

## Santa Clara University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Santa Clara University School of Law is located 46 miles from San Francisco, near the southern tip of San Francisco Bay. It is situated on the university campus, which was founded by the Jesuit fathers in 1851 and which surrounds the Mission of Santa Clara de Asis, the eighth of California's original 21 missions. The School of Law was added to the Santa Clara College in 1912 when the college became a university. The school is approved by the ABA and is a member of the AALS.

For 150 years, Santa Clara has fostered an exceptional academic program based on the Jesuit tradition. Located adjacent to San Jose and situated in the midst of one of the nation's greatest concentrations of high technology industry, internationally known as Silicon Valley, the law school has established a curriculum that addresses the fundamental demands of law practice and the evolving needs of society.

### ■ Enrollment/Student Body

Over 37 percent of the applicants were from outside California including applicants from all 50 states and 55 foreign countries. Santa Clara is consistently among the top 10 law schools nationwide in terms of ethnic diversity. The entering class for 2006 was 46 percent minorities and 48 percent women.

### ■ Library and Physical Facilities

The School of Law is on the 105-acre university campus. Towering palm trees, spacious lawns, and extensive flower gardens surround the Heafey Law Library. A traditional moot courtroom provides the setting for advocacy training and activities of the Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy. Other facilities include Bergin Hall faculty office building, Bannan Hall with its technologically equipped classrooms, and Loyola Hall, where our law career services, Academic Success Program, and many other programs are located. Students also have access to other campus facilities, including computer laboratories, Cowell Student Health Center, Benson Memorial Center, and Pat Malley Fitness Center with its pool; basketball, volleyball, and racquetball courts; and steam room and sauna.

### ■ Curriculum

Full-time and part-time programs, Academic Success Program, 86 semester units required to graduate, over 200 courses available. Degrees available: JD, JD/MBA, LLM in International Law, LLM in US Law for Foreign Attorneys, and LLM in Intellectual Property. An academic orientation introduces first-year students to the study of law. The first-year curriculum is prescribed.

**JD/MBA Combined-degree program** is a powerful union of Santa Clara's nationally recognized School of Law and Leavey School of Business. This is an opportunity to earn both degrees in a full-time program lasting three and one-half to four years.

### ■ International Law Certificate

A specialized curriculum allows students to earn a Certificate in International Law. The Institute of International and Comparative Law sponsors summer law study programs in Munich, Germany; Strasbourg, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Oxford, England; Hong Kong; Singapore; Seoul, South Korea; Bangkok, Thailand; Ho Chi Minh City, Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Beijing, People's Republic of China; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tokyo, Japan; and Sydney, Australia. The institute is exploring opportunities for additional programs in Latin America and Eastern Europe. All of the programs, with the exception of Oxford, offer internships with law offices, corporations, or groups particularly suited to give students on-site observation and participation in areas of international law.

### ■ Computer and High Technology Law Certificate

Santa Clara has capitalized on its Silicon Valley location by establishing a specialized curriculum that emphasizes computer and high technology law. Students seeking an emphasis on high technology issues can enroll in courses such as patent law, copyright, biotechnology law, and technology licensing. They may also intern with a leading high tech firm and may earn a certificate in High Technology Law.

### ■ Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate

Students concerned with social issues, social justice, and public service can earn a Certificate in Public Interest. Santa Clara's Center for Social Justice and Public Service offers an impressive array of resources for students who want to focus on social justice and public interest work during their legal education and in practice. Santa Clara University is distinctive in making explicit its intention to evoke from students "a commitment to fashioning a more humane and just world."

### ■ Clinical Programs

The Santa Clara University Law Clinic allows students to practice law under the supervision of an experienced attorney. Students participate in all phases of a case from the initial client interview through the trial. Students have the opportunity to earn credit for work as law clerks with public agencies such as the district attorney or public defender, with legal aid offices, or with private law offices. Students may also work as judges' clerks in appellate courts, including the California Supreme Court; or trial courts, including the United States District Court and local superior court. Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) is a clinical program developed by the Santa Clara University Criminal Defense Clinic. NCIP identifies prisoners with innocence claims and provides direct services to them. NCIP serves as a resource center for the legal community in innocence cases. Law students in the NCIP program investigate, evaluate, and where possible, pursue relief for claims of wrongful conviction.

## ■ Student Activities

The school's quarterly, *Santa Clara Law Review*, is published by a student editorial board. The *Computer and High Technology Law Journal* provides a practical resource for the high technology industry and the corresponding legal community. The new *Journal of International Law* is an Internet-based publication. Through the Student Bar Association and student-faculty committees, students participate in the decision processes of the law school.

## ■ Admission

A faculty committee reviews all applications. No one is automatically accepted or rejected. When the LSAT is repeated, the highest score received is used.

Recognizing the critical need for persons from underrepresented groups to gain access to the legal profession, the School of Law has adopted a policy for special admission. Applicants may request a special consideration because of race,

disadvantaged background, or other factors. Over 46 percent of the entering class is composed of students of color and 48 percent are women.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the School of Law. Arrangements can be made through the Admissions Office to attend a law class, meet with an admission counselor, or tour the campus.

## ■ Career Services

The Career Services Office serves as a liaison between students and prospective employers. Firms, businesses, and government agencies interview on campus each year. Graduates find employment in the legal profession throughout the 50 states. Office services include individual career counseling and a series of workshops in job-search strategies. Strong alumni support assists students in all stages of their career exploration and development. Current employment statistics are on the school's website: [www.scu.edu/law](http://www.scu.edu/law).

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total		
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175–180	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
170–174	18	18	6	5	9	7	4	3	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	46	40	
165–169	46	45	43	43	38	38	34	33	21	14	13	5	7	4	1	1	0	0	3	2	206	185	
160–164	110	108	149	147	130	129	89	84	55	29	31	14	18	2	9	1	1	1	11	10	603	525	
155–159	118	106	267	205	275	178	205	96	113	21	55	10	18	0	6	2	2	0	20	7	1079	625	
150–154	69	12	164	29	258	35	211	27	115	8	48	2	22	0	7	0	2	0	16	3	912	116	
145–149	21	0	80	0	114	2	104	0	80	0	32	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	460	2	
140–144	12	0	22	0	36	0	57	0	41	0	27	0	14	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	217	0	
135–139	0	0	4	0	9	0	14	0	16	0	11	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	61	0	
130–134	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	16	0	
125–129	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total	397	291	737	429	871	390	721	244	450	77	224	32	101	6	33	4	6	1	68	23	3608	1497	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.