

Pre Law Institute

Mission

Taking its mandate from John Jay College's mission, Educating for Justice, the Pre Law Institute prepares John Jay College students to successfully enter law school and the legal profession. The Pre Law Institute supports this movement by crafting academic skill-building programs and professional development initiatives and by emphasizing early and intensive student engagement in developing the analytic and critical writing skills that students will need to perform optimally as law school applicants and as law students.

Major Goals

- Students will understand the rigors of law school and the discipline needed to prepare for and succeed in law school.
- Students will develop writing and analytical skills through programs which focus on literacy strengths and challenges and which use literacy skills as the basis for analysis, advocacy, and argumentation.
- Students will develop an understanding of the specific skills needed for success on the LSAT through initiatives which include direct engagement with test materials.
- Students will enhance their academic capacity by developing, among other things, good study habits, listening skills and an understanding of the need for preparation, discipline, prioritization and planning.
- Students will learn about the law school application and admission process and the components of a well-crafted law school personal statement.

- Students will learn techniques and strategies of factual and legal research.
- Students will learn about the variety of career paths and job opportunities a legal education can help them pursue and the contributions lawyers can make to society.

Vision

The Pre Law Institute develops students who recognize the contributions of attorneys as public servants, whether engaged in private or public sector law practice, and who acknowledge the importance of the law as an instrument for justice on both a regional and global level. The Pre Law Institute engages John Jay College prelaw students in becoming transformative leaders who fashion solutions to complex legal and public policy concerns.