

2021 Summer Skills Program Overview

Class 1: Introduction to Law School

Tuesday, July 6, 2021; 1:00-2:20 pm PDT

This class will provide a foundation for students embarking on their legal education at California Western. From the first day of class through graduation and beyond, this class will provide an overview of your legal education and the many opportunities available outside of the classroom. Students will learn about the California Western experience from members of the faculty, current students, and alumni.

Class 2: Introduction to Law and the U.S. Legal System

Thursday, July 8, 2021; 11:00 am-12:20 pm PDT

This class will focus on "thinking like a lawyer" with an introduction to major sources, methods, and tools of legal reasoning, analysis, and problem solving. It will start with an overview of the U.S. legal system (*i.e.*, sources and types of law, the federal/state system, and the court structure). The class will use examples from these sources to introduce and illustrate several major approaches lawyers use to analyze and solve legal problems.

Classes 3-5: Subject Matter Classes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021; Thursday, July 15, 2021; Tuesday, July 20, 2021; 1:00-2:20 pm PDT

Each class will address a distinct area of law: IP/licensing, criminal law, and immigration law. It will provide an introduction to each area of law and will offer examples of how legal analysis is used in these subjects.

Class 6: Capstone Project

Thursday, July 22, 2021; 1:00-2:20 pm PDT

This class provides a capstone project for the Summer Program. It will provide students an opportunity to conduct legal analysis on a hypothetical case involving a burglary. Students will work in groups to develop arguments about whether or not certain facts satisfy the various legal requirements of the crime.