The Undergraduate Legal Research Program seeks to provide competitively-selected undergraduates with an introduction to legal research, analysis, and writing. The class is organized as a quasi-independent study; the instructional sessions are designed to introduce the research tools and legal analysis skills necessary to choose a topic and produce a research paper and informational pamphlet for distribution at the SBI Legal Assistance Office. For their participation in the program, students earn three (3) elective credits through the UB Millard Fillmore College (MFC 499).

This program provides student researchers with:
- Instruction in case analysis and briefing;
- Instruction in legal writing strategies and styles;
- Instruction in legal research methods available to undergraduates;
- Doctrinal instruction from a law school professor and a legal research specialist;
- Provision of a law student mentor for research guidance and assistance;
- Structured and feedback-intensive development of a research topic and paper;
- Observation of a law school class; and,
- A presentation from a law school admissions officer to discuss the law school application process and requirements.

This program will develop the students’ skills in research and writing while allowing for close coordination with law students and legal professionals. Candidates for this program should have some experience with academic research, though no specific job history or academic major is required for consideration. All majors are welcomed, and can choose a topic pertinent to both the study of law and their academic major. A syllabus will be handed-out providing deadlines and rubric for all assignments after a final selection of all students has been made.

~MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS~
All applicants must be currently registered undergraduate students at UB in their sophomore, junior, or senior year.

~APPLICATION PROCEDURE~
Send the following in a single e-mail to mccimasi@buffalo.edu with the Subject Line "Researcher Application":
1.) Letter of Interest;
2.) Resume;
3.) Academic Writing Sample; and,
4.) Unofficial College Transcript.

~APPLICATION DEADLINE~
All application materials must be received via e-mail to mccimasi@buffalo.edu by Monday 23rd November 2015 at 5:00pm.

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