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STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD



ALISHA LONON

- I joined the LPS Student Advisory Board because I wanted to be a part of a positive and welcoming community that seeks to foster learning. Furthermore, I also wanted to receive more important knowledge about the LPS department here at Drake University and serve as a leader and offer guidance to other LPS students on their academic journey here at Drake University. I currently serve on the LPS SAB as the Co-writer of the LPS Student Newsletter. What I have gained from being an LPS student is the knowledge on how to strengthen my analytical thinking for researching and my reading & writing skills in general.
 - My favorite class has been LPS 135: Detention and Deportation with Professor Purdum! This course gave me an abundance of knowledge and insight on the functionality of the US immigration system, as well as the types of detention and deportation practices happening at the US Borders.
- Directly after graduation, my plans are to attend an accredited law school.
 - -I joined LPS SAB because I wanted to be involved with possible administrative duties with relation to my overall major.
- -LPS, among other things, has taught me the entangled and self-reproducing nature of our general society with relation to the law. For better, or for worse.
- -Picking a favorite class amongst them all is rather difficult, the most I can do to narrow the prosect would be to assign it by year. For the first year, Professor Garriott's class on criminal law, second year, Professor Cramer's class on the Supreme Court, third year, Professor Stepnitz's class on migration and membership. This year, well, I suppose my favorite class for this semester thus far has been Neuroscience and the Law.
- -Current post grad school plans: After graduation, I intend for a gap year before attending law school.



BARDHA AHMEDI

- I joined LPS SAB because I wanted to support the department and to help it grow. I have loved every minute of my time in LPS and want others to have the same opportunities!
- I have learned how society's structure has, and continues to, operate to empower the ruling class at the expense of the oppressed.
 - Geographies of Law and Power with Professor Purdum has been my favorite class!
 - After undergrad, I want to attend law school!



What is the LPS Colloquium course all about?

Students have been telling us they want more programming to enrich their experience in the major. They want more opportunities for professional development. They want more opportunities to engage with alumni. They want more opportunities to engage with scholars in the field. This course will provide those opportunities.

What can LPS students look forward to when taking this course? Conversely, what might LPS students gain after taking this course?

Most classes will feature guest speakers. Professionals in the field will talk about what they do and how they came to do it. Alumni will talk about their own professional trajectories from LPS into their current career. And scholars will share their work and come talk to us about it. The entire LPS faculty will be at these scholarship sessions, so students will also get a chance to see what it's like when we are all in a room together talking about ideas.

How may this course help LPS students in deciding their future academic/career-related plans? This course is unique in that students can take it for credit, but the guest speaker sessions will be open to all majors. So, even if a student can't officially enroll in the course, I would encourage everyone to pay attention to the schedule and attend when they can. As far as how this course will help with future plans, I think it will give students a dedicated space to hear from people who are "doing" LPS in different ways and to think about whether some of these opportunities seem like something they want to pursue. They will then have people they can contact to get advice on how to move into those kinds of careers.

POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES OF INTEREST FOR LPS STUDENTS

The Drake University Honors **Program**

Any Drake University students who are interested in taking honors classes and doing the Honors track to potentially graduate with University Honors should contact the current Director of the Drake Honors Program, Mrs. Charlene Skidmore. Email:

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Drake University Honors Student Executive Council

If you are a Drake Honors student and would like to become more involved within the Honors program and help in the planning of fun and academic events for fellow honors students. Reach out to the Honors Student executive council!

Instagram: @DrakeHonors



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