

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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TRIAL LAW INFOSHEET

New student admissions for summer 2027 are open

1-Week Course

This course is one week long, and you can extend your experience to as many as six weeks by adding additional one-week courses.

Program Highlights

- Step into the role of a trial attorney by researching evidence, crafting arguments and examining witnesses
- Gain personal insight into the legal field from seasoned lawyers and legal scholars
- Explore all sides of a trial by taking on roles such as defense attorney, prosecutor, witness, juror or judge
- Visit a courthouse and observe an active trial in session

2027 Dates

Yale

- Session 1: June 20 - June 26
- Session 4: July 11 - July 17

Academic Program Overview

From day one, students step into the role of a trial attorney. In their first class, they are introduced to a challenging case. Over the course of the program, they'll work to win their side until the final decision is made by a judge. Legal teams must select a jury, craft and deliver opening arguments, explain evidence, prepare witnesses for cross-examination and finish with a strong closing statement.

Using an experiential learning approach, students dive right into the process. The instructor introduces key theories and legal concepts as students tackle each stage of the case in real time.

Excursions

Throughout their session, students explore the legal system through a rich series of immersive, real-world experiences. They begin with a tour of Yale Law School and a meeting with the Chief Justice of the local Superior Court, setting the stage for a deeper understanding of how the justice system is structured at the highest levels.

Students then witness a live sentencing hearing at the New Haven County Courthouse — bringing the weight of legal proceedings to life in a way no textbook can replicate. They hear directly from both a state attorney and a public defender, gaining a nuanced, multi-perspective understanding of how justice is argued, negotiated, and decided. Students also have the opportunity to try on a judge's robe and sit in the jury box while learning courtroom procedures firsthand.

The excursion series concludes with a visit from the Connecticut Innocence Project — one of only five publicly funded innocence projects in the nation — where students learn how DNA science, constitutional law, and human lives intersect in cases that are still unfolding.

Instructors:

George Muksian

George Muksian combines a lifetime of courtroom experience with teaching experience at some of the nation's top universities. He has worked as a criminal defense lawyer and prosecutor for many years, as well as having tried many cases in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts trial courts. George has also been a law lecturer at Tufts University, Johnson & Wales University and other universities. He holds degrees from Harvard University (Ed.M), Suffolk University (J.D.), Wesleyan University (M.A.), and Providence College (B.A.).

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1.

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course and weekend excursions (if enrolled in consecutive sessions)
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $4,298 first week, $3,298 for each additional week

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price:** $2,498 first week, $1,998 for each additional week

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

Students attend nine class sessions over the week, mornings and afternoons Monday through Thursday and a morning session on Friday. Throughout the week, students also take part in Academics in Action, which includes academic excursions, guest speakers and course-related activities, such as a lab, workshop or instructor-led project. Depending on the course and the day's activity, Academics in Action may be scheduled in the morning or the afternoon.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
10:30AM	15-Minute Break
10:45AM	Academic Course
12:30PM	Lunch/Free-Time
2:30PM	Excursion/Guest Speaker/Lab
5PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Free-Time
9:30PM	Dorm Check
10:30PM	Bed Check

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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