

SUMMER PREPARATION

Entering law students often seek to get a head start on their studies during the summer. While the desire to do one's best is understandable it will be difficult to engage yourself in actual course material

Your summer is probably better spent focusing on the following:

- **Organize Your Life.** Make sure your living situation is settled. Get your budget and finances in order. Enlist the aid of your support network. Develop a scheduled routine. Simplify everything that can be made simpler.
- **Enjoy Life.** Spend time doing things you love with the people you love. You'll have precious little time for either once law school begins, so overdose on it ahead of time.
- **Get Physically Prepared.** Attend to your medical appointments. Establish an exercise routine. Get plenty of rest. Life will become extremely busy and law school will quickly consume you. Making sure you're in good health and having an outlet for stress and to give you some time away from studies will make a huge difference later.
- **Gather the information you will need for registering with and applying to the Bar.** (See step 4 of the Admission Center for details.) You'll be grateful that you did it before classes begin.

Some students can't help themselves and won't rest unless they do something related to actual law classes. Our offer of admission means that we have every confidence in your ability to do well in law study and you need no extra preparation. If you are someone who must do a prep course before your next step, you are certainly welcome to do so. The Admissions Committee does not believe that any entering student needs to. If you are considering a prep course, [Law Preview](#) offers NSU Shepard Broad College of Law students a \$100 discount. Further, NSU Law students are among a select few in the country who are eligible to receive a [scholarship](#) to attend that program.

An alternative to a prep program would be to engage in selected reading through the summer. We have assembled a list of books, including novels, which will engage you in legal issues or provide advice on success in law school and the legal profession. Pick a few from the [attached list](#) and read at your leisure this summer.

Join the [Facebook group](#) for the entering class and begin meeting your future classmates. You can use the group to:

- Make new friends and reconnect with old ones you didn't know would be starting law school with you
- Share ideas and information and ask questions (Dean Perez checks in frequently to make sure that your needs are being attended to.)
- Organize social events and activities
- Find roommates, meet classmates who are realtors, and get leads on good and affordable housing options

When section placements are released in the later part of July, students tend to form subgroups for each section to share information and create some section pride.