

Stanford Law School

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THE (UN)OFFICIAL GUIDE TO STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

The First and Only Guide to SLS Created by and for SLS Students

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INTRODUCTION

We remember being in your shoes. Although 1L won't be nearly as terrifying as popular perception would have you believe, we know the first quarter can be overwhelming—new classmates to meet, new professors from whom to learn, and a new place to call home. So we (your Stanford Law Association) created this guide to make your transition to SLS a bit smoother.

In these pages you'll find tips on briefing and outlining cases, on places on or off campus to get a quick bite to eat or a late-night cup of coffee, on area resources for taking care of pets or children, and on understanding the special SLS lingo, in which you'll quickly become fluent.

This guide is by no means all-inclusive, and we would love to hear your suggestions and questions. After all, we are here for you, so please don't be shy: email us, stop us in the halls, join SLS Intergalactic, or e-mail Law Talk (from your Stanford e-mail)—whatever you need to make your transition easier.

Get ready for a great adventure beneath the palm trees. Work hard but don't lose perspective. Go out (often). Be athletic. Relish California. Get involved on campus. Spend a few days a month without your casebooks. Experience San Francisco. You will all be fine. Really. We promise.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you need anything. SLA is comprised of 2Ls, 3Ls, and advanced degree students (and soon some of you!) with a wide range of personal and professional interests. If you have questions, someone here can help you find answers. Good luck and we wish you all the best!

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GENERAL LAW SCHOOL TIPS

We hope this guide will help ease your transition into law school. We'll start with some general tips—we won't dare refer to them as wisdom, but hope you will find them helpful nonetheless.

RELAX!

Don't pay attention to what the person next to you is doing. Do what is right for you to learn and feel prepared.

DON'T WORRY.

Did you freeze while being cold-called? Got an answer wrong in class? No one cares but you. Trust us. We all have said or done something embarrassing in class at some point, but we only remember our own mistakes. A former SLA President offers the following reassurance: "One time, I got three yes/no questions wrong in a row—I'm still alive and doing well!"

REACH OUT TO PROFESSORS!

They're professors because they like and care about students! Pop in on their office hours or set up times just to chat. They'll take you up on the offer. Seriously, they are part-time life advisors, and love doing it.

GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS!

Okay, so maybe we are a bit self-interested here, as we want to recruit you to SLA, but the truth remains that student activities can be a fantastic way to make friends, find a supportive community, gain some valuable perspective, and add some variety to life. There's a group or a journal for everyone; if you don't see yours, start it!

SAY "NO" SOMETIMES.

Don't feel obliged to fill every minute, join every group, attend every event, and excel at everything. Getting caught up and overextended may stress you out for no reason. You already made it to SLS, and you will have plenty of opportunities—focus on the things that make you happy and further successes will follow naturally.

DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF!

Reach out to your classmates (and upper-classmates), professors, and SLS staff whenever you want or need to talk. And keep in touch with old friends and family members—outside perspective can really help keep you grounded.

EXERCISE!

Take care of yourself. We are in lush surroundings! Make sure to take advantage of it—go for a run, or a swim, or even just a walk regularly. The Stanford gyms are free for all students and filled with great equipment rentals, a rock climbing gym, and more. There are numerous Facebook groups dedicated to hiking, climbing, and pick-up games of different sports. When the going gets tough (*looking at you, finals*), you'll be grateful for the outlet.

ASK FOR HELP!

Law students can be like peacocks—strutting their feathers, too proud to see over them. Don't be afraid to reach out to upperclassmen, faculty members, and friends to ask for help, guidance, and support. Being a small school helps us meet each other, but students, administrators, and professors work hard to make SLS a real community.

Take advantage of it.

ACADEMIC TERMS & TIPS

BRIEFS

A “brief” is a summary of the major aspects of a court decision and is usually prepared before class and used in class (especially if cold-called). Written briefs typically include:

- *Who are the parties, the year, the court, key facts, the procedural posture* (case history and how it got to whatever court it’s in)
- *Rules* (the law from previous cases/statutes that the court applies to the new facts)
- *Dicta* (a statement of opinion or belief that’s considered somewhat authoritative but isn’t necessarily binding)
- *Holding* (the final decision the court comes to based on applying the rule to the facts)
- *Concurrences and Dissents* (opinions that agree or disagree with the majority—concurrences typically agree with the holding but differ in reasoning, while dissents disagree partially or totally with the reasoning and/or holding)

For sample briefs or tips on different styles, contact anyone in SLA and/or your student mentor(s).

STUDY GROUPS

Some law students have found groups of students with whom they can review material regularly and help prepare for exams.

Some don’t find a group until finals. Many others choose to study alone. If you need to talk things out, find a study partner

or study group. Your section of thirty first-year students will have all the same classes as you, and possibly similar questions—

a perfect source of members for a study group if you want one. If you need to immerse yourself in your studies and not be bogged down by other people’s questions, then work alone. Try not to think about what others are doing, and just do what feels right for you.

OUTLINES

People approach outlines differently, but generally it is a summary of all major concepts, cases, and rules learned in a class over a quarter. An outline can usually be brought to an exam and used as a reference during the test (professors will give you the specifics on accepted test materials for their courses). Most students start outlining toward the end of the quarter, when they have a bigger picture of how the course material fits together. Some people make outlines with other people, some use outlines from previous years (see the section on SLATA outlines below), and some people do not use outlines at all. Again, figure out what system works best for you, and feel free to reach out to anyone in Law Association if you need more guidance.

SLATA (Stanford Law and Technology Association) OUTLINES

SLATA outlines were created by past students to prepare for their exams. Past students donate their outlines through SLATA to be helpful to future students. Outlines are available for almost every course (see box on following page). Use them to model your own outline or as an extra study tool.

If there are no outlines available from your professor, don’t panic; he or she may not have taught this course before. Just peruse what’s available to find which ones look most applicable to the material you covered (i.e. other professors teaching the same class). If your professor is new to the course or school, ask if they recommend looking at any other professor’s preparation materials or if you can access old exams from another school where he or she taught the subject.

EXAMS

Most students study by preparing an outline for each course, studying off of an old outline, and reviewing old exams from that professor or similar courses if that professor hasn’t taught before. Old exams here: <https://digitalreserves.law.stanford.edu/>.

Briefing Tips:

- 1) Find a level of detail that works for you
- 2) Find a format that you like:
 - Separate typed sheets for each case.
 - Briefs written in the casebook margins.
 - Highlighted elements in different colors.
 - List of case basics in a spreadsheet.
 - Or (gasp) don’t brief at all.
- 3) We recommend writing briefs at least for the first few weeks and modifying as you go according to your work style and needs.

