Meet Emily. She’s a double major in economics and political science who is building a strong foundation for a career in law. “It’s great that I can take advantage of the Pre-Law Advising Program here,” Emily says. “I meet regularly with the director and he’s helping me revise my résumé and fine-tune the personal statement that I’ll use in applying to law schools. He’s also helping me establish a timetable that will give me an advantage over other applicants.”

For Emily, an important advantage has been the Maymester LSAT prep course. “It was a bargain, compared with other LSAT prep courses on the market,” she says. “The timing was also important. I took that class during the summer right before I took the actual test. That way, I was able to concentrate completely on the LSAT, and the prep work didn’t distract me from my regular college courses.”

As part of her preparation, Emily interned with the Department of Juvenile Justice. “I worked with the probation unit, and was assigned to someone who handles 80 different cases at one time. I got first-hand experience regarding what happens in the courtroom and in the system. It definitely cemented my interest in law school.”

The Pre-Law Advising Program also introduces students to important people in the legal profession. “Recently, a prominent litigator from Florida came and spoke to us,” explains Emily. “He shared tips about the strategies he employs in the courtroom, and reinforced what we need to know about law school. Because of this type of programming, it’s all coming together for me now.”

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EVER SINCE SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH HER high school’s award-winning mock-trial team, Emily Nellermoe has been thinking about becoming an attorney. Now, she’s getting ready to apply for law school and life in that profession by taking the right courses and getting the best advice and experience.