



IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE  
**Pathways to Law**

## IVC Pathways to Law School 2025-2026 application

(note: please make a copy of this application and save with your name in the title)

**Program Description:** To assist the State Bar of California in its efforts to ensure the legal profession reflects the diverse population of the State of California, this pathway creates a pipeline of diverse students from high schools, community colleges, four-year institutions, and law schools into law or law-related careers.

Completion of the 7 required courses among other program requirements listed below enables students to identify as a [Cal LAW Scholar](#) for transfer to participating 4-year institutions and eventual application to participating law schools. Please check the [IVC Pathways to Law School website](#) for participating partners in this program as well as the interest form.

### Program Benefits:

- Dedicated counselor and faculty champion
- Pre-law activities including law school/courthouse visits; local bar events, panels, and workshops
- Free LSAT review course from Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat>)
- Internships opportunities
- Guaranteed transfer to four-year pathway partners
- Preferred admission to partner law schools with reduction of application fee.

**NOTE:** Admission to law school has additional requirements, including a bachelor's degree, LSAT, and application.

Complete the interest form on the [IVC Pathways to Law School website](#). Schedule an appointment with Prof. June McLaughlin, Esq, to determine if you qualify as a Cal LAW! Attend a mandatory orientation and find out more.

**June McLaughlin, Faculty Champion**

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By signing this application students are informed of the program requirements and agree to the disclosures included herein.

## Required Classes:

### Required Courses

|                                     | Required Course   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Law and Society                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AJ 116:</b> Street Law</li> </ul>   |
| English Composition                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WR 1</b> <u>or</u> <b>WR 1H:</b> Writing 1</li> </ul>   |
| Critical Thinking                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WR 2</b> <u>or</u> <b>WR 2H:</b> College Writing 2 – Critical thinking</li> </ul>   |
| Argumentation and Debate            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COMM 1:</b> Communication Fundamentals</li> </ul>   |
| Statistics or equivalent            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BIO 7</b></li> <li>• <b>ECON 10</b> <u>or</u> <b>ECON 10H</b></li> <li>• <b>Math 5</b></li> <li>• <b>MATH 10</b></li> <li>• <b>MGT 10</b> <u>or</u> <b>MGT 10H</b></li> <li>• <b>PSYC 10</b> <u>or</u> <b>PSYC 10H</b></li> </ul> |
| US History                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIST 20:</b> American History Through the Civil War <u>or</u></li> <li>• <b>HIST 21:</b> American History Since the Civil War.</li> </ul>   |
| Introduction to American Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PS 1</b> <u>or</u> <b>PS 1H:</b> American Government</li> </ul>   |
| Optional                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COUN 6H:</b> Academic, Career, and Life Success</li> <li>• <b>COUN 10:</b> Introduction to College Study Skills</li> </ul>  |

## Program Requirements and Reasons for Termination from the Program

**A. Good Standing.** Student must at all times be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 upon completion of the courses at IVC. Student must never be on academic probation or suspension or in violation of student conduct codes; and must at no time fall below the standards of ethics or behavior that would bar admission to the State Bar of California.

In addition to the above, Student may at any point be removed from consideration under this Initiative by any or all of the participating law schools for any of the following behaviors as determined by those participating law schools;

1. Academic misconduct
2. Unlawful misconduct
3. Employment misconduct
4. Financial misconduct

5. Any other reasons determined by a law school that would indicate that Student does not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its educational program and being admitted to the bar.

**B. Application and Matriculation at Law School.** Student must complete the coursework at the community college level during this Agreement Period and enroll in participating law school no later than Fall 2033. Students are required to complete the law school application.

C. Student must register with the [Law School Admission Council](#) and submit official transcripts through the Candidate Assembly Service (CAS). Student must provide the LSAC ID# to Prof. McLaughlin.

**D. No Obligation.** Any Student who does not meet the requirements for consideration as a “Cal LAW Scholar” under this MOU or who is removed from the Initiative is not otherwise barred from seeking directly admission to any law school, including all participating law schools. Likewise, Student who meets all the requirements under this MOU is not obligated to attend any of the participating law schools and may seek admission to other law schools or may decide not to pursue a legal career.

**E. Mandatory Orientation and counseling:** Students must attend 1 orientation for the IVC Pathways to Law and meet with the Pre-Law counselor.

**F. Information-Sharing and Data Collection and Analysis.** It is important that Cal LAW be able to collect and analyze data relative to the Pathway and students who travel through the Pathway from high school and/or community college to 4-year university and law school. This data will assist in determining the success of the Pathway, ways Cal LAW can assist its educational partners, and ways the Pathway can be improved. A Cal LAW Scholar must self-identify as a "Cal LAW Scholar" participant in the Law Pathway to the State Coordinator, and consent to Cal LAW's release of information to Parties to the extent necessary for the Cal LAW Scholar to progress through the Law Pathway.

1 Cal LAW Scholar must also consent to the collection and maintenance of information and data necessary to track students through the Pathway up to and including law school, and to assess the program. It shall be the responsibility of the Cal LAW Liaison at each educational institution (including high schools, community colleges, 4-year universities, and law schools) to obtain the written consent for the release of information from Cal LAW scholars.

2. Further, it shall be the responsibility of each educational institution (high schools, community colleges, 4-year universities, and law schools) to provide Cal LAW with information and data on each Cal LAW Scholar so that it may be used for tracking and assessment purposes. This required information includes basic demographics, whether the student is a first generation high school and/or college student, whether the student was accepted for transfer to a 4-year institution, universities and law schools to which the student applied, where they were accepted, where they attended, and if they graduated.

G. Students must participate in one or more law related activities each semester such as:

- Pre-Law Society or Mock Trial (MUN, Speech and Debate, ASIVC officer)
- Pathways court tours
- Law related event May 1, law day
- Law School tours
- Meet with the Pre-Law counselor in the IVC Career Center

First and Last name as it appears on your IVC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email : \_\_\_\_\_

IVC Student I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA (as of last completed semester) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Semesters Completed at IVC: \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that I must take the required course pattern to be considered a Cal LAW Scholar.
  
- I understand that I must participate in at least one Pathways to Law event each semester to continue learning about the legal profession and law school admissions.
  
- I understand that as a Pathways to LAW participant, I must meet with the Pre-Law Counselor or IVC Career Center Counselor to make sure I am on target to transfer with the right courses.
  
- I understand that I must exercise ethical judgment and abide by the IVC Student Code of Conduct to remain in the Pathways to Law School program.

By signing below, I agree that my continued participation in the Irvine Valley College Pathways to Law program is subject to review every semester and is based upon my compliance with the above guidelines and requirements. Failure to comply with any guidelines or requirements may result in my dismissal from the program. If I decide, at any time, to voluntarily discontinue my participation in the program, I agree to notify Prof. June McLaughlin, in writing, and to participate in an exit interview.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No applications will be accepted if the student has not met with the faculty champion.

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