Some people reread all their cases while others never open their casebooks to study. One thing that many of us agree upon, though, is that it really helps to actually take practice exams (timing yourself and everything) and then reviewing them. This method is frequently where study groups come in handy even for solo studiers, as you can talk through answers. Taking the full exams can also help to get an understanding of law school exams and what your professors expect. Reach out to your professors for guidance if you need specific suggestions of how to study for a particular course.

THE BEST RESOURCE

Your professors! Many of the professors are more than happy to help you and offer guidance. Take advantage of the unique atmosphere at SLS and get to know your professors; they are **amazing** resources, and many love to talk with students (about class, jobs, their legal career, etc.). Don't be shy!

THE SUMMER JOB SEARCH

Relax! The ABA bars 1Ls from talking with most employers or applying for summer jobs until December 1. Most students start after that, usually after fall exams, and many continue into spring. The folks at the Office of Career Services and the Levin Center will update you on how to identify potential employers and begin the job search when it is appropriate. For the first few months of school, don't worry about this—just focus on adjusting to law school. You will ALL get great jobs—that's the beauty of Stanford. In the meantime, this is an excellent topic for any SLA members or mentors, who can talk to you about applications for law firms, judges, government agencies, nonprofits, and pretty much anything else that comes to mind.

IMPORTANT: How to Get a SLATA Outline

Step 1: Go to <https://law.stanford.edu/slata/slata-outlines/> and log in with your Stanford username.

Step 2: Narrow the list.

Type in your course name or professor. Every professor's class is a little different, so an outline from your professor's class will be most helpful.

Step 3: Select the right one(s) for you.

Some outlines will be more useful to your studying habits than others. Professors tend to alter their content and focus a bit each year, so more recent outlines are more likely to cover the same cases or laws.

Step 4: Pay It Forward.

When you finish exams—and you WILL finish exams—consider uploading your outlines for the next group of Stanford 1Ls to use. You can do so anonymously if you like. Stanford students are a collaborative bunch and your contribution to the community could make a huge difference to someone down the road. Be one of the legendary outliners who helps the next generation of law students for years to come.

TIP: Be sure to compare the content of the SLATA outline to your notes—don't assume that the outline covers

GROCERIES AND ESSENTIALS

SAFEWAY*

325 South Sharon Park

aka Secret Safeway, closest and open 24 hours

525 El Camino Real

Closest full-size store

*Safeway also has a delivery service.

GOOGLE EXPRESS

Usually a deal when you sign-up.

Enjoy the perks of being in silicon valley.

Target, Whole Foods, Costco, Staples, Walgreens, Fry's, REI, etc.

TRADER JOE'S

855 El Camino Real

Best deals for your dollar. Within comfortable biking distance from school.

WHOLE FOODS

774 Emerson Street

Within comfortable biking distance from school.

MUNGER MARKET

Munger 5 (Jacob Sorenson)

First Floor

Pricey, but close at hand in Munger.

CALIFORNIA AVE FARMERS' MARKET

California Avenue

This happens every Sunday. They have fresh produce and delicious food. It's biking distance from the school and there are always law students there! Located on Cal Ave between El Camino Real and the Cal Ave Caltrain station

SIGONIA'S

399 Stanford Shopping Center

Expensive and upscale. Lots of local and imported foods and farm fresh produce. Bike and Marguerite friendly.

No Car or Bike, No problem...

MARGUERITE

(Stanford's Bus System)

Perks: Free, Live Map Online, Nearby Shopping

Limits: Fixed Routes/Schedule

LAW LIBRARY BIKE RENTAL

Perks: Free, Easy to Use and Return

Limits: No Overnight Checkout

ZIPCAR

Perks: Easy Access from Munger, Hourly Rental

Limits: Drink Responsibly, Not Always Available

UBER / LYFT

Perks: On-demand Rides, Easy-to-Use Apps

Limits: Costs \$

CALTRAIN

Perks: Runs to SF, on Marguerite Route

Limits: Takes Time, Fixed Schedule

TIPS FOR PET-OWNERS

Apartments that accept dogs + cats

- Archstone - Avalon (many locations) - Birch Creek (cats only)
- Parker Palo Alto (breed restrictions) - Southwoods
- Email Law-Talk to find one through other students

Dog Boarding/Daycare

- PetSmart - Planet Pooch - Pet Villa
- Email Law-Talk and you'll probably find a student who misses their dogs and is happy to pet sit.

Veterinary Clinics

- Adobe Animal Hospital (4470 El Camino Real, Los Altos) – *Everyone will tell you this is the best vet in the area. Keep in mind everyone here is rich. \$\$\$, but great.*
- El Camino Animal Hospital (2951 El Camino Real)
- South Peninsula Veterinary Emergency Clinic (3045 Middlefield Rd., (650) 494-1461 – *Great emergency services 24/7, very compassionate vet*

