

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SUMMER ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

1. Who is eligible for the summer program?

All first-year law students can apply for the summer program. However, because of the limited space available, priority will be given to students who meet certain criteria (see Question 2).

2. How will students be chosen for the summer program?

Students who apply for the summer program will be selected to participate on the basis their application materials and their ability to articulate why the program would be beneficial to them.

3. When will I know if I have been accepted into the summer program?

You will be notified of your acceptance by June 29th.

4. Do I have to pay to participate in the summer program?

No. The program and all course materials are free.

5. Will I receive any course credit for the summer program?

No. Your course load during the academic year will be the same as that of non-participants.

6. Does my performance during the summer program affect my standing in the fall?

No. The program is ungraded and entirely voluntary.

7. If I'm accepted into the summer program, am I required to attend all the classes?

Yes. Each class builds on the preceding class so we cannot allow students to attend only part of the program.

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR THE 2018 SUMMER ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Summer Academic Success Program consists of two components: a substantive law course and a legal skills course. The substantive course component for the 2018 program is Constitutional Law. The course will meet every morning for one and a half hours and will cover a portion of the material taught in the constitutional law course during the regular academic year.

The skills course, which will also meet in the morning, consists of a one to two hour classroom lecture followed by small group discussions and writing exercises in the afternoon. The course emphasizes analytical reasoning, legal writing, and exam preparation. Students will prepare daily written assignments based on materials covered in the substantive course. Writing assignments will include "briefing" cases for class preparation, developing legal arguments that analogize and distinguish new fact situations from cases discussed in the substantive course, statutory interpretation, and practice exams.