Your MAP to Success

McGeorge Academic Planning Guide
Welcome!

As a student at Pacific McGeorge, you are part of a distinguished group who possess the talent, drive and commitment to make a difference in the legal profession. Part of our hands-on approach to the law school experience includes regular guidance to help you identify your goals, provide access to helpful resources, and work with you throughout your time here to design an academic plan that helps you achieve your future career goals.

In addition to sit-down, one-on-one meetings, we offer this helpful reference guide. Here you will find detailed academic requirements, program descriptions, contact information, and more. If there is something not answered here, please ask. As McGeorge alumni, we have walked a mile in your shoes, and together with our campus-wide network of faculty, staff and administration, we are here for one purpose: to help you succeed.

We look forward to working with you!

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Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Rebekah Grodsky, ’10
Student Services Counselor
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Employment Restriction

“A student may not engage in employment for more than 20 hours per week in any semester in which the student is enrolled in more than 12 class hours.” ABA Standard 304(f).

Minimum/Maximum Course Load
Day students must take a minimum of 12 units per semester; the usual course load is 14 to 16 units. Evening students must take a minimum of 8 units per semester; the usual course load is 8 to 10 units each semester and 3 to 7 units each summer. No student may be enrolled in more than 17 units per semester.

Minimum Grade Point Average
The minimum cumulative GPA for advancement to the next year of law school without probation is a 2.33. A student with a GPA that falls within the range 2.18 through and including 2.324 at the end of any academic year other than the final year may continue enrollment on probation under the conditions outlined in Grading & Advancement Rule 605. A student is academically disqualified when his or her cumulative GPA at the completion of an academic year is below 2.18. The academic year concludes at the end of the Spring semester.

Professional Skills Requirement
Students who opt out of Global Lawyering Skills II through participation in the McGeorge Law Review (Comment only) or the Global Business & Development Law Journal must take at least one of the following courses:

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## When to Take Your Required Courses

Over the next few years, you will have options for how to structure your class schedule. As you craft your schedule, keep in mind that the actual course offerings may differ from the options you see below and that some options are available only to one division (Day/Evening), but not the other. To allow for increased scheduling flexibility, inter-division registration is permitted at a specified time during the registration window.

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### The Small Print:

1. Students in Principles of Agency defer Criminal Law until their 1D or 1E Summer or 2D or 2E Fall.

2. Day division students who during their second-year are selected for the *McGeorge Law Review* (Comment only) or the *Global Business & Development Law Journal* may choose to opt out of Global Lawyering Skills II. Evening division students who during their second-year are selected to the *Global Business & Development Law Journal* may choose to opt out of Global Lawyering Skills II. But see “Professional Skills Requirement.”

3. Professional Responsibility and Wills & Trusts are offered in the evening each Fall. Criminal Procedure and Community Property are offered in the evening each Spring. All four classes are also offered each summer.

Evening students generally take 3-7 units each summer.
Certificates and Concentrations

Certificates

Pacific McGeorge houses three Centers of Distinction focused on Global Business & Development, Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, and Public Law & Policy. Each Center offers students the opportunity to pursue a certificate in its area of legal specialty – a benefit added – in addition to your J.D. degree:

International Legal Studies
Professor Hether Macfarlane

Advocacy
Professor Jay Leach

Public Law & Policy
Professor Adrienne Brungess

Concentrations

The foundational courses at Pacific McGeorge give you the essential skills to pursue any specialization. You can add value to your legal education by gaining an extra credential in one of five concentrations:

Business Law
Tax
Professor Christine Manolakas

Criminal Justice
Professor Ruth Jones

Environmental Law
Professor Rachael Salcido

Intellectual Property Law
Professor Amy Landers

Interested in a Certificate or Concentration Program?

Attend the April “MAP II: Selecting Your Electives” event to hear directly from the faculty director of each program and to have the opportunity to sign up for the program of your choice.

Visit go.mcgeorge.edu/certificates and go.mcgeorge.edu/concentrations for more information, including course requirements.
Academic Planning

It is important to have a plan so that you can make law school work for you. After graduation, your options are plentiful. Start considering your practice goals now so you can strategically select courses, practical experiences, and co- and extra-curricular activities that will move you in the direction you desire.

Academic Advising
When you need help sorting through your academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular options, advising is available through the Office of Student Affairs. Schedule an academic advising appointment at any point during the year with either Mary McGuire, '83, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or Rebekah Grodsky, '10, Student Services Counselor, by contacting Rose Mapu at rmapu@pacific.edu or 916.739.7089.

