

University of Kentucky College of Law

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■ Introduction

The University of Kentucky College of Law is a small, state-supported law school on the main campus of the university in scenic Lexington, Kentucky, a city of approximately 250,000 in the center of the Bluegrass horse-farm region. Founded in 1908, the college has been a member of the AALS since 1912 and has been accredited by the ABA since 1925. The faculty has wide experience in law practice and government service, as well as teaching and research. UK Law has a strong tradition of faculty concern about their students' progress and success. The curriculum offers broad training in the law and legal methods, drawing upon sources from all jurisdictions. Accordingly, UK Law graduates are prepared to practice in any of the 50 states.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The college is self-contained in a contemporary building that provides all facilities for a complete program of legal education. All classrooms have been renovated with the addition of state-of-the-art teaching technology. Classrooms provide for student use of laptop computers with wired and wireless Internet access. The law library is on the college's wireless network with a number of attractive study areas, and laptops are available for you to check out and use in the library.

■ Curriculum

UK Law offers a full-time program only, designed to be completed over three academic years or two-and-one-half years if you take classes during both summer sessions. Several first-year classes are divided into three sections to give you more individual attention, and you will be in a small legal writing section. As an upper-level student, you can select from a full range of elective courses in both traditional and newly developing legal fields. After the first year, the only specific requirements are that you take a course in professional ethics and complete a seminar that involves substantial writing.

■ Legal Clinic

UK Law's Legal Clinic is located in its own building near the college. As a third-year student in the clinic course, you would represent low-income clients in a variety of civil legal matters. The clinic is supervised by a faculty member who was a very successful trial attorney for 10 years.

■ Externships

UK Law offers five externships for course credit in which you can obtain experience in applied research, fact gathering, interviewing, counseling, negotiation, trial advocacy, and appellate practice.

The judicial clerkship externship enables you to serve as a law clerk for a local state or federal judge. The participating judges see that you are exposed to every aspect of motion and litigation practice.

In your third year, you can be placed in the Fayette Commonwealth Attorney's Office, where you will gain

criminal trial experience and participate in court proceedings under the close supervision of an attorney.

A unique program at the Federal Correctional Institute in Lexington permits you to counsel inmates in civil and criminal matters.

In the externship with the Kentucky Innocence Project, you work with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy on selected criminal appeals where a claim of factual innocence is made.

UK Law's new externship with the US Attorney's Office in Lexington gives students an invaluable opportunity to work on appellate briefs dealing with issues of federal law in both criminal and civil cases.

■ Joint Degrees

The JD/MBA joint degree can be obtained in as little time as four years. You must apply and be admitted to both the UK College of Law and UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics.

If you are interested in a career in public administration, public service, or politics, you should consider the four-year JD/MPA joint-degree program with UK's Martin School of Public Policy. You must apply and be admitted to both programs.

If you are interested in a career in international law, public or private law, international business, or in government service in the international sector, you should consider the four-year JD/MA dual-degree program with UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. You must apply and be admitted to both programs.

■ Student Activities

There are a variety of cocurricular activities in which you may earn course credit. The *Kentucky Law Journal* is the 10th oldest American law review and is edited entirely by students, as is the *Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law*. The college fields several moot court teams that participate in both national and international competitions. UK Law's Trial Advocacy teams advanced to national title competitions in five of the last six years. In 2006, the Mock Trial Team for UK's Black Law Students Association placed second in the nation in the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition in Washington, DC.

UK Law's Student Bar Association (SBA) serves as the law student governing body and student activities board. The SBA publishes a weekly student newspaper and sponsors regular student social events and community service activities. UK's SBA was recognized by the ABA as the best SBA in the nation in 2002.

The Student Public Interest Law Foundation, through grants and fundraising, sponsors 15–20 summer internships with public interest and public service organizations selected by the students who apply. Other active student groups include the Black Law Students Association, the Women's Law Caucus, the International Law Society, the Environmental Law Society, the Equine Law Society, the Federalist Society, the Health Law Society, and the Intellectual Property Law Society.

■ Admission

Admission is considered and granted by the faculty Admissions Committee. Each file is reviewed completely and is voted on by the full committee. While your undergraduate academic record and LSAT score(s) are the primary indicators for potential success in law school, all other factors you present will be considered. You are urged to read the full description of the admission process contained in the *UK Law Bulletin* and on our website and to provide full information about your intellectual and nonacademic achievements. The February LSAT is the last examination accepted by the Admissions Committee for that year. Admission as a first-year student is for the fall term only.

■ Scholarships and Financial Aid

UK Law offers three-year scholarships based on merit and/or contributions to diversity, for which you will be considered automatically after admission. For our largest and most prestigious awards, the Combs Scholarship and Ashland Scholarship, you must be selected for an interview. UK Law also offers three-year merit and diversity tuition-reduction fellowships for nonresidents. You may include a brief statement about your eligibility for merit and/or diversity awards with your admission application. Almost 60 percent of the 2007 entering class received some form of scholarship award.

UK Law students are eligible for loan assistance through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program and federal PLUS loan program, as well as national private loan programs. Admitted candidates are mailed the FAFSA form and complete information on financial aid. To receive forms and information prior to admission, contact UK's Student Financial Aid Office, 128 Funkhouser Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0054.

The Rural Drug Prosecution Project provides jobs and loan forgiveness for UK Law graduates working on drug prosecution or defense in any Kentucky county other than Fayette, Jefferson, or Kenton. See the *UK Law Bulletin* for more information.

■ Career Services

UK Law students have the benefit of a large on-campus job interview program for regional employers, as well as national placement through the college's participation in numerous off-campus interviewing conferences. The Career Services Office also uses alumni contacts to connect students with employers nationwide.

UK Law's job placement rate consistently exceeds national averages. For the 2006 graduating class, 99 percent were employed or in advanced-degree programs within nine months after graduation. A majority of UK Law graduates choose private practice, with 15–25 percent of each graduating class selected for prestigious state and federal judicial clerkships.

Applicant Profile

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Probability of admission to the University of Kentucky College of Law, based on admission decisions for the 2007 entering class.

LSAT Score	GPA								GPA not scaled
	3.75–4.00	3.50–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.00–3.24	2.75–2.99	2.50–2.74	2.25–2.49	Below 2.25	
165 & Above	Probable	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
160–164	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
157–159	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
155–156	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
153–154	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
150–152	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
145–149	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
Below 145	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Very Competitive	Somewhat Competitive	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely

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