

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM - 1L ACADEMIC SKILLS CLASSES – FALL 2024

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Academic Success Program at the University of Richmond School of Law is designed to empower students to maximize their potential for success in law school and beyond. Our goal is to help students make the transition to law school easier by providing guidance about properly preparing for, engaging in, and reflecting upon their law school classes. First-year students will receive instruction on the skills necessary for success in the law classroom during Orientation week and several classes during the fall semester. Fall semester program topics include Case Reading, Case Briefing, Time Management, Outlining, Study Strategies, and Exam Preparation.

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Class Meets: Varies depending on the section. Check the full schedule below for specific dates and topics.

Student Learning Objectives: By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to critically read and brief cases.
2. Demonstrate the ability to synthesize substantial material in preparation for exam study.
3. Demonstrate the ability to analyze and write essay answers.
4. Demonstrate the ability to critique multiple-choice questions.
5. Recognize their learning styles.
6. Demonstrate the ability to manage their time by creating and following a schedule; and
7. Demonstrate the ability to self-assess and make appropriate corrections in their study strategies

Class Policies:

- Students will check in via Qwickly for attendance tracking.
- Lunch or breakfast will be provided, unless otherwise indicated. Students may grab your food and eat during the session.
- Students should add the Academic Success Program Blackboard page to review course materials before and/or after a session.
- No photographs or recordings: Students may not take screenshots, photos, make audio or video recordings of material presented in class or the Zoom screen without the express permission of the professor. Slides will be posted on Blackboard after each session. Moreover, the photography or recording of examinations and other non-distributed class materials for personal use provided during class, review sessions, office hours or otherwise is strictly prohibited.

ASP PROGRAM SCHEDULE – FALL 2024

NOTE: Topics may change depending on specific needs/concerns of the first-year class or concerns identified by 1L faculty. Please frequently check the Academic Success Program Blackboard page for course announcements, including classroom location updates, course resources, and handouts.

MODULE 1: PREPARING FOR CLASS

- **ASP Orientation Session 1 - Mon. 8/19/24**
Topic: Critical Reading & Understanding Court Opinions, Case Briefing Introduction
Location: See Orientation Schedule/session times and rooms vary based on section
- **ASP Orientation Session 2 -Thurs. 8/22/24**
Topic: Effective Note-Taking Strategies & Class participation via Socratic Dialogue
Location: See Orientation Schedule/session times and rooms vary based on section
- **ASP Orientation Session 3 – Fri. 8/23/24**
Topic: Consolidating After Class - The Importance of post-class review & an overview of case synthesis
Location: See Orientation Schedule/session times and rooms vary based on section
- **ASP Fall Session 1: Case Briefing Workshop in Collaboration with Civil Procedure Classes**
Topic: Case briefing review with specific strategies for briefing civil procedure cases. Each civil procedure professor will lead their students in a discussion of how to implement this skill, using materials from their course.

Date: Fri. 8/30/24 -Professor M. Harbach's section

Time: 12 – 1pm

Location: Moot Courtroom, lunch provided

Date: Tues. 9/3/24 -Professor L. Norris' sections

Time: 12 – 1 pm

Location: Moot Courtroom, lunch provided

MODULE 2: EFFECTIVE STUDY STRATEGIES

- **ASP Fall Session 2: Outlining Workshop in Collaboration with Civil Procedure Classes**
Topic: Outlining overview & strategies. During this session, students will learn how an outline differs from case briefing, how outlining cements their learning, and tips on creating their own outlines.
- Date: Mon. 9/9/24 - Professor M. Harbach's section**
Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Location: Moot Courtroom, breakfast provided
- Date: Thurs. 9/12/24 - Professor L. Norris' sections**
Time: 12 – 1 pm
Location: Moot Courtroom, lunch provided

- **ASP Fall Session 3: Exam Essay Writing Workshop in Collaboration with Civil Procedure Classes**
Topic: This session focuses on writing exam answers. The session will provide students with a foundation for understanding the various types of exam questions, with a particular emphasis on ways to approach, organize, analyze, and write the answer.

Date: Mon. 9/23/24 - **Professor M. Harbach's section**

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am

Location: Moot Courtroom, breakfast provided

Date: Thurs. 9/24/24 - **Professor L. Norris' sections**

Time: 12 – 1 pm

Location: Moot Courtroom, lunch provided

- **ASP Fall Session 4: Study Aids & Study Strategies Workshop in Collaboration with PIF Classes**
Topic: This session focuses on effective study strategies and how to use commercial study aids to supplement classroom learning.

Date: Mon. 10/7/24 – Fri. 10/11/24

Time: Varies (during PIF classes)

Location: Multiple/PIF classrooms

MODULE 3: SELF-REGULATED LEARNING AND REFLECTION

- **ASP Fall Session 5: Midterm Exam Review & Reflection Workshop in Collaboration with Civil Procedure Classes**

Topic: This session focuses on using your midterm feedback to diagnose concerns and offers strategies to improve your exam performance. We will also review various self-assessment tools to monitor and reflect on your performance.

Date: Mon. 10/28/24 - **Professor M. Harbach's section**

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am

Location: Moot Courtroom, breakfast provided

Date: Thurs. 10/31/24 - **Professor L. Norris' sections**

Time: 12 – 1 pm

Location: Moot Courtroom, lunch provided

MODULE 4: FINAL EXAM PREPARATION

- **ASP Fall Session 6: Writing Final Exams and Creating Your Study Plan**

Topic: This session will focus on Final Exam Preparation with an emphasis on study resources, exam study plans, and exam practice.

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Date: Fri. 11/15/24

Time: 12 – 1 pm

Location: Moot Courtroom