

McGeorge Summer Bridge Academy

Welcome to the McGeorge School of Law Summer Bridge Academy! This program is designed for entering first-year law students who want to get a jump start on bridging the academic skills gap between undergraduate or graduate school, a gap year or a prior career, and law school.

The program will consist of six (6) virtual sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during the weeks of July 15, 2024 and July 22, 2024. Each session will begin promptly at 5:30 pm (Pacific) and adjourn by 8:30 pm (Pacific). Participants will be assigned homework to complete during the program. A review and evaluation of homework assignments will be discussed during the following virtual session. Please check your email for possible handouts and/or announcements!

Please note that each session has a unique zoom link. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Stephanie Thompson (sthompson@pacific.edu) and Professor Oyango Snell (osnell@pacific.edu).

McGeorge Summer Bridge Academy Schedule 5:30-8:30 PM Each Day

Session One (Monday, July 15)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/94881682207>

- Welcome and Introductions
- Law School 101
- Expert Learning for Law Students and Adopting the Right Mindset
- Overview of the Legal System

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with foundations for the law school experience, learning strategies, and an understanding of law school demands, expectations, terminology, and the structure of the American legal system.

Session Two (Tuesday, July 16)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/98984991215>

- Understanding How to Exercise Critical Reading
- Understanding the Process of Briefing Legal Cases
- Mastering Time Management and Asking for Help

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with critical legal skills and tools for law school and legal practice.

Wednesday, July 17

No Live Session

- Homework (this will be distributed at end of Tuesday's session and emailed)
- Review and Reflection

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an opportunity to exercise critical reading, analyzing, case briefing, and other skills required for success in law school and legal practice.

Session Three (Thursday, July 18)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/96246381293?pwd=UNGSvaPxR5VxcNaznLlG6Uh7OOJDDs.1>

- Review and Evaluation of Reading/Briefing Legal Cases
- Law School Professor Panel
 - Professor Jennifer Harder
 - Professor Michael Malloy
 - Professor Mike Vitiello
- Engaging in the Classroom Experience

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an opportunity to review, evaluate, and receive constructive feedback regarding critical reading, analyzing, case briefing, and other skills required for success in law school and legal practice and develop a firm understanding of law professors' expectations.

Friday, July 19-Sunday, July 21

No Live Sessions

- Homework (this will be distributed at end of Thursday's session and emailed)
- Review and Reflection

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an opportunity to exercise critical reading, analyzing, case briefing, and other skills required for success in law school and legal practice.

Session Four (Monday, July 22)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/94245883641>

- Value of Study Groups
- Mock Class with Professor Larry Levine
- Enhancing Learning Post-Class (Synthesis and Outlining)

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an opportunity to improve critical reading and briefing skills in a group setting, participate and engage in a live law school classroom setting, and develop skills and tools for enhancing learning post classroom activities.

Session Five (Tuesday, July 23)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/97548711786>

- Essay Exams and the IRAC Paradigm
- Issue Spotting/Issue Identification
- Multiple Choice Exams

Key Objectives: Provide incoming first-year law students with an introduction to law school essay and multiple-choice exams along with some initial techniques and strategies, strategies regarding how to issue spot, and other test-taking tools to demystifying law school exams and assessments.

Wednesday, July 24

No Live Session

- Homework (this will be distributed at end of Tuesday's session and emailed)
- Review and Reflection

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an opportunity to engage in issue spotting, and other skills required for success in law school and legal practice.

Session Six (Thursday, July 25)

Zoom Link: <https://pacific.zoom.us/j/98237869732?pwd=DolyVFYPPHnfZBd8B89iZjHPrAHltL.1>

- Legal Research and Writing with Professor Ederlina Co
- Understanding and Accepting Feedback
- Law Student Panel
 - Katie Arosteguy
 - Khalil Ferguson
 - Jewel Unga
 - Jeffrey Whalen

Key Objectives: Provide entering first-year law students with an overview of legal research and writing, perspective on understanding and accepting constructive feedback, and practical tips for law school success from fellow law students.