Pre-Law Academy Students:

The Road to Law School—
There are many paths leading to a legal education. Successful lawyers are strong writers, sophisticated legal thinkers, and astute interpreters of human institutions and values. They share high ethical standards, an ability to communicate well orally, and skills in applying applicable law to the facts of each case.

The best preparation for law school is a broad liberal arts background that includes courses that strengthen one’s command of English; develop an ability to think clearly, concisely, and logically; and increase an understanding of social issues. Part of being a successful lawyer is being a capable leader, gained through education and public service.

Coursework: Students will enroll in courses of their choice. However, these courses will offer pre-registration.

Semester 1: Fall 2014
   Legal Studies/Political Science 213: “Law, Politics, & Society"
Semester 2: Spring 2015
   Legal Studies/Sociology 131: “Criminal Justice in America”

Semester 3: Fall 2015
   Comparative Literature 203: “Law and Literature”
Semester 4: Spring 2016
   Philosophy 210: “Reason in Communication”

Semester 5: Fall 2016
   Political Science 411: “Constitutional Law”
Semester 6: Spring 2017
   Philosophy 211: Elementary Logic

Semester 7: Fall 2017
   Legal Studies/Sociology 641: “Sociology of Law”
Semester 8: Spring 2018
   Legal Studies 409: “Human Rights & Law in Society”

Pre-Law Academy participants will also gain individual advising, workshops with invited law schools, and group meetings to build community. Third year students will engage in community–based research. Internships, volunteering, and networking opportunities are essential parts of this initiative.

The Pre-Law group (cohort) invites freshmen to apply. We will also accept on-campus applications. To apply as freshmen or as continuing (and transfer students), please complete the Academy on-line application.