



# Legal Academy

1 YEAR PROGRAM

NEW VISIONS

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.
- Mock trial at UB School of Law and Class Shadowing

## INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS

- Four Internships per Year
- One Internship per Quarter
- Sites include political offices, courts (county, city and federal), law offices and transportation security administration

## Career Paths

### PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

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

### TECHNICAL CAREERS

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

### ENTRY LEVEL CAREERS

Bailiff  
 Dispatcher  
 Legal Secretary  
 Legislative Assistant  
 Lobbyist  
 Politician  
 Report Writer

## COLLEGE CREDIT CONNECTIONS

- Bryant and Stratton
- Canisius College
- Hilbert 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

### 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
- 8th Amendment and Capital Punishment

### POLICING

- Article 35: Use of Force
- NY State Safe Act
- The Crime Scene
- Forensic Techniques

### CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW

- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property
- Law and Terrorism

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