Pathways
In preparation for your academic advising appointment, consult the Pacific McGeorge Pathways – an online tool built to help you navigate through the curriculum to help you select the classes that will lead you towards the area of practice most interesting to you. Visit go.mcgeorge.edu/pathways to see pathways in the following practice areas:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bar Preparation
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Elder Law
- Employment & Labor Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate Planning
- Family Law
- Financial Services Law
- Government Practice
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Judicial Clerkships
- Perspectives
- Public Interest Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law

Connect your Academic Plan to your Career Plan
These days, getting the job you want requires that you do more than just take academic courses in a particular field. To support your career at every stage, our Career Development Office (“CDO”) offers a full continuum of support – from student to alumni. Free services available to you include an online career database, seminars, resume and cover letter workshops, an alumni mentor database, networking opportunities, on-campus interviews, skills building and a helpful mcgeorgecdo.com blog to assist with career placement and enrichment.

Contact the CDO at lawcareers@pacific.edu or 916.739.7011 to schedule an appointment with one of our helpful career advisors.
Experiential Learning

What better way to learn than by doing? Beyond the knowledge gained in podium classes, there is no substitute for the real world experience gained through hands-on, experiential learning. We offer a variety of ways to earn academic credit while gaining real world experience including field placements, judicial externships, and legal clinics.

Field Placement Program

Pacific McGeorge offers one of the largest field placement and judicial externship programs of any ABA-accredited law school. Coupled with our Capital location, you will enjoy opportunities to earn academic credit and invaluable resume-building experiences and networking opportunities through placements at more than 200 state and federal courts, government agencies and nonprofit entities.

Placements are available to any student who has satisfactorily completed their first year and is not on academic probation. Placements vary from 2 to 4 units, each semester. Limited part-time and full-time placements (7 and 14 units) are available upon pre-planning with the Director of Field Placement. Most placements are located in the Sacramento region. Additional domestic and international placements are available outside of the Sacramento region; however, these specialized placements require both pre-approval and substantial advance planning.

During their placement, students perform on-site legal work under supervision and attend on-campus reflective classes with professors. Colleen Truden, Director of Field Placement and David James, Senior Career Advisor, counsel students regarding appropriate placements and must approve each student’s enrollment.
Securing a Field Placement

Starting two to six months prior to the semester in which you choose to participate in a placement:

1. Add the Field Placement Program TWEN site and:
   - Review the Field Placement Program Student Handbook
   - Review the placement descriptions in the Directory of Field Placements
   - Think about what Area of Law you might be interested in.
   - Think about what Skill Set you would like to improve (e.g., research and writing, oral advocacy, legislative analysis, client interviewing, etc.)

2. Draft/update your Resume (contact the CDO for assistance).

3. Schedule a Pre-Placement Interview by using the Field Placement TWEN site Office Hours link.
   - This interview is designed to help you find the placement that is right for you.
   - Bring your resume and a list of the Top 5 Placements to which you would like to apply.
   - Come prepared to discuss your future goals, area of interest, skill set, and available opportunities in order to finalize your selection of Field Placements.

4. Write your Cover Letters (and prepare any other required documents, e.g. writing sample).

5. Email resume and cover letters (and other required documents) to: sacexternships@pacific.edu.

6. Prepare for and attend your Interview:
   - Each Placement will contact you directly to schedule your interview.
   - Visit CDO for mock interview practice.
   - Act and dress professionally for your interview.

7. Upon placement offer, complete the Field Placement Course Enrollment Form and turn it in before the start of the semester to the Field Placement Office. The Director must approve each student’s enrollment.

8. Students in their first placement must attend the Mandatory Orientation at the start of the semester that will cover the administrative requirements and provide helpful research tips.

For critical dates and the most up-to-date information visit: go.mcgeorge.edu/fieldplacements and the Field Placement TWEN site (add the course titled “Field Placement Program: General Program Information, Office Hours and Calendar”).
Legal Clinics

Through our legal clinics, our students enrich themselves both academically and personally by helping the community with a variety of legal challenges. Many clients who seek assistance from our legal clinics are unable to afford representation from private attorneys. This innovative program provides students a learning environment that promotes real-world education and instills the value of service.

We currently offer ten legal clinics bridging the gap between in-class theory and legal practice. As you can see below, clinic scheduling and prerequisite requirements can be complicated, so careful planning is required. The information below was current as of publication, but could change in the future. The most up-to-date information can be found online at go.mcgeorge.edu/legal_clinics.

