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Communications Toolkit



Sample announcement to incoming students when offering JDEdge as a general resource; not mandatory. **Send BEFORE May 1.**

Dear [Student Name],

As you prepare to begin law school, we're excited to share a resource designed to help you get started with confidence.

Our law school has partnered with AccessLex Institute®, the largest nonprofit organization focusing on access, affordability, and the value of legal education, to bring you **JDEdge by AccessLex®**— a fully online, asynchronous program designed specifically for rising 1Ls, like you!

Available at **no cost** to you or our law school, the lessons in JDEdge will provide you with a solid foundation for the critical skills you will need to succeed as a law student. To ensure that you're ready to hit the ground running on day one, **you are encouraged to complete the lessons in JDEdge prior to orientation.**

With approximately 20 hours of content, JDEdge takes a multi-format approach — including interactive online lessons, videos, webinars, and live workshops — delivered in concise and easy to understand modules.

What You'll Learn

Module One: Introduction to Law School and Law School Learning — Engage in lessons on where to go for help within your law school community, an overview of the judicial system, and some important legal terminology.

Module Two: Preparing for Class — Learn how to prepare for and get the most out of the class experience, as well how to make sure the learning sticks. Lessons include case reading and briefing, the Socratic method, notetaking, rule synthesis, and creating study materials.

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We're excited for you to join us in the fall, and are committed to helping you start strong. That's why we're proudly partnering with JDEdge by AccessLex to help you sharpen the skills you'll need to succeed in law school.

So, keep an eye on your email for instructions on how to enroll in JDEdge – coming May 1, 2026!



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Dear [Student Name],

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As a reminder, JDEdge is a fully online asynchronous program, designed to provide rising 1L students with a solid foundation for the critical skills needed in law school. And it's available at **no cost** to you.

To ensure that you're ready to hit the ground running on day one, you are encouraged to utilize JDEdge as a resource to:

- Learn **what to expect** from the law school experience and how to be prepared for the work inside and outside of the classroom;
- Get **hands on practice** with key law school skills, such as case briefing, note-taking, and writing essay exam answers;
- Attend **live sessions** (recorded to meet your needs) for exposure to the law school classroom experience, walk through examples of key study skills, and have your questions answered by law school experts;
- Download **resources** to use throughout your first year of law school;
- And access additional resources to support your transition to law school.

Plus, JDEdge takes a multi-format approach — including interactive online lessons, videos, webinars, and follow-up assignments delivered in quick and easy to understand components. This allows you to define your own path and easily break up lessons to fit into your summer schedule.

Register at [AskEDNA.org](https://www.askedna.org) to get started. Your name, email address, school, and class year are all you need to log in to the program, personalize your experience, and track your progress. No other personal information is required, and all information remains confidential.

[INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS, ETC.]

“Thank you! I felt so much more prepared for my first week of law school than a lot of my peers. Law school starts with a heavy workload and doesn't leave any time for anyone to catch up, so thinking about how I would organize myself and what I was trying to do when reading a case REALLY helped. I would (and have) recommended this course to students that want to prepare themselves well.”



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"I completed every single module as directed by my school. It seemed like a lot of work then because I had so much going on, but it proved very beneficial. My biggest takeaway was outlining. I understood the concept but was unsure how to go about outlining or when to start. JDEdge took the mystery out of outlining for me.

I also benefited from the financial presentation. I understood my loans better and when it was time to decide, I was better prepared to make an informed decision."



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You'll also have access to additional videos and lessons that explore topics like the stages of litigation, separation of powers, and how to read statutes. You can attend live sessions or watch recordings — whatever fits your schedule.

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Language for Orientation or Pre-Orientation Checklists

Ask EDNA! — the Education Network at AccessLex is your one-stop shop for accessing all the tools in JDEdge by AccessLex® (as well as additional student success, bar success, and financial education resources).

Register for your free account at [AskEDNA.org](https://www.askedna.org) now to enter JDEdge. Once you're in Ask EDNA!, you can peruse the lessons and sign up for live events designed to help you sharpen the skills you need to succeed in law school.

- Start by selecting the JDEdge Introduction card for a little background on the course and how to best use it.
- Then begin exploring! And, if you have any questions along the way, don't hesitate to send them to StudentSuccess@accesslex.org.

Learning Module Descriptions

The JDEdge curriculum is divided into five primary learning modules. Each module focuses on a different set of related law school skills. With a mix of pre-recorded videos, independent work, and live classes (that are also available to view on demand), the modules in JDEdge can be adapted to fit your schedule. While flexible enough to allow you to choose your own path, we recommend following the order of the syllabus to ensure you get the most out of the course.

