At Fairleigh Dickinson University, we believe that a thorough knowledge of the law and legal system should not be restricted to lawyers and judges. Our new Florham Scholars in Law program is founded on the assumption that understanding and evaluating law is a vital skill for you as a student, as a citizen and as a future professional. By investigating and analyzing legal problems from diverse perspectives (such as anthropology, history, business, international relations, philosophy, literature, sociology and political science) our undergraduates become original and penetrating thinkers. In addition, our program fosters engaged, effective citizenship by educating students about their rights and responsibilities, and helping them evaluate the character and performance of our legal system.

By working closely with faculty in small classes, students in the Florham Law Scholars program develop concise, clear writing and effective oral presentation and group leadership skills that will serve them long after they graduate. Florham Law Scholars collaborate with faculty on research projects and can work on the University’s undergraduate legal journal, *Lexicon* (lexicon.fdu.edu). They also learn through numerous field experiences outside of the classroom, and from distinguished legal practitioners — including lawyers, law enforcement personnel, legislators and judges.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

All coursework in the Florham Law Scholars program applies to the University’s Legal Studies minor, an academic concentration that deepens students’ understanding of law, and connects them with others interested in legal affairs.

During their first year, Florham Law Scholars form a cohesive living and learning community that includes small, discussion-driven courses and additional programs such as field work, colloquia, and special lectures and guest appearances. Students work with faculty who are committed to undergraduate instruction and mentoring, and with peers who have strong academic credentials and motivation, and a shared interest in legal studies.

In their first semester, Florham Law Scholars enroll in the Law Scholars Seminar, combining academic study, active student participation, and outside events and speakers. As part of the seminar, students might discuss criminal justice with a district attorney, interview a public defender, sit in on a trial, or participate in a forum on gangs and youth violence. In the second semester, Florham Law Scholars take the Law Colloquium, a course that examines legal questions in depth.

Florham Law Scholars are encouraged to participate in a field experience during the winter intersession of their first year. Students receive credit for working abroad or in Washington, D.C., and for “shadowing” a professional such as a trial attorney, probation officer, corrections official or legislator. At the conclusion of the field experience, students present critical reports to their instructor and colleagues. Each field experience is specially tailored to the student’s academic goals and career interests.
PROGRAM CRITERIA
The Florham Law Scholars program is open to incoming first-year resident students enrolled in any major. However, a limited number of students from each incoming class will be accepted into the program.

To be eligible, students must also have a minimum high school GPA of 3.25 and a minimum SAT score of 1100. A personal interview is also required.

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