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Law Pathway Program

# Law Pathway Program Faculty



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# Law School Admission Council Study



- ▶ Students starting at 2-year institutions succeed in law school as well as students who start at 4-year institutions
- ▶ The goal is for more 2-year students to apply successfully and to proactively develop skills in:
  - ▶ Logical Reasoning
  - ▶ Reading Comprehension
  - ▶ Analytical Reasoning

# California and Law Pathway

- California is a majority-minority state
  - 60% of population is from a racial or ethnic minority group
    - Latino, African-American, Asian, Pacific-Islander
- State Bar Association is only 20% racial or ethnic minority
- Growth of racial or ethnic minority attorneys lags behind population growth

# Law Pathway Initiative

- ▶ Help diversify the legal profession to better reflect California's diverse population
- ▶ Sponsored by Council of Access and Fairness (COAF) of the CA State Bar Association
- ▶ Program provides:
  - ▶ Academic counseling and mentoring
  - ▶ Exposure to different careers in law
  - ▶ Networking and learning opportunities
  - ▶ Pre-Law Society (student club)



# Participating Law Schools

Priority admission review & Application fee waived.

- ❑ UC, Berkeley
- ❑ UC, Davis
- ❑ UC, Irvine
- ❑ UC, Los Angeles
- ❑ UC, San Francisco

- ❑ Chapman University
- ❑ Loyola Marymount University
- ❑ Pepperdine University
- ❑ Santa Clara University
- ❑ Southwestern Law School
- ❑ University of the Pacific
- ❑ University of San Francisco
- ❑ University of San Diego
- ❑ University of Southern California

# Law Pathway Program Curriculum

- Participants must complete 8 required courses
  - COUN 20 - Student Success Seminar
  - ENGL 1\* - Reading & Composition
  - ENGL 2\* - Critical Analysis & Int. Composition
  - MATH 54\* - Elementary Statistics
  - HIST 11\* - U.S. History through Reconstruction OR HIST 12\* - U.S. History since Reconstruction
  - POLS 1\* - National and California Government
  - COMM ST 21 - Argumentation
  - BUS 5 - Business Law OR POLS-24 - Intro to Law

*\*AP Credit can be used to satisfy requirement*

# Law Pathway Requirements

1. Enroll in 12 units each full semester, unless approved for less by LP Counselor
2. Meet with the LP Counselor at least once each semester.
3. Enroll in designated LP courses indicated on an approved Student Educational Plan (SEP) developed with the LP Counselor.
4. Attend required program orientations, workshops and activities.
5. Maintain a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 every semester.

In addition, we strongly encourage and recommend the following:

- Participation in the SMC Pre-Law Society.
- Participation in an internship or experiential learning opportunity.

# SMC Law Pathway Resources

- **Dedicated Individual Counseling Support**
- **Networking/Educational Events & Speaker Series**
- **Pre-Law Society (student club)**
- **Law Pathway Scholarships (\$10,000)**
- **Law Pathway Graduation Recognition**

# Law Pathway Resources

- **LSAT Test Prep Support** - [www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat](http://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat)
- **Law School Presentations**
- **Law Pathway Summer Bootcamp Academy**
- **Pathways to Law Annual Summit**

# Law Pathway Graduates

100% Transfer Rate!

Academic Year	Graduates
2017 - 2018	10
2018 - 2019	16
2019 - 2020	34
2020 - 2021	16
2021 - 2022	15
2022 - 2023	16
2023 - 2024	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>



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# Law Pathway Alumni



**Loyola Law School**  
Loyola Marymount University  
Los Angeles



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
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**Fowler School of Law**



School of Law

**USC**  
**Gould**

School of Law

**PEPPERDINE | CARUSO**  
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