

Office of Academic Support

The Massachusetts School of Law strives to ensure the success of each student. Law school is challenging and even the most successful students may need assistance adapting to a new academic discipline. Students may notice difficulty in absorbing new material, completing academic work, or understanding reading materials; anxiety about critical reading, writing, or test taking; and reluctance to speak in class. The office of Academic Support provides our students with an opportunity to meet individually or collectively with a professor to consult about learning concerns. In addition, it provides students an opportunity to find support in mapping out their law school path to ensure success beyond the classroom.

There are many resources here at the law school to support you. From formal academic support offering specific sessions designed to support students in developing strong reading comprehension, writing skills, test-taking skills, and time management skills, to academic advisors, faculty mentoring, and a writing lab staffed with full-time faculty. In addition, there is support to help students navigate the law school curriculum by providing help with course selection with an eye towards ensuring success on the bar exam as well as positioning students for employment upon graduation.

Fall 2025 Calendar

| Date | Time | Session Subject |
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| 23 rd - Aug | 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. | <i>Final Orientation Session (1st Semester Students): Skills, Success & Academic Support</i> |
| 6 th - Sep | 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. | <i>Creating Your Outline: Bring your Civil Procedure, Business Entities, and Criminal Law syllabus and case books to session.</i> |
| 20 th - Sep | 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. | Writing Skills, Time Management & Organization |
| 27 th - Sep | 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. | Exam Writing Mid-Term Prep (Business Entities) |
| 3 rd - Oct | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | <p>Exam Writing Mid-term Prep (Friday Zoom Session) Civ Pro</p> <p>Topic: Academic Support Mid Term Prep</p> <p>Time: Oct 3, 2025, 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> |

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| | | https://mslaw-edu.zoom.us/j/97450327837?pwd=3b00vjXcHewECnSiK3ayODEZd13G3L.1 Meeting ID: 974 5032 7837 Passcode: 946005 LINK CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT TWEN PAGE |
| 18 th – Oct. | 9 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. | Academic Support Drop-in Session (Saturday Zoom Session) Time: Oct 18, 2025, 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://mslaw-edu.zoom.us/j/95536734603?pwd=hJtym96LWtks9opISAfbdjPrYmPK62.1 Meeting ID: 955 3673 4603 LINK CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT TWEN PAGE |
| 8 th – Nov | 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | Law School Final Exam Writing |
| 15 th – Nov | 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | Law School Final Exam Writing |

ACADEMIC SUPPORT DROP IN: Tuesday 12:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Professor Colby-Clements' Office.

Mentoring/Tutoring: Professor Gus Panagakis is available for tutoring or mentoring every Monday afternoon, in person, from 4PM to 6PM. Students are encouraged to reach out to Professor Panagakis for added support. You may reach Professor Panagakis directly at: panagakis@mslaw.edu

Writing Lab: (1L Support) Monday/Wednesday 4PM to 6PM. hemingway@mslaw.edu

(Writing and Legal Advocacy Support): Tuesday/Thursday 2:30PM to 4:30PM
pota@mslaw.edu

The Writing Lab is located in the Demosthenes Writing Room (located next to Professor Rodriguez in back of library)

We encourage students to drop in during Academic Support, Mentoring or Writing Lab drop-in hours as needed. Whether it's help briefing cases, outlining, or just asking questions about how to navigate classes and receive encouragement. Please don't hesitate to stop by.