

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

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The School of Law is committed to its students' success. Although the study of law is a difficult and challenging endeavor, the school attempts to work with students to maximize their efforts and see them through the process successfully. Several programs contribute to this effort.

The Law School Strategies Program (<http://law.umkc.edu/prospective-students/studying-law-at-umkc/law-school-strategies-program/>) is a comprehensive program including academic skills lectures and courses, study group opportunities, and individualized assistance.

The Law School Strategies Program is available to and encouraged for all students. It is especially beneficial for those students who feel they need assistance in the transition to law study. The Law School Strategies Program is not remedial in nature. Rather, it is designed to maximize the potential of students who participate by teaching skills and strategies for success in law school.

The program begins with a one-week orientation for all incoming students, during which students are introduced to essential learning strategies for law school. During the academic year, the program director and other faculty provide academic skills lectures and workshops focusing on learning styles, learning strategies, time management and development of skills necessary for law school success.

Study group programs maximize student learning through peer teaching. In Structured Study Groups, first-year students have the opportunity to participate in guided study groups in one of their first-year courses. The groups are led by an upper-class student who has successfully completed that course. The student leader attends the class with the first-year students and conducts weekly small-group sessions in which the leader models successful learning strategies for that class. These year-long study group programs are open to all students.