Module One: Introduction to Law School and Law School Learning

What's it all about? The first module will provide you with an introduction to law school. You will engage in lessons on where to go for help within your law school community, an overview of the judicial system, and some important legal terminology.

Module Two: Preparing for Class

Wondering how a law school class is different from other classroom experiences? Module Two will answer most of your burning questions about what to expect in class. You will learn how to best prepare, how to get the most out of the class experience, and what to do afterwards to make sure the learning sticks. Lessons in Module Two include case reading and briefing, the Socratic method, note-taking, rule synthesis, and creating study materials.

Module Three: Preparing for Exams

It's not too early to think about work habits and techniques that can set you up for exam success. Module Three focuses on preparing for exams. Here, you will engage in lessons on writing for law school exams, effective study and memorization techniques, and the importance of taking practice exams. You will also have the opportunity to prepare for – and take – a practice exam.

Module Four: Preparing for Law Practice

How do you achieve your goal of becoming an attorney? The fourth module focuses on preparing for law practice, with lessons on time management, stress management, professional expectations, landing your first legal job, and creating your own professional development plan.

Module Five: Preparing for Licensure

This final module focuses on getting your law license, the character and fitness process, and the bar exam. You will also be introduced to resources from MAX by AccessLex® about financing your legal education and the bar study process.

Event Descriptions

In addition to its robust asynchronous offerings, the JDEdge curriculum also includes chances for incoming law students to participate in live webinars where you will have the opportunity to practice burgeoning skills and to have your questions answered by faculty and peers.

Mock Law School Class

Participate in a simulated law school Torts class focusing on the tort of battery. Come prepared to ask and answer questions and get some practice taking notes in a Socratic learning environment! *(If you'd rather hang back and observe, that's ok, too. This isn't a real class. You can pass on speaking.)*

Ask Us Anything: Get Advice From Law School Experts

By the end of the JDEdge program, you will have learned a *lot* about what to expect in law school. But if you are still unsure about what lies ahead, our panel of upper-level students will provide tips for surviving and thriving in law school! Come to this session armed with your burning questions about the 1L experience and get answers from law students who were recently in your shoes.

JDEdge Welcome Video

Share [**this video**](#) with your incoming students to welcome them to JDEdge and to provide a quick overview of what they can expect to learn from the program.

JDEdge Logo

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JDEdge Social Media Images

Image tiles are available for Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn posts.



JDEdge Social Media Post Copy Examples

Example 1

Incoming 1L this fall? Start preparing now.

Through our partnership with @AccessLexInstitute, we're excited to offer JDEdge by AccessLex — a free program designed to help you get ready for law school before classes even begin.

JDEdge Introduces the skills you'll use from day one, including:

- Reading and briefing cases;
- Class engagement;
- Post-class strategy;
- Time management;
- And MUCH more!

You can work through the lessons at your own pace this summer and start law school feeling more prepared.

Create your free Ask EDNA! account to get started and give yourself an edge with JDEdge!
AskEDNA.org

Example 2

We are excited to offer JDEdge by AccessLex to our rising 1Ls!

Available through our partnership with @AccessLexInstitute, this free law school prep program is designed to get you prepared for your legal education before you begin classes.

Through interactive online lessons, videos, webinars, and live workshops, JDEdge will provide you with the necessary skills – and the confidence – so you can enter law school ready.

Get started in JDEdge before you join us this fall; Create a free Ask EDNA! account today!
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JDEdge Social Media Post Copy Examples

Example 3

By partnering with @AccessLexInstitute, we are thrilled to bring you JDEdge by AccessLex.

Available at no cost to you or our law school, this interactive prep program is designed to set incoming 1Ls (like YOU!) up for success before you attend your first day of class.

Dive into critical topics such as:

- Reading and briefing cases;
- Engaging in class discussions;
- Post-class strategies;
- Effective time management;
- And much more!

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Example 4

Have you heard about JDEdge by AccessLex?

Available through our partner, @AccessLexInstitute, JDEdge is a law school prep curriculum, providing essential skills to rising 1Ls (like you) – absolutely free!

Utilizing this interactive program, you'll create a foundation for critical topics such as reading and briefing cases, engaging in class, taking effective notes, strategic studying, and more.

Begin your legal education with an advantage – create a free Ask EDNA! account and get started in JDEdge today!

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Sharpen your skills for law school.[®]

Comprehensive law school preparation for day ONE.

JDEdge by AccessLex[®] is an **online program** offered *free of charge* to students at participating law schools that provides **law school preparation and critical skills-building to incoming law students.**

Through webinars, video lectures, and interactive online lessons, you will acquire critical skills such as:

- ✓ Reading and briefing cases
- ✓ Engaging in class
- ✓ Note-taking
- ✓ Effective post-class review
- ✓ Strategic studying
- ✓ So much more!



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