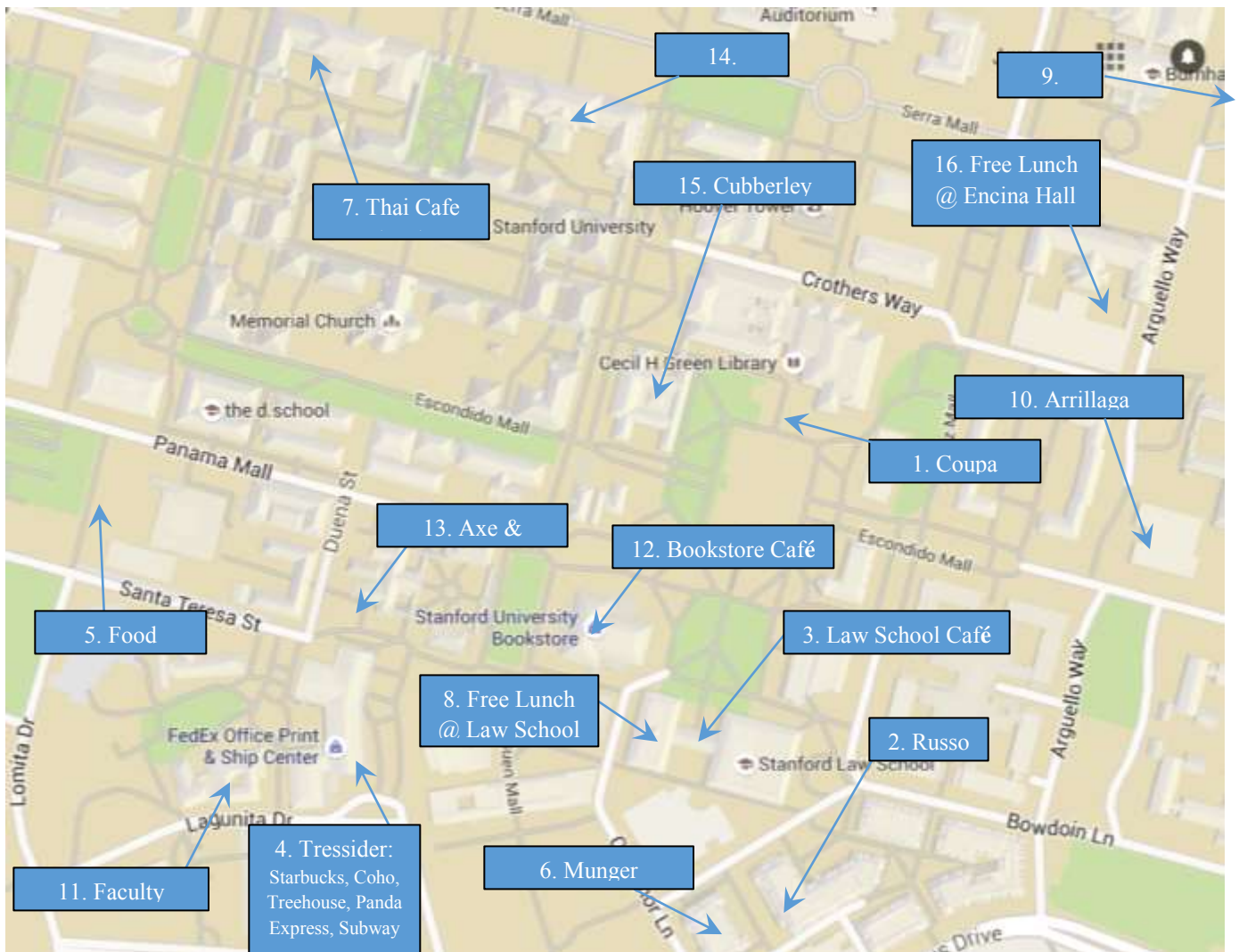
Dog Parks

- Palo Alto: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/mitchell-park-palo-alto> (close to Charleston, not E. Meadow; best close by),
- Mountain View: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/shoreline-dog-park-mountain-view> (not highly reviewed)
- 20~30 minutes towards SF but worth the trip:
<http://www.shoredogs.org/> (great views, small dog area),
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/foster-city-dog-park-foster-city> (swimming, small dog area), <http://www.yelp.com/biz/seal-point-dog-park-san-mateo> (HUGE)

Other Dog Places

- Beaches that allow dogs (or where people take dogs anyway) include Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, and Carmel (by Monterey). If you're at Big Sur, there's a beautiful dog-friendly beach (~hard to get to)
- The only hiking trail close by that allows dogs is Windy Hill <http://www.yelp.com/biz/windy-hill-open-space-preserve-portola-valley>

FOOD AND COFFEE MAP



1. Coupa Café – You will go here... often. Paninis, crepes, and the best coffee on campus.. Soak it up and enjoy the casual walk from school.

2. Russo - In Munger 4, Russo serves coffee, sushi, burgers, paninis, pizza, salads, and hot entrees and sides. Open for lunch and closes at 2 pm. Not cheap, but the food can be delicious.

3. Law School Café - It is right here! Different hot entrees every day. Hot breakfast everyday. Can't beat the convenience... or the bacon.

4. Tressider - Fast-food type options, long lines, and undergrads. Includes Jamba Juice, Subway, paninis, Panda Express, pizza and salads (including a great Southwest Chicken Salad), and Fraiche (frozen yogurt and healthy snacks).

---**Starbucks** -The Tressider location opened in 2012 but was the first company-owned store on a college campus anywhere in the country. It gets busy, but they move the line along. The new food items are a nice addition.

---**Treehouse** - Located behind Tressider, the Treehouse has pizza, wings, burgers, and Mexican fare AND is open much later than most campus eateries. They also sell pitchers of beer for pretty reasonable prices.

---**Coho** – Some food, some beer/wine, coffee, plenty of undergrads. Most nights have some sort of live performance. Try the clubhouse sandwich!

5. Food Trucks – Parked here weekdays from 11-2. Some good options, rotating daily. See foodtrucks.stanford.edu for who's there & when.

6. Munger Market—Basic dorm groceries and free ice cream during finals.

7. Thai Café (RIP) – This used to be Stanford's favorite fast lunch option, but it closed over the summer. Keep an eye out for whatever replaces it!

8. Free @ Law School – There is such a thing as a free lunch, daily. Be prepared to eat lots of pizza and sandwiches this year.

9. GSB – Arbutle cafeteria has everything, done well, though not cheap, and the outdoor seating is great. There's also another Coupa here if that's your thing.

10. Arrillaga Dining –If you opt for a university meal-plan this is your spot.

11. Faculty Club – Decent fare, but you need an invite from a professor.

12. Bookstore Café –Upstairs this is an oft forgotten source of coffee and a table to work in peace. If you're pro, read a textbook you haven't bought yet...

13. Axe & Palm –Standard American fare of okay quality. Open past midnight (recommend the Immortal 21 (chicken tenders)). Foosball is a plus.

