



Orange Edge

Dear Orange Edge Participant,

Welcome to Syracuse University College of Law's 2022 Orange Edge program! We are excited to provide you with the opportunity to participate in a program specifically designed to help you get a head-start on developing academic skills and lasting relationships, which are critical for a positive law school experience.

As part of the Orange Edge curriculum, you will be exposed to first-year core subjects, legal research and writing, and legal study skills. In addition to the academic component, Orange Edge will provide the opportunity for you to interact with other incoming students and form a support system at the College of Law early on.

Please take some time to review the information that is posted for you on the [Orange Edge Participant Information](#) link of the College of Law website for admitted students. This will give you details about the Orange Edge Program in general, as well as other important details to get you started.

In the information that follows, you will find details about where the Orange Edge programming will take place. Please make sure to find your way to the assigned room on time so that sessions and classes can begin promptly.

Your first task as an Orange Edge Student, which you will find on the website, is to complete your assignments for the first day of classes. These include the **"First Day Assignment"** for The Study of Law and an assignment titled **"Risman Assignment for Opening Day."** The first day of class includes full-length working sessions, so do come to both classes prepared to discuss the material.

We look forward to working with you this summer in an effort to give you an "edge" to beginning your law school career.

Sincerely,

Kelly K. Curtis

Teaching Professor & Director of Academic and Bar Support

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- I. To provide a rigorous introduction to the first-year law school experience through the use of a ten-day experience designed to develop legal reasoning and writing skills, to assess and improve writing competency, and to teach study skills strategies appropriate for law students.
- II. To provide opportunities for students to interact with each other, the law school faculty and administration, and upper-class students as a means to ease the transition into law school, to reduce isolation and alienation, to introduce avenues of support, and to provide role models and allow for networking to begin.

ORANGE EDGE '22 will run from **August 1st – August 12th**. There will be no sessions held on August 6th or 7th.

- The Orientation Program, which is mandatory for all incoming first-year students, will be held on **August 15 – 19, 2022**. More details will be forthcoming on Orientation 2022 soon.

CURRICULUM

The program is comprised of the following components:

Law School Success: Students will be introduced to various members of the staff and faculty at the College of Law who will be important points of contact for students going forward.

The Study of Law: Daily classes will be taught by Kelly Curtis, Teaching Professor and Director of Academic Support, using a set of cases and materials developed for the Orange Edge Program. The classes will focus on critical study skills necessary for law study. In addition, a series of cases from the first-year curriculum will be used to demonstrate the academic skills you will use during your first year. All students will learn to read and brief cases, extrapolate rules of law from their readings, and apply those rules to new fact patterns in an exam setting.

Legal Writing Workshop: Daily classes will be taught by a Legal Writing Professor culminating with the students preparing an Office Memorandum.

Small Group Study Sessions: Teaching Assistants will lead sessions to debrief the day's material, work on assignments, and answer students' questions in an informal setting. The Teaching Assistants may also present on study skills such as class preparation, note taking, outlines, flowcharts and exam preparation.

BOOKS & SUPPLIES

Students are responsible to pay for their books and supplies for the Orange Edge summer program. You may purchase the books below online from the publisher or a third-party retailer such as Amazon. You should order these books as soon as possible to ensure delivery prior to the start of the Orange Edge Program.

The books you must purchase include:

Schwartz & Manning, Expert Learning for Law Students (3d ed.) (ISBN: 9781611639650)

Please note that you MUST purchase the Third Edition

The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (21st ed.) (ISBN: 9780692400197)

Please note that you MUST purchase the Twenty-First Edition

FEES

Costs for books, supplies, food and other personal expenses are the responsibility of individual students. We are unable to offer any financial aid or to certify any student loans to cover these incidental costs of the Orange Edge Program. Therefore, students attending this program should make sure they have adequate resources to cover these out-of-pocket expenses.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 315.443.1962 or email us at lawadmissions@syr.edu if you have questions about the Orange Edge Program. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Opening Day Schedule

August 1, 2022

10:00 - 11:00	Welcome to Orange Edge	Room 350
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch	Dineen Hall Atrium
1:00 - 2:00	Intro. to the Study of Law	Room 350
2:30 - 3:30	Meet the TAs and Mentors	Room 350

Schedule for Remaining Days

August 2, 2022

9:00 - 10:30	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
11:00 - 12:00	Faculty Panel	Room 352
1:00 - 2:30	The Study of Law	Room 350

August 3, 2022

9:00 - 10:30	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
1:00 - 2:30	The Study of Law	Room 350
3:00 - 4:30	Small Group TA Session	Location TBA

August 4, 2022

9:00 - 10:30	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
11:00 - 12:00	Small Group Session (TAs)	Location TBA
1:00 - 2:30	The Study of Law	Room 350

August 5, 2022

9:00 - 10:30	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
1:00 - 2:30	The Study of Law	Room 350
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Small Group TA Session	Location TBA

August 8, 2022

9:00 - 10:30	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
11:00 - 12:00	Student Affairs Panel	Room 352
1:00 - 2:30 pm	The Study of Law	Room 350

August 9, 2022

9:00 - 10:30 am	Legal Writing Workshop	Room 350
1:00 - 2:30 pm	The Study of Law	Room 350
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Small Group TA Session	Location TBA

August 10, 2022

11:00 - 12:30	Starting the Year Off Right	Room 352
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August 11, 2022

No programming. Study for Final Exam!

August 12, 2022

10:00 - 11:30 am	Final Exam	Room 440
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