



Legal Academy

In Partnership with Canisius College and the University at Buffalo

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- The Legal Academy program offers an exciting opportunity for selected students to experience a unique alternative to the traditional classroom setting.
- Develop a network of professional connections through extensive field experiences across WNY.
- Create resumes superior to those of many college students.
- Shadow college level legal courses.
- Participate in the Erie County Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition.

COLLEGE CREDIT CONNECTIONS

- Bryant and Stratton
- Hilbert College
- Canisius College
- Medaille College

SPECIAL NOTES

- New Visions programs require an application and interview for admission.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation to Canisius College and internship sites.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- 1 Credit ELA 12
- 1 Credit PIG/Economics
- 1 Credit Criminal Justice
- 1 Credit Internship

CAREER PATHS

PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

Attorney
 Judge
 Probation / Parole Officer
 Forensic Agent - FBI, ICE, DEA
 Investigator
 Social Worker
 Intelligence Agent

TECHNICAL CAREERS

Paralegal
 Law Enforcement Officer
 Corrections Officer
 Detective
 Crime Scene Investigator
 Legislative Analyst

ENTRY LEVEL CAREERS

Dispatcher
 Bailiff
 Legal Secretary
 Report Writer
 Politician
 Lobbyist
 Legislative Assistant

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New Visions

CRIMINAL LAW

- The Criminal Trial
- NY State Penal Law
- Violent Crimes
- Property Crimes
- The Court System
- Sentencing and Corrections

FAMILY LAW

- Law and the American Family
- Marriage
- Parents and Children
- Foster Care and Adoption
- Separation, Divorce and Custody
- Juvenile Delinquency

MOCK TRIAL

- Steps in a Trial
- Jury Selection
- Opening Statements
- Closing Arguments
- Rules of Evidence and Procedure
- Witness Examinations

LAWMAKING

- Advocacy
- Settling Disputes
- Lawyers

TORTS

- Civil Law
- Civil vs. Criminal Action
- Negligence
- Strict Liability
- Torts and Public Policy

CONSUMER LAW

- Contracts
- Warranties
- Credit and Other Financial Services
- Deceptive Sales Practices
- Major Purchases

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

- Freedom from Unreasonable Search and Seizure
- Freedom of Speech
- Double Jeopardy
- The Right to an Attorney / Jury Trial
- Protection Against Cruel Unhuman Treatment
- 8th Amendment and Capital Punishment

POLICING

- Article 35 - Use of Force
- NY State Safe Act
- The Crime Scene
- Forensic Techniques
- Felony Arrest and Felony Stop

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW

- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property
- Law and Terrorism

INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS

- Four internships per year
- 1 internship per quarter
- Sites include political offices, courts (county, city and federal), law offices and transportation security administration