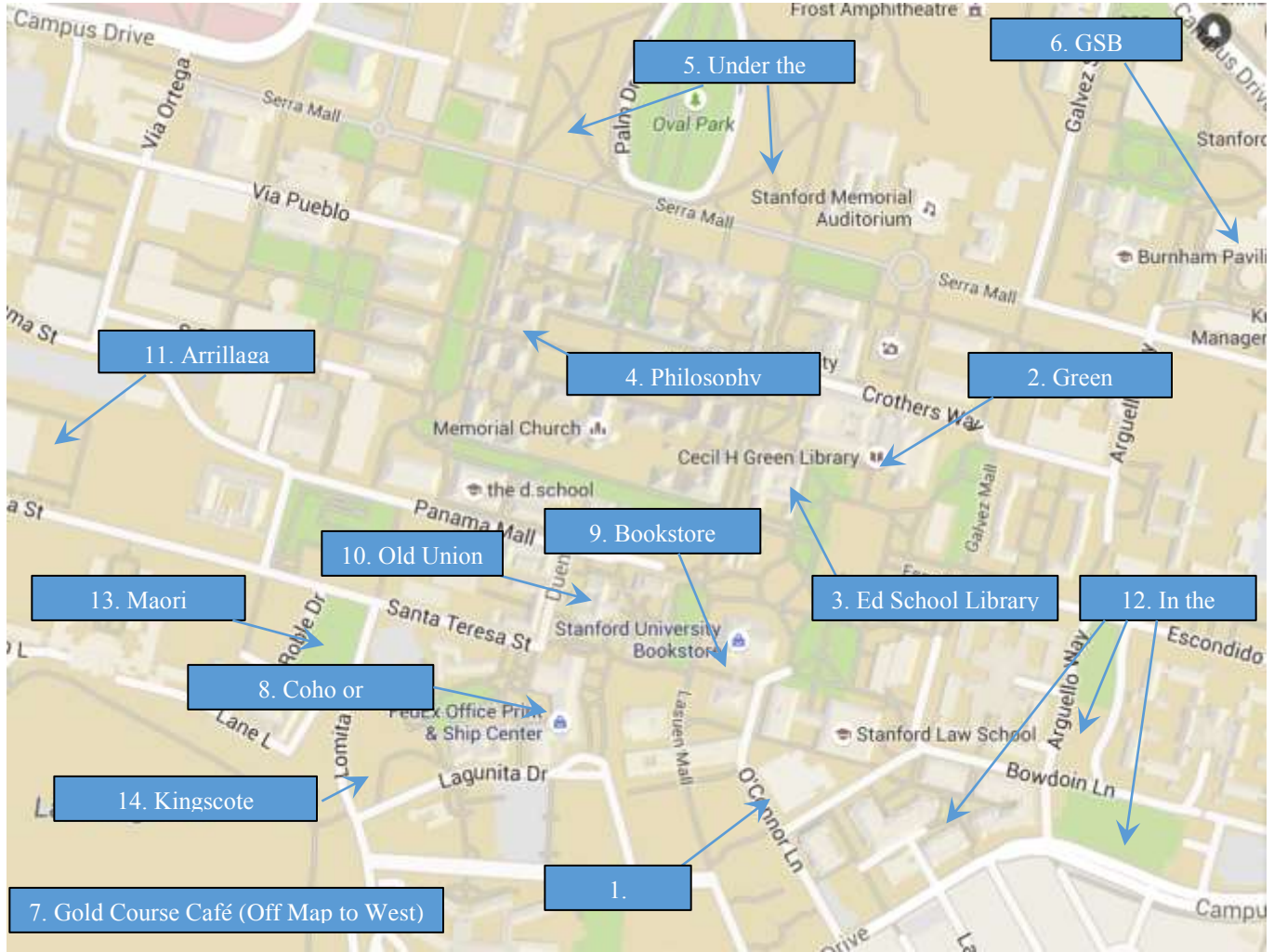
14. Olives -Mediterranean food. Closes early, check before you make the trek.

15. Cubberley Café – An oft forgotten Coupa alternative, this spot offers inexpensive sandwiches without a line and delicious espresso...try it at least once.

16. Free Lunch in Encina Hall – Want free lunch, but away from the Law School? Encina hosts polisci, IR, and a host of related departments.

STUDY SPOT MAP

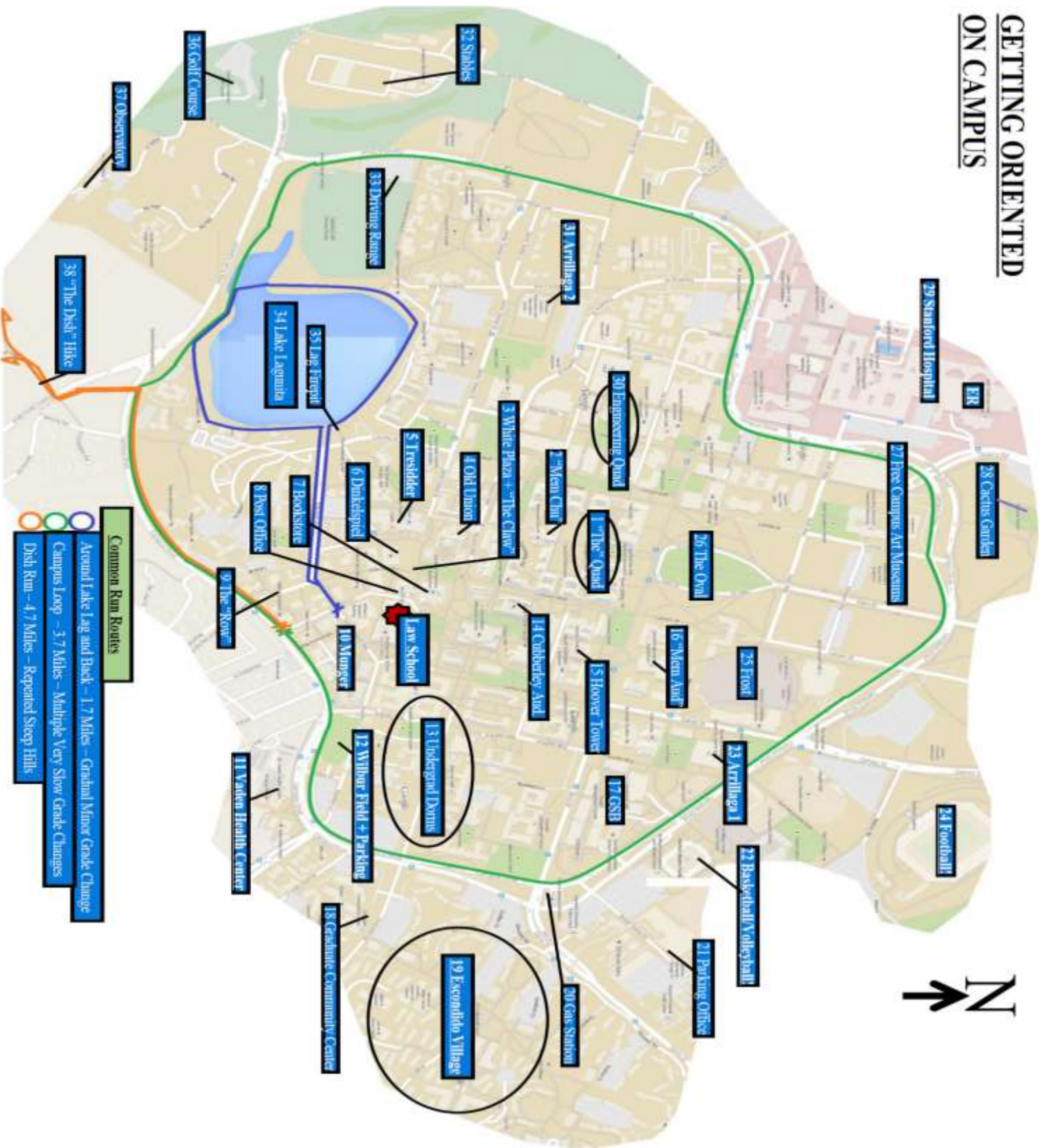
Everyone has their favorites, their secret spots, their preferences, but this'll get you started (and out of the law library).