Administrative Adjudication Clinic
**Glenn Fait; Fall Semester (2 P/F)**
This Clinic prepares students to be administrative judges. Students learn about laws relating to parking citations and ultimately conduct a number of parking ticket hearings for a local city or the UC Davis Medical Center.
**Prerequisite:** None

Appellate Advocacy Clinic
**Jennifer Gibson; Spring Semester (3 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) indigent parents in juvenile dependency appeals to the 3rd Appellate District of the California Court of Appeals.
**Prerequisite:** GLS II; **Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Juvenile Law (Fall), Evidence, Civil Procedure

Bankruptcy Clinic
**Warren Jones; Fall & Spring Semesters (2 P/F, 1 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.
**Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Bankruptcy (Fall & Spring)

Crime Victims Representation Clinic
**Kathleen Benton; Fall & Spring Semesters (2 P/F, 1 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) victims of crime in criminal proceedings in Superior Court.
**Requirement:** Certified Law Student

Elder and Health Law Clinic
**Melissa Brown; Fall & Spring Semesters (2 P/F, 1 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) people aged 60 and up with a variety of issues unique to the aging population, including nursing home residents’ rights, conservatorship and alternatives, social security, Medicare/MediCal, estate planning, and elder abuse.
**Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Elder Law and Social Policy (Fall); **Requirement:** Certified Law Student

Federal Defender Clinic
**Cary Bricker; Year-Long (10 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) indigent defendants in federal court.
**Prerequisite:** Criminal Law, Evidence
**Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Trial Advocacy (Fall & Spring)

Housing Mediation Clinic
**Michael Colatrella & Dorothy Landsberg; Spring Semester (3 P/F)**
Students mediate landlord/tenant cases working closely with experienced mediators.
**Prerequisite:** Mediation, or Negotiation & Settlements, or ADR, or a non-credit basic 40-hour Mediation Workshop with the consent of the instructors; 3D/4E students only

Immigration Law Clinic
**Blake Nordahl; Fall & Spring Semesters (2 P/F, 1 Graded)**
Students represent (under supervision) indigent non-citizens before the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Office for Immigration Review in applications for various immigration benefits including adjustment of status and relief from removal. Students conduct client interviews, draft pleadings and engage in all aspects of case management.
**Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Immigration Law (Fall)
**Requirement:** Certified Law Student

Prisoner Civil Rights Mediation Clinic
**Michael Colatrella & Dorothy Landsberg; Year-Long (6 Graded)**
Students co-mediate Section 1983 Prisoner Civil Rights cases with a federal magistrate judge.
**Prerequisite:** Mediation, or Negotiation & Settlements, or ADR, or a non-credit basic 40-hour Mediation Workshop with the consent of the instructors; 3D/4E students only

Parole Representation Clinic
**Mary Swanson; Spring Semester (3 P/F)**
Students represent (under supervision) California parolees in revocation hearings while learning about the adult and juvenile parole system.
**Prerequisite/Concurrent:** Civil Procedure & Evidence
Co-Curricular Activities

**Competition Teams**
Our student teams are top performers in some of the most prestigious national and international competitions, including our own National Ethics Trial Competition, where national teams compete to demonstrate excellence in trial advocacy and professional responsibility. Through participation on a competition team, you can expand your courtroom experience, improve advocacy skills, and refine client counseling, negotiation, and arbitration skills. Team membership is based on a competitive try-out process (selections are made by the faculty advisor).

**First Year Advocacy Competitions**
The Ben Franz Mock Trial Competition and the First Year Moot Court Competition take place each Spring and all 1D and 1E students who are interested in advocacy are encouraged to participate. These competitions serve to identify talent for our competition teams, but are not the basis for selection to the teams.

**How does it work?** The competitions are organized by upper-division students. Interested 1D and 1E students sign up to participate in one or both competitions and enjoy some training about trial and/or appellate advocacy from the upper-division student-organizers. All 1D and 1E students who sign up to participate get to compete in the preliminary rounds; those who score highly advance to the finals. The top three finalists in the Mock Trial Competition receive a scholarship and have their name permanently embossed in a plaque on display in the Courtroom Trophy Case. Moot Court Competition awards are given for top briefs, top oral argument and top combined scores.

