

C-STEP Project LAW (Leadership. Achievement. Work.) **Information Session**

CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies
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About Us



The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies...

- Is the newest CUNY School, founded in 2018
- Focuses on social justice through urban and labor studies
- Dedicates itself to the mission of educational access, diversity at every level, and equality for all

The Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program...

- Abbreviates to CSTEP!
- Is funded by New York State grants to colleges and universities
- Aims to increase access to STEM and professional education for minority and underserved students



What is CSTEP Project LAW?

Funded by NY State, this **10-week** program is designed to prepare eligible students from non-traditional backgrounds for their first year of law school.

It includes:

- **Fully online** courses in reading and writing for law school
- Entry-Level test preparation for the LSAT exam
- Faculty instruction on labor law through a social justice lens
- Customized weekly instruction in legal writing
- Information Sessions with law school admissions
- LSAT intensive prep with Kaplan Review

Are you Eligible for Project LAW? (1)

All applicants must:

- Be New York State residents for at least 12 months

AND

- Currently enrolled in a college or university in New York State in a degree-granting program

AND

They must also be:

- Economically disadvantaged per the [New York State Education Department income criteria](#)

AND/OR

- In need of, or would greatly benefit from, academic enrichment or support from Project LAW (as demonstrated by your application)

Are you Eligible for Project LAW? (2)

In addition to the requirements set by NYS, Project LAW has additional academic requirements for participation as follows:

- A current **undergraduate** student with 60+ earned credits and a 3.0 GPA or higher

OR

- A current **graduate** student with a 3.0 GPA or higher

Exceptions to GPA requirement granted on a case-by-case basis:

- Use the statement question in the application to explain your unusual circumstances, hardships that have impacted your academics, your positive qualities, extracurricular activities, your passion for law/social justice, etc.
- Tell us why you are a good candidate

Program Benefits!

Upon successful completion of the Project LAW program, students will receive:

- **A Credly[®] digital badge** that can be linked to your social media accounts, graduate applications, & more!
- **A monetary stipend** (upon completion of the program and required documentation)
- Participation in the annual **CSTEP Project LAW Professional Development Conference**

Note: Program activities are subject to changes due to available funding

Successful Completion?

Successful Completion of the program is defined as:

- No more than **one (1) unexcused** absence throughout the duration of the 10-week program
- No more than **one (1) unexcused** missed CSTEP Project LAW assignments throughout the duration of the 10-week program
- Active engagement and participation with professors, fellow participants, and guest speakers
- Participation in the annual CSTEP Project LAW Professional Development Conference

Note: Professors have the ultimate discretion on what is deemed “successful completion” of the CSTEP Project LAW program and will consider situations on a case-by-case basis

Program Components – FALL 2026

1. LAW Literacy Course (1.5 hr)

- Analyze real labor court cases to learn key legal concepts
- Learn how to write up case summaries for law school

2. LSAT Methods Course (1.5 hr)

- Get familiar with the LSAT format and key test-taking skills

3 Hours per Week

+2 Hours of Study

8 Weeks of Instruction

2 Weeks of Guest Speakers

Additional Study - SUMMER 2027

3. Legal Research Course (3 hrs)

- Apply what you learned in LAW Literacy to a practice paper
- Learn how to use a law school library, research methods, and more



4. LSAT Applied Practice with Kaplan (2 to 6 hrs)

- Drill your LSAT skills: Logical Reasoning & Reading Comprehension
- Study on your own time with weekly tests, lessons, and check-ins



**STUDENTS APPLY
BEFORE THE SEMESTER
DEADLINE**



**APPLICATIONS ARE
REVIEWED BY
COMMITTEE**



**CANDIDATES ARE
NOTIFIED AND GIVEN
AN OPPORTUNITY TO
REGISTER**

Now Accepting for FALL 2026

EXAMPLE Program Schedule

If you meet the program's eligibility criteria, you'll receive notification and a link to register for one (1) LSAT and one (1) LAW course:

LAW Literacy	LSAT Methods
Wednesdays 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM OR Thursdays 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Wednesdays 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM OR Thursdays 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

NOTE: More students are accepted than space is available. Registration closes once the courses fill up.

If you miss registration, you may request deferment for a following semester by emailing cstep@slu.cuny.edu. Deferred students will get first chance at registering for next semester.

How Does It Work?

Choose Your Schedule

Students are invited to register for two (2) **1.5-hour sessions a week** (one LAW and one LSAT). You can choose to take them back-to-back or on two separate days.

- CSTEP Project LAW will always offer an AM and PM option, but each semester will have a different schedule.

NOTE: The final cohort schedule will release with the registration email.

Supplemental Writing Instruction will be available with weekly group sessions or individually upon request.



Project LAW is 100% Free

Please consider your ability to commit to completing this program before registering.

Students who register and then drop out are taking a spot that could have gone to another committed student.



Trinity Ortega



Brianna Soto



Maria Sidibe

What Do Our Alumni Say?

A large red speech bubble graphic with a white outline, pointing downwards. It contains the text "Contact Us" in white.

Contact Us

**Email the CSTEP PROJECT LAW
TEAM**

cstep@slu.cuny.edu

Or

Visit Us Online at

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