertains to exams and introduce the ice cream hypothetical. It will include a detailed and thorough discussion of what you should be doing leading up to exams and what you should be prepared to do when you sit down in the exam room to actually take the exam, focusing on how to convert the information you have compiled in your outlines into an effective exam answer. The workshop will include a review of actual exam answers and give you a chance to practice the all important skill of exam writing.

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