	Coffee	Noise	Outside	Tables	Busy	Comments
1. Neukom	Nearby	Quiet	No	Big	Yes	You know it, you love it
2. Green Library	Nearby	Varies	No	Varies	Depends	The main undergrad library – it has everything to offer. Explore the Bing Wing and Bender room
3. Ed. School Library	a Walk	Quiet	No	Big	Never	Quiet and nice, but closes early
4. Philosophy Library	a Trek	Silent	No	Nice	Never	Dusty, small, silent. What you'd expect
5. Under the Trees	Nearby	Varies	Yes	Big	Maybe	This spot is nice, but anywhere works
6. GSB Library	Nearby	Talking	No	Shared	Always	Fancy, new, makes us feel cool
7. Golf Course Cafe	Yes	Talking	No	Small	Varies	Good getaway spot with coffee & putting
8. Coho or Starbucks	Yes	Loud	No	Small	Yes	Open late, often crowded or loud
9. Bookstore Café	Yes	Talking	No	Small	Maybe	2nd floor, less busy than Starbucks/Coho

10. Old Union	Yes	Talking	No	Some	Rarely	Plush couches and TVs and study rooms
11. Arrillaga Pool	a Trek	Talking	Yes	Nope	Yes	Open grassy hill, sun, swimsuits, towels
12. In the Sun	a Trek	Varies	Yes	Nope	We Hope	The undergrads hang by Meyer Green
13. Maori Garden	a Trek	Quiet	Yes	Nope	Never	A bit creepy, if that's your thing
14. Kingscote Gardens	a Walk	Quiet	Yes	Nope	Never	Nice pond, private property but who cares

GETTING ORIENTED ON CAMPUS



MAP OF CAMPUS

1 The Quad	The original university buildings, home to departments like history, philosophy, languages, etc.
2 Memorial Church (“MemChu”)	Stanford’s architectural crown jewel. Dedicated in 1903: “to test whether a non-sectarian church can minister to the spiritual needs of a great university.” Attend a service or just explore the space during normal business hours.
3 White Plaza + The Claw	A central point for student gatherings, publicizing events, or relaxing by the fountain.
4 Old Union	A relaxing space used mostly by undergrads with TVs, couches, and rooms available by reservation.
5 Tresidder	The food epicenter of campus and home to a couple banks. There’s a hair salon (expensive).
6 Dinkelspiel Auditorium	A major performing space- just don’t get lost finding it.
7 Bookstore	Stanford swag, books, coffee, technological needs, etc., including some SLS gear.
8 Post Office	It’s right by the law school, so you can’t miss it.
9 “The Row”	Premium undergraduate housing, two fraternities, and the extremely loud party epicenter of campus...
10 Munger	Most law school students’ home. Get to know your neighbors and staff!
11 Vaden Health Center	Simple health need? For infections, check-ups, counseling, etc., head here. Make appointments online.
12 Wilbur Field + Parking	Big open grassy field in the sun with an enormous parking structure underneath.
13 Undergrad Dorms	These get noisy too, and the undergrads sometimes overflow onto Wilbur and adjacent fields.
14 Cubberley Auditorium	Another important performing space to find.
15 Hoover Tower	Use to orient. Ride to the top for a view. The Hoover Institution think tank is next door.
16 Memorial Auditorium	Big performing space; most “big” speakers are here. Called “MemAud” by some.
17 Graduate School of Business (GSB)	Take a class. Grab breakfast or lunch in a punny dining pavilion. Stare at the “Monument to change as it changes” for a while in the courtyard (seriously), or just soak up the sun on a wooden lounge.
18 Graduate Community Center	Rooms available to reserve for events and a lounge. The “Old Union” equivalent for grad students.
19 Escondido Village	Grad housing with a neighborhood feel, unless you’re in a mid/high-rise. Nice for families with kids.
20 Gas / Service Station	Used to be here, now it’s gone.
21 Parking Office	You’ll probably just head here once a year, if at all.
22 Basketball + Volleyball	Maples Pavilion is home to amazing basketball and volleyball teams. You won’t regret going.
23 Arrillaga 1 “Old Arrillaga”	One of two big Arrillaga gyms with all your basic, gym-rat needs, bball courts + some.
	Perks: Closer, bouldering walls, squash & racquetball courts (free checkout of equipment) Limitations: No locker rooms/showers, muggy downstairs, slightly older equipment (but still good)
24 Football	Free for students. (9pm Tuesday before). Tailgate with SLA before or just walk over.
25 Frost Amphitheater	Cool outdoor performances and events here. Keep an eye out for them.
26 The Oval	Nice big grassy area flanked by tree groves and the iconic view of Stanford’s front. Beware of tourists.
27 Campus Art Museums	Cantor is the classic, but two new ones opened recently. Check them out for free.
28 Cactus Garden	Off the beaten path, worthwhile escape, adjacent to the Mausoleum where Stanford and family rest.
29 Stanford Hospital	If you need serious medical treatment, there’s an ER is nearby (<7 minute drive from Munger).
30 Engineering Quad	Home to science and engineering departments, huge sandwiches, and smart people.
31 Arrillaga 2 “New Arrillaga”	One of two big Arrillaga gyms with all your basic, gym-rat needs, bball courts + some.
	Perks: Rock climbing, camping gear rental, <u>SWEET OUTDOOR POOL</u> , new equipment Limitations: Not Many... too many attractive people?
32 Stables	Yep, you go to a school with stables. Walk over and say hi to the horses. It’s “the farm” after all.
33 Driving Range	Go hit a bucket at a reasonable price during lunch or take a rec class and get class credit.
34 Lake Lagunita (“Lag”)	Unless there’s a lot of rain, it’s a dry grassy field, but there’s a pretty trail around it regardless.
35 Lag Firepit	Go celebrate the end of finals by burning your outlines or making s’mores with your section.
36 Golf Course	Beautiful course at a fraction of the cost (\$25 for students) or play nine at the evening rate.
37 Observatory	Great place to escape for the sunset over the hills or public stargazing at the student observatory.
38 The Dish	A great walk, run or hike. Enjoy views of the bay, rolling hills, and Stanford’s giant dish.

TIPS FOR STUDENT-PARENTS

Student-parents can visit the website of Stanford's **Work Life Office** (<http://worklife.stanford.edu>) for several helpful resources.

