

Program Dates and Curriculum

Prep Program II: June-November 2017

Overview

In June and July our Ron Brown Prep Program II students have a full-time schedule of on-site, in-person LSAT diagnostics and classes and other workshops at St. John's Law for eight weeks. From August to October, they continue with an online LSAT training program, with more diagnostics and in-person study sessions for local students. All students then take the Fall 2017 LSAT. The program culminates in November with an event where students meet with admissions officers from law schools from around the country.

LSAT Review and Preparation

- Customized LSAT Prep course taught by industry leader Kaplan Test Prep
- Homework and review sessions
- At least ten full-length diagnostic LSAT exams

LSAT Course Content

- Logical reasoning
- Reading comprehension
- Game theory
- Exam-taking strategies
- Overcoming exam anxiety

Beyond the LSAT

- Personal statement and diversity statement workshops
- Resume writing and interviewing workshops
- Financial aid advising
- Mentorship program
- Networking events in New York City
- Emotional and mental health counseling



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Ron Brown Prep Program SUMMER 2017

100+ alumni
are now at
54 law schools!



New program
for college
freshmen:
Prep Program
Foundations

85%+ of
students
in 2015
and 2016
received
financial
aid!

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Application Period:

December 31, 2016-February 6, 2017

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About Us

The **Ron Brown Prep Program** furthers the Ron Brown Center's mission of engaging in legal studies, research, and outreach on issues affecting the lives of disadvantaged and underrepresented people; increasing racial and socioeconomic diversity in the legal profession; and educating law students to be leaders on issues of racial, economic, and social justice. To help raise the number of diverse, disadvantaged students in law schools, the Ron Brown Prep Program identifies these students in their college years and offers them early exposure to the study and practice of law.

Why Attend?

The Ron Brown Prep Program prepares students for the challenges of law school and for the law school application process. Participants gain an edge in courses taught by Law School faculty; through internships with judges and lawyers; in a customized LSAT prep course; and with advising on all aspects of the admissions process.

Past Ron Brown Prep Program students have seen their LSAT scores go up and have been accepted to more than 40 different law schools, including:

- Harvard
- Yale
- Boston College
- Cornell
- Duke
- Emory
- Georgetown
- GW
- NYU
- St. John's
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UCLA
- U of Michigan
- Vanderbilt

Today, over 100 Ron Brown Prep Program alumni are attending law school or practicing law.

Financial Aid

The Ron Brown Center offers financial assistance to help eligible Ron Brown Prep Program students with tuition and/or housing fees. We strongly encourage all applicants who need financial assistance to apply for financial aid. Eligibility will be determined based on forms similar to the FAFSA.

85%+ of students in 2015 and 2016 received financial aid.

Tuition, Application Process, and Housing

Prep Program Foundations Tuition: \$1,500

The program is open to college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 24 college credits as of June 1, 2017
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

Prep Program I Tuition: \$3,000

The program is open to college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 50 college credits as of June 1, 2017
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

Prep Program II Tuition: \$2,500

The program is open to college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 75 college credits as of June 1, 2017
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

February 6, 2017

The application period starts December 31, 2016 and ends on February 6, 2017. To apply please visit stjohns.edu/ron-brownprep.

All applicants must submit the following by the application deadline:

- Online application
- Resume
- Most recent official college transcript
- Writing sample
- Personal statement
- Two letters of reference

Housing Fee: \$325/week (subject to change)

Housing for Ron Brown Prep Program students is limited, but available in shared dormitory rooms on St. John's Queens campus.

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Five Weeks of a Full-Time Legal Internship Placement

Skills and Professionalism Developmental Program

Three weeks of a unique academic and professionalism course that is taught by experienced faculty members and includes:

- An introduction to basic concepts of law and the American legal system
- A focus on developing and improving academic abilities such as critical reading and writing and critical thinking and analytical skills
- An intense schedule of reading and writing assignments and a final cumulative assessment
- Multiple workshops on professionalism, time management, setting priorities, speaking up and knowing when to get help
- Small faculty to student ratio with lead professors and teaching assistants

Prep Program I: June-July 2017

Introduction to Law and Law School

This highly engaging curriculum is taught entirely at St. John's Law by our outstanding faculty and includes:

- An intensive three-week course introducing basic concepts of law and the American legal system
- A survey of specialty areas, such as criminal law, civil procedure, contracts, immigration law, family law, and business law, among others
- Lawyering skill building classes on legal writing, trial advocacy, legal research, and negotiation
- Rigorous reading and writing assignments and a mock law school exam
- Small faculty to student ratio with lead professors and teaching assistants

Five Weeks of a Full-Time Legal Internship Placement

Past Ron Brown Prep Program I students have interned with:

- AXA Equitable Legal Department
- NYS Attorney General's Office
- District Attorneys' Offices
- Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP
- Bronx Public Defenders
- Paul Hastings LLP
- Solo Practitioners & Small Law Firms
- Urban Justice Center

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