**Ben Frantz First Year Mock Trial Competition**
Kendra Bertschy, k_bertschy@u.pacific.edu and Michelle Trigger, m_wells1@u.pacific.edu

**First Year Moot Court Competition**
Amber Simmons, a_simmons2@u.pacific.edu and add the Moot Court Society TWEN page
Journals
Do you excel at writing? Consider participating in one of our two law review journals.

McGeorge Law Review (“MLR”)
The MLR is a student-run, scholarly journal published on a quarterly basis. MLR issues contain professionally written articles, student-authored comments or casenotes, and reviews of California legislation. Eligible students have two opportunities to solicit for MLR membership:

Review of California Legislation (“Greensheets”)
Greensheets, named for the distinctive color of its pages, reviews recently enacted California legislation. Top 1D and 2E students compete for a spot on Greensheets through the solicitation process, which involves writing a mock Greensheets piece. Students spend the summer writing articles about two bills making their way through the legislature. Articles about bills that the governor signs into law are published. Greensheets members earn 2 P/F units.
Questions: mlr_cle@pacific.edu

Comment
Entering 2D and 3E students who meet any of the following criteria are invited to participate in solicitation: top 25% of class; Witkin award in GLS I; Greensheets member; transfer student in top 25% of their former law school class. Students selected for Comment may opt out of GLS II. Comment members earn 2 P/F units and may earn 1 additional P/F unit if selected for publication.
Questions: mlr@pacific.edu

The Globe is a student-run scholarly journal dedicated to furthering the legal scholarship of international law. The Globe is primarily focused on publishing articles centering on legal analysis and commentary of cutting-edge transnational issues. Rising 2D, 3D, 2E, 3E, and 4E students who rank in the top third of their class or in the top five of their GLS I class are invited to participate in solicitation. Students selected for Globe may opt out of GLS II. Globe members earn 2 P/F units and may earn 1 additional P/F unit if selected for publication.
Questions: m_neal1@u.pacific.edu

Additional course offerings providing opportunities to hone your writing skills:
- California Initiative Review
- Seminar courses requiring a paper
- Advanced Legal Writing
- Directed Research
International Study

Our shrinking world demands an ever-increasing pool of legal professionals whose skills bridge languages, culture, laws and legal institutions of other nations. In addition to the International Legal Studies Certificate, Pacific McGeorge offers a number of opportunities for international study.

Summer Abroad Programs

Antigua, Guatemala
May 26-June 16
(plus optional 8-week externship)

St. Petersburg, Russia
June 30-July 28
(in partnership with University of Arkansas)

Salzburg, Austria
July 7-28

More information: go.mcgeorge.edu/intlstudy

Semester Abroad Exchange Programs

Students can add true international dimension to their J.D. by spending a semester of their final year studying law at one of the six European or Latin American universities currently under exchange agreements with Pacific McGeorge:

• University of Salzburg (Austria)
• Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium)
• University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
• Bucerius Law School (Germany)
• University of Parma (Italy)
• Francisco de Vitoria University (Spain)

Some of these universities teach a full array of courses in English; others require proficiency in the local language. Contact the Office of Student Affairs (sacstudentaffairs@pacific.edu or 916.739.7089) for further information about these semester abroad exchange programs.

Classes At or Through Another ABA-Accredited Law School

Students who want to take classes at or through another ABA-accredited law school and have credit accepted toward their J.D. degree must seek approval from Mary McGuire, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. To request approval, complete a Rule 902 Application (available from the Office of Student Affairs). Upon approval, Pacific McGeorge will accept up to 6 units of credit earned with passing grades in elective courses taken at another ABA-accredited law school. See Grading & Advancement Rule 902.
Learning doesn’t always take place in class or during a field placement. With the Student Bar Association, various student committees, over 40 chartered student organizations, and the American Bar Association Law Student Division, you have a plethora of opportunities to get involved with your peers, the Sacramento legal community, and the community at large.

Glossary of Terms – you hear these terms used all the time, but what do they mean?

Student Bar Association (“SBA”)  
Administered by a student-elected board, the SBA serves as a forum for student interests and concerns and it sponsors a number of annual events. The SBA also oversees various student committees and works with the CSOs, which host their own events.

SBA Student Committees  
The SBA organizes and oversees several student committees, currently including: Orientation, Community Garden, Elections, Mentorship, Intramural Sports, Barrister’s Ball, Sustainability, Community Service and Diversity.

American Bar Association Law Student Division (“ABA Law Student Division”)  
The American Bar Association is a national organization providing law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public. All students attending ABA-approved law schools are eligible to join.