Several former student-parents wanted to share the following advice:

- “**Ask for help** (including fellow classmates) -people are more willing to help than you probably think.”
- “**For New Moms:** Be sure and ask Holly [hparrish@law.stanford.edu] for the code to the lactation room. And know that it's possible to get extra time on your exams if you need to pump, but you have to talk to Jory [jsteele@law.stanford.edu] in advance.”
- “If you don't have pets, **consider living in Escondido Village.** We've been living off campus, and I feel like if we'd been in Escondido we'd have made more friends and had more of a network of other parents.”
- “For the parents living on campus, **make as many friends as [you] can with the neighbors in their yards.** This is a great source of information, toy exchange, play dates and occasional babysitting! :)”
- “The [Graduate Community Center] has an indoor play area that is **great for little ones' birthday parties.**”
- “If you have a significant other, **don't forget to give them some down time.** It's hard work taking care of little ones all the time.”
- “It's easy to fall into a binary world of family and classwork. **Find time to socialize with your classmates.**”

TIPS FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

- 1) Join the facebook group: [SLS Partners](#).
- 2) Get a “courtesy” Stanford ID

From the Student Services Center in Tresidder, it'll get you almost everything students get for free (the gyms, pools, buildings, concerts, speakers, etc.).

- 3) Consider the “[All Axe-cess](#)” sports pass.

\$35 –student pass to all Football games OR \$65 –student pass to every sports, all-year.

- 4) Stay in the loop on events by having Stanford listservs auto-forward to you from your S-O (prepare for a flood of emails).
- 5) Join an IM-League (open to SOs).
- 6) If you're looking for a job, don't overlook jobs on-campus (there are many).
- 7) Come to any lunches, parties, or events your SO does and some that they don't.
- 8) Finals will be stressful. Make plans with other SOs or friends outside school.

BAR BRIEFS

In case you want a drink sometime this year.

Alpine Inn (AKA “Zott’s”) (3915 Alpine Rd., Portola Valley): *The beer is cold, the service is gruff, and the burgers are served on sub rolls. A classic Silicon Valley dive with a large beer garden perfect for a sunny afternoon. Which you’ll have a few of at Stanford.*

Antonio’s Nut House (321 S California Ave.): *Known for its cheap beer and free peanuts, though not for its friendly bartenders. Lots of bar games (darts, pool, avoiding weirdos, etc.). Don’t miss the giant stuffed gorilla.*

Café Borrone (1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park): *Fun place to go grab some dessert, a light meal, and a drink. But not in that order. Or maybe in that order. We’re not sure how you roll.*

Castro St. (Mountain View): *When you’re ready to get the hell out of Palo Alto, but too lazy to venture out to the city, Castro Street might be just the compromise you’re looking for. Lots of great bars and interesting restaurants. And unlike most of downtown PA, there is no unofficial curfew on Castro Street.*

Coconuts (642 Ramona St.): *Delicious Caribbean food and cocktails. Even basics like rice and beans and cornbread are amazing.*

Dutch Goose (3567 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park): *A Menlo Park institution famous for its deviled eggs. Cheap beer, jukebox, pool. Has an outdoor bar—the Duck Blind—and a Coke machine from the future.*

Gordon Biersch (640 Emerson St.): *A chain brewery with pretty decent food and beer, centrally located in downtown Palo Alto. The garlic fries are pretty epic.*

NOLA Restaurant & Bar (535 Ramona St.): *Surprisingly enough, this is a New Orleans-themed restaurant and bar. It can get annoyingly crowded, but has fun cocktails (try a big-ass Hurricane) and a good vibe. Bar Review favorite.*

Oasis (241 El Camino Real, Menlo Park): *Burgers and beer done right. Nice beer garden seating and some cool stuff on the walls. Great for a catching a game in a relaxed setting.*

Old Pro (541 Ramona St.): *Basically, a mediocre sports bar with overpriced drinks and annoyingly high covers on weekends. But, they do have a mechanical bull and a ton of TVs to show every big game. Happy hour prices are much more reasonable.*

The Patio at Rudy’s (412 Emerson St.): *Amazing karaoke by DJ Purple on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. An SLS favorite for dancing. The Patio has a cool outdoor area that will often set up beer pong or flip cup on Bar Review nights. Located dangerously close to Pizza My Heart and the 24/7 Subway.*

Ray’s (750 Escondido Rd., Stanford—did you seriously need this address?): *Our very own on-campus bar = no townies and no taxis! You can stroll on over and crawl back home at the night’s end. Similar to Treehouse in Tresidder, but with slightly better food and fewer undergrads. Too cheap and convenient to miss!*

Rose & Crown (547 Emerson St.): *A popular pub with trivia on Tuesdays, a small outdoor courtyard, and a great beer selection. Crowded like whoa.*

The Rosewood (2825 Sand Hill Rd.): *Nestled amid 16 acres in Northern California this little number is home to the hottest cougar night in Palo Alto – don’t believe us, try rolling in on a Thursday night and see what felines are roaming around. You’ll see all sorts of jungle cats, from cougars to snow leopards. The bar in this hotel is known for being the cat’s meow in which the cougariest of them all are waiting to pounce on some fresh meat.*

Scotty’s (548 Emerson St.): *A small bar with a nice atmosphere and good happy hour specials. They make tasty drinks and so-so doughnuts.*

The Tap Room (233 University Ave.): *A low-key bar with local craft beers, board games, and some solid bar food.*

Wine Room (520 Ramona St.): *As “decent a place to get a glass of wine, and nothing else” as PA gets. Perfect for a pre-Bar Review sophisticated mingle hour. Cozy chairs and wines by the glass from \$9-\$14.*

OFF-CAMPUS COFFEE FAVORITES:

Peet's (in Town & Country, on University, and in downtown Menlo Park): *Great coffee, but so popular it can be hard to find a spot to sit and work.*

Philz Coffee (3191 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto): *Not a great ambiance to sit and do work but some of the best coffee in the area. Very knowledgeable baristas.*

Happy Donuts (3916 El Camino Real): *Open 24 hours. Drip coffee but donuts!*

Zombie Runner (429 S. California Ave.): *A running shop with a barista inside. If you're looking for a phenomenal latté, look no further. This is possibly the best in town!*

Blue Bottle (456 University Ave): *Amazing coffee.*

OFF-CAMPUS FOOD FAVORITES:

Don't want to make the trip? Consider delivery to your door from area restaurants with Door Dash (www.doordash.com) or Grub Hub (www.grubhub.com). Download their apps and you're off to the races... or rather, at home on your couch.

