

Pathway to Law School



Program Description: To assist the State Bar of California in its efforts to ensure the legal profession reflects the diverse population of the State of California, this pathway creates a pipeline of diverse students from high schools, community colleges, four-year institutions, and law schools into law or law-related careers.

Completion of these courses enables students to self-identify as a California State Bar Council on Access & Fairness (COAF) Law Scholar for application to participating law schools including: University of California Berkeley, University of California Davis, University of California Irvine, University of California Los Angeles, Loyola Law School, Santa Clara University School of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, Chapman University, Fowler School of Law and McGeorge School of Law.

Program Benefits:

- Dedicated counselor and faculty champion
- Mentorship with a local lawyer or judge
- Extracurricular pre-law activities including law school/courthouse visits; local bar events, panels, and workshops
- Free LSAT review course from Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat>)
- Internships and service-learning opportunities
- Some law schools may consider priority admission and all participating law schools will waive application fee

Recommended Course Sequence: M = MANDATORY, R = RECOMMENDED All courses are offered each semester unless otherwise noted.

Fall Semester				
Course	Title	Units	GE AREA	
M	PARLGL 101	Introduction to Law	3	CSU Elective
M	ENGL 101/101H	English Composition (AP Exam Score of 3 or more acceptable)	4	IGETC 1A/CSU A-2
R	COUNS 150	Student Success	3	CSU E/ UC Elective

Spring Semester				
Course	Title	Units	GE AREA	
M	ENGL 103/103H	Critical Thinking (may substitute COMS 227, ENGL 112/112H or PHILOS 206)	3	IGETC 1B/CSU A-3
M	MATH 140/140H	Introductory Statistics (AP Exam Score of 3 or more acceptable)	4	IGETC 2/CSU B-4

Appropriate substitutions for Statistics include: Math 140X, Psychology 104, or Sociology 137

Fall Semester				
Course	Title	Units	GE AREA	
M	COMS 225	Strategies of Argumentation	3	CSU A-3/UC Elective
M	POLI SC 150/150H	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3	IGETC 4/ CSU D-6
R	PARLGL 107	Legal Ethics (fall and winter only)	1	CSU Elective

Spring Semester				
Course	Title	Units	GE AREA	
M	HIST 111/111H	United States History I (may substitute w/any US History AIR GE*)	3	IGETC 3 or 4/CSU C-2 or D-6
R	CWE 188 PLGL	Cooperative Work Experience	1-4	CSU Elective

*Appropriate substitutions for the American Institutions Requirement (AIR) include: Econ 170, Ethnic Studies 116, 117, HIST 112/112H, 116, 117, 120/120H or 130

Students who complete the Pathway to Law School program may qualify for TWO Certificates. 1. The California LAW Pathways Certificate of Completion recognized by our law school partners. 2. The College of the Canyons Cal-Law Scholar Certificate of Achievement. Reference the Law School Canvas Shell for details and deadlines. To qualify for these certificates, students must complete all “Mandatory” courses listed above and submit the COAF Law Scholar Petition and the Certificate of Achievement Petition to Liz.shaker@canyons.edu during the final term coursework is completed.

NOTE: Admission to law school has additional requirements, including a bachelor’s degree, LSAT, and application. Schedule an appointment with Liz Shaker to determine if you qualify as a COAF Law Scholar! For more information, visit www.canyons.edu/lawschoolpathway and complete the student interest survey and sign up to attend an information session!

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