



DRAKE LPS ALUMNA SABINA IDRIZ (BA'22) TEACHES LSAT PREP COURSE IN SPRING

LPS IS EXCITED THAT DRAKE WILL BE OFFERING A NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE THIS SPRING, LSAT PREP, UNDER THE NUMBER INTD 065. COURSE INSTRUCTOR AND DRAKE ALUMNA SABINA IDRIZ (BA'22) TELLS US A BIT ABOUT HERSELF AND WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COURSE.



What can you tell us about the LSAT Prep test course being offered in the spring? I am excited to bring my three years of LSAT tutoring experience and knowledge to the classroom at Drake, and help students make sense of this test. I'm going to provide diagnostic tests, advice for studying and test-taking practices, strategies and structure that can help anyone master the LSAT. This test is learnable, but it's nothing like the other standardized tests you've taken, and the learning curve is steep. I recommend anyone interested in applying for law school take this course because that LSAT score will be a huge part of your application, and you can control it!

You are a Drake alum yourself—is there anything you'd like to say about the LPS program? As a first-generation college student, I always thought of law school as a pipe dream. I didn't have the resources to afford expensive LSAT tutors or prep programs, and had no idea how the process worked beyond that. The LPS department helped me gain access to secondhand textbooks and a network of peers in the same studying journey, and I scoured the Internet for all free content I could find. I realized that I could do this, even though the barriers to knowledge were so unfair.

What have you been doing since graduation? After graduating in May, I jumped into a Campaign Manager position with the Iowa House Democrats. I'm helping nearby candidates run competitive races, organizing events and fundraising initiatives, managing volunteer recruitment and supervising our interns from Drake. This position has been really rewarding because I'm working towards an important goal - on that note, vote in November!

You got a perfect score on the LSAT! Any comments? My perfect 180 on the LSAT is the result of hard work, perseverance, and remembering not to give up on myself even when studying got frustrating. The most important thing I did for myself was start early! I remember bringing my LSAT textbooks to the retail store I managed in freshman year, and practicing logic games on a small dry erase board I carried around at holiday gatherings. I started at a 155 and climbed my way up, which was a long but rewarding process. You've got to make time even if you feel like you have none, and treat the studying process like it's a part time-job that you need to show up for. I've heard it said that one LSAT point is worth \$10,000 and I couldn't agree more - it makes all the difference when it comes to scholarship money and acceptance to good schools with ideal job placement rankings.

NEW LPS CLASS FOR SPRING: CRITICAL HUMANITARIANISM, LEANNE PURDUM LPS 135

Course Description: Many of us want to help. Perhaps we want to take care of individuals, or make sweeping changes to society. But what are the impacts of helping? What is the relationship between state violence and a humanitarian government? This course takes an interdisciplinary look at helping, care and humanitarianism. Through the lens of "critical humanitarianism", we will think through how the scholars talk about helping, and its relationship to hurting. This class will offer a series of foundational readings before moving into case studies that take critical humanitarianism approaches. Topics include studies of Doctors Without Borders, The Peace Corps, Teach for America, international aid workers, and more. Leanne Purdum is the instructor for this course.

UPCOMING LPS EVENTS OF INTEREST

Pre-Law Information Session October 19, 3:30-4:30 PM Collier-Scripps 301

Assistant Dean and Pre-Law Advisor Will Hatchet will be hosting this session for students interested in learning more about the Pre-Law Program.

3:30-4:00 PM Kara Blanchard, Assistant Dean for Admission & Financial Aid at the Drake Law School, will share insights on Drake Law student experiences, the application process, and financial aid & scholarships. This will be especially helpful for 3+3 interested students and students currently working through law school applications.

4:00-4:30 PM Assistant Dean Will Hatchet will present general information which will be relevant for any student on a pre-law path, including the following topics:

- Timelines to/ through law school – including 3+3 path
- Undergraduate academic planning
- Helpful connections & experiences
- LSAT and Law School costs
- LSAT structure & prep resources
- Law school search & factors to consider
- Application materials – Law School Admission Council Q & A

Drake Law School Admission Information Sessions for matriculating in Law School in Fall 2023 or 2024

- **Wednesday, October 26, 12:00-1:30 PM**
Virtual Law School Open House
- **Friday, November 4, 1:00-4:00 PM**
Drake Law School Open House

For More Information:
drake.edu/law/future/visit/events/

Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) Virtual Law School Forums (October 22, November 19 & February 3)

The virtual law school forums are an opportunity to speak with law school representatives from many approximately 100 law schools across the country. View the schedule and register for virtual forums on [LSAC Law School Forums: Digital Forum Schedule](#) | [The Law School Admission Council](#)