Amici's East Coast Pizzeria (790 Castro Street, Mountain View): *Incredibly delectable pizza if you are willing to drive just a few extra minutes to the always lively Castro Street (actual nightlife here, unlike the psuedo-nightlife in PA). Try the New Haven White Clam pizza for a semi-adventurous treat.*

Celia's Mexican Restaurant (3740 El Camino Real): *Always hoppin'—delicious fajitas, large margs.*

Fuki Sushi (4119 El Camino Real): *The first Sushi restaurant on the Peninsula is still # 1.*

Darbar Café (129 Lytton Ave.): *An SLS favorite, this is the best Indian food around. If Darbar is being served at an on-campus event, it is guaranteed to be packed.*

Gelato Classico (435 Emerson): *Best gelato around. Try the lavender!*

Hobees (Town & Country—855 El Camino Real): *Cheap, great breakfast; kistchy theme. Also a great place to go after an all-nighter (not that any of us would end up there after our final LRW briefs were due at 7 am). Their milkshake of the month specials are not always the greatest, but their coffee cake is to die for (leave the butter on!).*

In n' Out (1159 N. Rengstorff Ave. Mountain View): *You know you moved to California to get you some of this. Be sure to order your burger "animal-style" and your fries "well." Vegis—order "grilled cheese." Open late—Now if only we could get them to open one closer to Stanford...*

Izzy's Bagels (477 S. California): *Missing Manhattan? New York-style bagels and sides. Guaranteed to have a long-line Sunday mornings (with more than a few hungover/workaholic SLS students).*

Jeffrey's (888 El Camino, Menlo Park): *Cheap burgers, shakes and fries. No fusses. Order at the front.*

Joanie's Café (447 S. California): *Best breakfast around—and the perfect place to dish about your weekend as you people-watch. Serves dinner, too.*

Kara's Cupcakes (Ste 50, 855 El Camino Real): *Fun-filled cupcakes (yes, some of them having filling . . . mmm), but not quite as amazing as Sprinkles.*

Nola (535 Ramona St): *An ambiance-filled Cajun restaurant with a bar in front. Think New Orleans Square in Disneyland. You might be sat outdoors in their adorable courtyard or in one of the surrounding private rooms. There are free beads for everyone (if they aren't on your table when you arrive just ask!), incredible food and AMAZING drinks. Great fun.*

Palo Alto Sol (408 S. California): *Delicious Mexican food and strong pitchers of margaritas. Drinks by the can = no refills!*

Paxti's Chicago Pizza (441 Emerson): *Chicago deep dish pizza. Takes a while to cook so may want to call ahead. Ask for the by-the-slice options if you don't want to wait.*

Peninsula Creamery (566 Emerson and at the Stanford Mall): *Famous shakes and great omelettes, sandwiches, steak breakfasts and more. Try the pineapple malts.*

Pizza My Heart (220 University Ave.) *Late-night pizza with long lines once the bars let out. Conveniently located near the taxi line. Pizza slice + t-shirt for 5 bucks!*

Pizzeria Delfina (651 Emerson St): *This is a great date spot or location for a nicer dinner with friends/family. It's a little on the pricier side (classic Palo Alto) but delicious pizza and great outside dining area.*

Pluto's (482 University Ave.): *Salads made to order—very popular and crowded. A little pricey.*

Rojoz Wraps (Town and Country—855 El Camino): *Fast, delicious wraps to satisfy even the hungriest.*

Reposado (236 Hamilton Ave): *A high-end Mexican restaurant with outstanding margaritas.*

Sprinkles (393 Stanford Shopping Center): *Amazing cupcakes. Probably the best in the Bay Area. Check their cupcake calendar so that you come in on the right day to snag your favorite flavor:
<http://www.sprinkles.com/flavors.html>.*

Sprouts (168 University Avenue): *Great sandwiches and salads, a slightly pricier version of Pluto's.*

Stacks (600 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park): *World-famous breakfast (if your world is Palo Alto); very popular so expect to wait on weekends.*

Su Hong (4256 El Camino): *One of the Peninsula's favorite Chinese restaurants.*

Tamarine (546 University): *White tablecloth Vietnamese. Pricey, but delicious. Another good date night place that you'll need a reservation for.*

Tofu House (El Camino): *This hole-in-the-wall has authentic Korean barbeque and amazing tofu ramen for a reasonable price.*

Thaiphoo (543 Emerson): *Yummy food, and nowhere else in town makes a better lychee martini.*

University Café (271 University Ave.): *Great place to eat while you study (slash people-watch).*

Wildberry Yogurt (325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park): *The BEST froyo near Stanford. Located in the same shopping area as the "Secret Safeway." Pay by weight, and mix and match as many flavors and toppings as you can handle. Not cheap, but not completely out of control if you can hold back and not fill the huge cup to the brim . . . but there is little reason to hold back since so many of their flavors are fat free.*

1L DICTIONARY: SLS TERMS & ACRONYMS

- “ABC groups”** – Used generally to refer to the affinity groups on campus (BLSA, SLLSA, APILSA, NALSA, OutLaw, etc.)
- Above the Law (ATL)** – A law blog; ATL takes a behind-the-scenes look at the world of law; the website (www.abovethelaw.com) publishes news and gossip about the profession’s most colorful personalities and powerful institutions, as well as original commentary on breaking legal developments. Very guilty pleasure. Try not to do anything that would warrant a story on this website—they love to run “Top Law Students Behaving Badly” pieces. Google “Berkeley Law and Vegas bird” if you don’t believe us...
- ADSA** – The Advanced Degree Students Association, which represents the advanced degree students at SLS.
- Advanced Degree Students** – International lawyers who are part of Stanford’s LLM, SPILS (JSM) and JSD programs, who have already earned a first degree in law in their home countries.
- APILSA** – Asian and Pacific Islander Law Students Association
- APILSA Book Closet** – APILSA’s collection of used books, commercial outlines, and hornbooks, that students buy from and sell to. Opens a couple times per quarter; will advertise their hours on law-announce.
- Bar Review** – Weekly event held on Thursday evenings where students gather at a designated bar to socialize; many a 1L has first “met” here.
- Barbri** – Extensive bar exam review program (don’t even worry about it til 3L year)
- Barrister’s Ball / Law Prom** – The Spring Formal thrown by Law Association during second semester; Semi-Formal takes place first semester; *see* party of the year.
- Black Letter law** – The basic principles of law in a given subject
- #bleSLSed** – What we all are.
- BLSA** (“balsa”) – Black Law Students Association
- Bluebook** – The handbook and format for legal citation; will become either your favorite or least favorite book, depending on whether or not you noticed that (almost) none of these definitions ends with a period.
- Book Prize** (formally known as “Class Prize”) – award for academic achievement given to a small number of students in each class, depending on the class size (up to two per every thirty students in the class; 1L classes with sixty students give four). They appear on one’s transcript after grades and are not publicly announced.
- Brief** – The case summaries you will prepare for your classes as a 1L, and then stop once you realize that it takes up too much time (can also be used as a verb in this context); also what you will be writing multiple times for the legal research and writing classes.
- Clinic(s)** – Intensive courses that 2Ls and 3Ls can take that provide hands-on legal experience (ex. Environmental Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, etc.). Students apply to clinics the year before (May of 1L year).
- Coffee House** (“coho”) – Restaurant in Tressider that serves salads and sandwiches. Try the clubhouse!
- Cold-calling** – Classroom technique made infamous in *One-L* and *The Paper Chase* in which the professor picks students to answer questions, whether or not they feel like talking. It happens to everyone; it’s not a big deal when you say something stupid. We all have.
- Common law** – The English and American system of law that has developed through judicial opinions rather than statutes or civil codes.
- ELJ** – Stanford Environmental Law Journal

ELS – Environmental Law Society

Falcon, the – Large black sculpture outside the law school; a common meeting spot for students

FedLit – Federal Litigation, the Legal Research and Writing follow-up in the Winter and Spring. You'll write two more briefs and do two oral arguments based on those briefs. Required for all 1Ls

FedSoc – The Federalist Society, a group for libertarian and conservative law students and lawyers. Probably has the most lunch talks of any student organization.