Chartered Student Organizations (“CSOs”)  
CSOs are student groups that are officially recognized by the Law School. CSOs play an integral role in the campus environment and educational process. The many events hosted annually directly enhance academic and career preparation, cultural awareness, public service, leadership and networking.
How You Can Get Involved

Employers like to see leadership positions on your resume; luckily, you have many options:

- **Run for a position on the SBA Board of Governors.** Elections take place in April and are organized by the SBA Elections Committee. Review the SBA Bylaws, available at go.mcgeorge.edu/SBA for additional information about the elections process.

- **Run for a board position within one of our many CSOs.** In the Spring, each CSO elects its board for the following year according to the procedures outlined in that group’s bylaws. Contact the CSO’s current President for details about when elections will take place. Contact information for each CSO is available at go.mcgeorge.edu/studentorgs.

- **Start a new CSO.** Have an idea for a new CSO? Review the CSO Handbook at go.mcgeorge.edu/cso and contact Student Services Counselor, Rebekah Grodsky at rgrodsky@pacific.edu for more information.

- **Serve as the Pacific McGeorge ABA Law Student Division Representative.** The ABA Rep advocates on behalf of ABA Law Student Division members at their school, serves as the school’s point person on the ABA and communicates the benefits and value of ABA membership at their school. The ABA Rep serves as one of their school’s two voting delegates to the ABA Law Student Division Assembly (the policy-making body of the Division). This position is appointed by the incoming SBA President in late Spring.

- **Many other ABA Law Student Division leadership positions are also available, some by election and others by appointment.** Visit americanbar.org/groups/law_students/about_us/leadership for more information.

- **Volunteer to serve on a SBA Student Committee.** Students are appointed to committees by the incoming SBA Vice Presidents in late Spring. Available positions are advertised via email.

It sounds counterintuitive, but you can’t spend all day in the library. Whenever possible, make time to let off some steam at the onsite Recreation Center, swimming pool, ping pong table, or volleyball net (just ask the Office of Student Affairs to have it set up). Sign up for SBA Intramural Sports including flag football, soccer, and basketball, depending on the season, or join one or many physically active CSOs such as the Rugby Football Club, Golf Club, Ski & Snowboard Club, Cycling Club, Tennis Club, or Martial Arts Study Club.

Questions: Contact the Office of Student Affairs at sacstudentaffairs@pacific.edu or 916.739.7089.
Faculty, staff and students enrich our diverse communities in a variety of ways, including through Pacific McGeorge’s Institute for Administrative Justice, ten on-campus low or pro-bono legal clinics, the Street Law International Course, and an Education Pipeline Initiative. Current students can give back in a number of ways:

Volunteer with OneJustice – a nonprofit legal organization working to increase access to legal help for underserved Californians. OneJustice coordinates The Law Student Pro Bono Project and Justice Bus® Service Learning Trips where urban law students travel to rural California towns to support legal services nonprofits and other community-based organizations. Register with OneJustice at lawstudentprobono.org.

Volunteer with the SBA Community Service Committee – a student-run committee organizing volunteer opportunities for Pacific McGeorge students. Past projects have included volunteering at the Sacramento Food Bank, river and park cleanups, food and clothing drives, and more.

Email mcgeorgecommunityservice@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

Volunteer with Education Pipeline SEAL (Scholars Expanding Authentic Learning) – a Pacific McGeorge initiative offering law students opportunities to provide law-themed learning activities to K-12 students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds. Depending on the time of year, the following opportunities are available:

- Bret Harte Elementary School Reading Partners Tutor (only 1 hour per week)
- Motivational Guest Speaker (speak to students about your road to law school)
- Legal Studies Guest Teacher (teach a middle or high school lesson)
- Youth Court Coordinator for Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep
- Student Legal Advocacy Movement (after school law-themed mentoring program)
- Mock Trial Coach (high school mock trial teams)
- Operation Protect and Defend (develop high school legal-themed curriculum)

Specific information about each program and how to sign up: go.mcgeorge.edu/pipeline.
Capital Commendation for Public Service
The Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law & Policy recognizes students who work on behalf of others while pursuing their law degree. Students can receive the Capital Commendation for Public Service at the following levels:

- **Admirable Commitment** (50 hours)
- **Superior Commitment** (100 hours)
- **Extraordinary Commitment** (150 hours)

Any public service performed while a student at Pacific McGeorge can count towards the Commendation, provided the hours were unpaid and not for academic credit. Capital Commendation students receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement, a special notation in the commencement program, and a special reception celebrating their accomplishments.