FGP – First Generation Professionals

Ghost Section – A section that you haven't shared any classes with by the end of Winter Quarter.

“Gunner” – Pejorative term used for overly competitive students who ALWAYS have comments/try to turn lectures into a one-on-one conversation with the professor. You don't want to be one.

Hornbook – A treatise that provides a summary of the law in a given area; explains the legal doctrine subject by subject. Not required, and many students do not use them—but can be a useful way to review/learn material. Related to “E&E”, the abbreviation for “Examples and Explanations.” Pretty useful for doctrinal classes. The one written by Joseph Glannon for Civil Procedure is indispensable as in the one written by Erwin Chemerinsky for Constitutional Law.

JLSA – Jewish Law Students Association

JSD – Stanford's doctorate program: this is for students who have already completed the SPILS (JSM) program and who are pursuing the Doctor of the Science of Law degree.

Jury Box – The student lounge with board games, dart board, ping pong, foosball, and projector for all your relaxation needs; currently seeking a new home.

Kirkwood – Stanford's Moot Court competition (open to 2Ls/3Ls)

Law Lounge – Indoor dining area/room located between the classroom building and the Law Library; where you will go to get your morning caffeine fix before classes.

Law Review – Stanford's main law journal; generally, law reviews in most schools are considered the most prestigious activity; law students try out for it spring or early summer of their 1L year.

Levin Center – Stanford's Public Interest center provides resources for students interested and committed to public service and achieving social justice through the law; coordinators of the pro bono program and the public interest program at SLS.

LLM - Stanford Law School's one-year Master of Laws program, for students who already have a first degree in law (equivalent to the JD) from a law school in another country, and who all have had at least 2 years of work experience before coming to Stanford. Stanford's LLM is divided into four streams of specialized focus - the Corporate Governance and Practice (CGP) stream, the Environmental Law and Policy (ELP) stream, the Law, Science and Technology (LST) stream, and the International Economic Law, Business, and Policy (IELBP) stream.

LRW – Legal Research and Writing Class

LSPJ – Law, Science, and Policy Journal

OCI – The on-campus interviewing program in which 2Ls and 3Ls interview for summer jobs; 1Ls can participate in an abbreviated OCI in January (you'll get this information when you need it)

OCS – Office of Career Services

One-L (1L) – You

OutLaw – Stanford's LGBT organization

OWLS – Older Wiser Law Students

Munger – Graduate apartment complex next to the law school. You will spend your share of grungy nights at the Munger 5 lounge.

NALSA – Native American Law Students Society

Panel – A system used in some classes, in which a professor will let a group of students know that they are on “panel” for a particular class and can expect to be called on that day.

Pro bono – Not for profit legal work; also used to refer to SLS’s volunteer programs

Public Interest – Term used to describe employers that promote the public good/social justice and do not seek to earn a profit (ex. Public defenders and district attorneys; jobs at non-profit organizations; government work); also used to describe students who intend on going into those fields.

Robert Crown (also “Bobby Crown”) – The Law Library; *see* Hell or Your New Home

Russo Café – Restaurant located on the first floor of Munger 4

SALSDR – Stanford Association of Law Students for Disability Rights

Section – The group of 1Ls that you will have all of your first semester and several of your second semester classes with; essentially your law school siblings, for better or worse.

“Section incest” – A term used to describe members of the same section who date each other. Generally frowned upon, but happens every year

Shakings – Shaking the Foundations, a conference on progressive lawyering that takes place each Fall

“Sister section” – A section with whom your section shares more than one class

SJALP – Stanford Journal of Animal Law and Policy

SJCRCL (“circle”) – Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

SJIL – Stanford Journal of International Law

SJLBF – Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance

SLA – Stanford Law Association (see entry below)

SLATA – Stanford Law and Technology Association; its website includes links to course outlines (organized by class title & professor) and the SLATA bookstore on Amazon.com.

LLSA (“salsa”) – Stanford Latino Law Students Association

SLPR (“slipper”) – Stanford Law and Policy Review

SLR – *see* Law Review

SLVO (“salvo”) – Stanford Law Veterans Organization

“Sniper” – A modified version of a gunner; the quiet student in the back of the room who secretly works extremely hard, knows EVERYTHING and is very prepared but, unlike a gunner, doesn’t publicly show off how much s/he knows.

SNSLS (“snuzzles”) – Stanford National Security and the Law Society

SPILF – Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation; sometimes used to refer to the auction (see entry below).

SPILF Auction – The spring auction thrown by SPILF to raise money for public interest law organizations; predominantly planned and executed by 1Ls.

SPILF summer funding – Grants given to students who pursue public interest work during their summer (though these grants are no longer funded by SPILF, they are often referred to this way)

SPILS – Stanford Program in International Legal Studies. Stanford Law School's one-year Master of the Science of Law program, for students who already have a first degree in law (equivalent to the JD) from a law school in another country.

Stanford Law Association –The representative organization of the Law School student body (that’s us!). Founded: January 1953. Besides being exceptionally attractive and well-mannered, Law Association (SLA) represents the interests of the Law School student body in general, assists in new student orientation and administrative decisions, and serves as a special advisory council to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. SLA also sponsors social programs, including community service day, mental health week, formal and semi-formal, TGIF’s, weekly bar reviews and happy hours. We may or may not be the greatest student organization of all time. We are. Stop by for a meeting!

STLR (“stellar”)– Stanford Technology Law Review

SSDP - Pro bono activity in which law students help people procure social security disability benefits

StreetLaw – Pro bono activity in which law students teach kids in juvenile detention centers about their legal rights.

Symplicity – Career service website on which students upload resumes, search for jobs and apply to jobs for OCI

TGIFs – Casual events on Friday afternoons, each with a different theme and sponsored by a different student organization. Largely funded by SLA and the organizational co-sponsor.

Treehouse – Restaurant behind Tressider that serves burgers, Mexican, and pizza

Tressider – The Stanford student union; has a food court, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Subway and Wells Fargo.

WSL (“whistle”) – Women of Stanford Law

WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!

When in doubt, reach out. SLA would be happy to help 😊