To sign up: complete the Registration Form and Public Service Timesheet available online at go.mcgeorge.edu/commendation and return them to the Centers of Distinction in Northwest Hall.

Student Philanthropy & Engagement Program
A gift, no matter the size, when combined with others makes a real difference. The Student Philanthropy Program participants enjoy many benefits, including: the option to designate your gift to what matters most to you – whether that’s a scholarship, student group, legal clinic, campus program or the McGeorge Fund; special networking opportunities with alumni and donors; the option to join the Dean’s Council at a special reduced rate of $25 per year and graduating participants may write a message to their loved ones in the Commencement Program. To participate or learn more, contact the Office of Advancement at mcgeorgedevelopment@pacific.edu or 916.739.7300.
The Tools for Success

Academic Success Office
Even the most promising law students benefit from personal help to achieve their full potential, and we offer a small army of people and programs ready and willing to help you achieve your goals. Available services include:

Professor Courtney Lee
If you would like some extra help preparing for classes, exams, or the bar, contact Professor Lee at clee1@pacific.edu or 916.739.7242, or visit her office next to the ASRC. Depending upon the nature of your questions, Professor Lee will either suggest that you meet with her directly or will refer you to meet with a member of the Skills Support Team.

Skills Support Team
The skills support team is a group of upper-division students who are available to help you develop the skills necessary for success in law school, including case briefing, note taking, outlining, exam and class preparation, essay exam writing, multiple choice questions, study group techniques and more.

Academic Success Resource Center (“ASRC”)
The ASRC is a space on the first floor of Northwest Hall, between Professor Lee's office and the CDO. Students may come here to study individually, meet with a study group, use the internet, or just relax on the couch between classes. Within the ASRC is a library of supplemental study materials that students may check out for free on a three-day basis, including commercial outlines, CDs and bar exam materials. The Skills Support Team also holds office hours in the ASRC. The ASRC is open whenever the CDO is open.

More information: go.mcgeorge.edu/academicsuccess

Office of Student Affairs
Throughout your time here at Pacific McGeorge you’ll benefit from the personalized attention offered by our Office of Student Affairs. This starts with our unique MAP program and continues throughout your time here. Ongoing guidance is available on topics including academic requirements, health and wellness services, student health insurance, ADA accommodations, final exams, co- and extra-curricular opportunities, and more. We help you sort through the options to maximize your Pacific McGeorge experience.

Faculty
The approachability of our faculty is a hallmark of Pacific McGeorge. Do not hesitate to take advantage of your professors’ office hours; use that time to ask questions that will help you better understand the assigned coursework and stand out come final exams.

Research Assistant Positions: Professors often hire one or two students to be Research Assistants (“RA”) during the summer and/or school year. This is a great opportunity to develop your research and writing skills, and what better way to get a glowing letter of recommendation from a professor?
Bar Preparation

Successful bar preparation starts early. The bar exam is the final big hurdle to complete before you can become a practicing attorney. Although you don’t take the bar exam until after law school is complete, there are many things you can and should do prior to graduation to ensure that you successfully conquer this challenge:

Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements for the state where you want to practice. Each state has its own character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to its bar. For information about each state’s admission requirements, visit the National Conference of Bar Examiners website at ncbex.org. California, for example, requires that you do the following:

1. Register with the Committee of Bar Examiners (usually done during first year)
2. Take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (“MPRE”)
3. File your Moral Character Application and receive a positive determination
4. Apply to take, and pass the California Bar Exam

Sign up for a Commercial Bar Review Course. Research your options to find a course that will be a good fit for your learning style. Sign up as early as your first year to lock in a price, and be on the lookout for discounts whenever possible.

Enroll in the Practical and Persuasive Legal Writing Course (“PPLW”) during your final year. PPLW is designed to demystify the CA Bar Exam. It is a ten-week, two-credit, pass/fail course offered in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Students write several one-hour CA Bar essay questions and three-hour CA Bar performance tests, and receive considerable feedback on their answers. PPLW focuses heavily on IRAC and writing format, but not substantive law, which is why PPLW is not a replacement for a commercial bar review course.

Follow Social Media. “Like” the “McGeorge Bar Prep” Facebook Page or follow the blog at mcgeorgebarprep.wordpress.com. Updates increase as the exam approaches.

More information: go.mcgeorge.edu/academicsuccess

December Pacific McGeorge Swearing Ceremony, hosted by the Alumni Relations Office