

## University of California, Hastings College of the Law

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### ■ Introduction

UC Hastings College of the Law offers a superb legal education in San Francisco, one of the world's great cities. Hastings was the first public law school in California, founded in 1878 as the law department of the University of California. The faculty at Hastings is composed of exceptional teachers who are also nationally known scholars. They are accessible to students and encourage a collaborative learning environment. Hastings has produced more judges than any other law school in the state, and its graduates can be found practicing law throughout California and the nation, in every kind of setting. Hastings graduates also have a significant presence in business and government.

The law school is situated in the heart of the city, near City Hall, state and federal courts, the arts district, the financial district, and the downtown shopping area. This central location provides access for students to pursue internships and externships with judges, city and state agencies, and nearby nonprofit research and advocacy groups. The location also provides unparalleled opportunities for recreation: theater, music, restaurants, professional and amateur sports, and a world-class transportation system.

### ■ Library, Technology, and Housing

Hastings is an urban campus with three buildings, all having wireless Internet access. The classroom building was renovated in 2000, and renovation of the library/administration building was recently completed in the fall of 2007. The new library is designed to be both comfortable and functional, with small-group study rooms, both open areas and individual carrels, and access to traditional and online research tools. McAllister Tower is a splendid, remodeled art deco building with 250 apartments, many with stunning views of the city. The building also features a comfortable lounge and a gym, including a basketball court often frequented by local attorneys and judges as well as Hastings students.

### ■ Curriculum

The UC Hastings curriculum offers a broad spectrum of basic and specialized courses. The law school's curricular strengths mirror the strengths of San Francisco. Students can focus on international human rights and business law, public interest law, intellectual property law, business and tax law, or litigation and its alternatives. San Francisco is a global city that draws on experts from Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area to enrich course offerings.

### ■ Special Programs

- **Concentrations:** Students may earn a certificate of concentration in any of the following areas: Civil Litigation, Criminal Law, International Law, Public Interest Law, or Tax Law.
- **Clinics and Judicial Externships:** Hastings provides an exciting and diverse array of opportunities for students to gain practical experience. Under clinical faculty supervision, students represent real clients in in-house and

out-placement clinics specializing in community development, environmental law, labor and employment, housing and disability rights, law reform, international human rights, immigrants' rights, and legislation. In these clinics, students learn a variety of lawyering techniques, including counseling and planning, litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and legislation. Simulation courses teach trial and appellate advocacy, negotiation, mediation, contract drafting, problem solving, and professional ethics. More than 100 students a year spend a semester serving as externs in the state and federal courts, including the California Supreme Court.

- **International Programs:** Hastings offers an exceptionally strong curriculum focusing on international human rights, as well as international business and trade law. In addition, students may participate in the work of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and the Hastings-to-Haiti program. Hastings also offers study-abroad programs in Argentina, Australia, China, Denmark, England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and the Netherlands and supports students who wish to study abroad in other locations.
- **Joint-degree Programs:** Hastings students may participate in a joint-degree program with any accredited graduate program. Hastings students have simultaneously earned degrees in public policy, public health, and business administration, among others.
- **Legal Education Opportunity Program (LEOP):** LEOP recognizes that the traditional academic criteria used to determine admission might not be the best indicators of academic potential for students from nontraditional backgrounds. LEOP admits students who have had to overcome significant obstacles and assists them to excel academically.
- **Centers and Institutes:** Students have opportunities to work in the law school's highly acclaimed research and advocacy centers: the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, the Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, the Center for State and Local Government Law, the Center for WorkLife Law, and the Public Law Research Institute.
- **LLM Program:** Graduates of non-US law schools may earn a master of laws degree in US Legal Studies.

### ■ Cocurricular and Student Activities

The strength and diversity of the Hastings student body are reflected in more than 60 student organizations that sponsor intellectual, social, and political events. Hastings publishes eight student-edited law reviews. The *Hastings Law Journal* is a general-interest publication. In addition, seven specialty law reviews focus on a variety of issues, including business law, constitutional law, communication and entertainment law, international and comparative law, environmental law, and the law relating to race or gender. Students may also join the college's award-winning moot court, negotiation, client counseling, and trial practice teams, which compete in state, national, and international competitions. Students also engage in a variety of legal and nonlegal community service activities in and around the Hastings neighborhood.

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## ■ Financial Aid

Approximately 80 percent of UC Hastings students receive need-based and merit-based financial assistance from college-administered sources. Scholarships and grants recognize and encourage the achievement, service, and professional promise of students. Students who pursue qualifying public interest and government sector employment may receive loan repayment assistance after graduation through the Public Interest Career Assistance Program (PICAP).

## ■ Career Services

UC Hastings offers one of the most comprehensive law career services offices in the West. The office assists students and alumni in clarifying their goals, acquiring job search strategies, and honing interviewing techniques. It provides access to full-time, part-time, and summer job listings. Every year, more than 200 employers visit the campus to interview students for both summer associate positions and permanent postgraduation employment. Several hundred additional employers from throughout the nation participate in the recruit-by-mail program.

## Applicant Profile

### University of California, Hastings College of the Law

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	4	1	8	3	6	5	4	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	17	
170–174	24	11	34	17	38	26	14	11	11	6	5	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	129	74		
165–169	134	101	148	135	157	130	103	54	39	12	16	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	9	5	612	439		
160–164	239	209	377	235	352	113	194	26	76	4	36	2	10	1	9	0	0	0	25	9	1318	599		
155–159	217	70	375	46	364	39	199	10	140	2	49	0	14	0	7	0	0	0	26	2	1391	169		
150–154	77	9	190	14	227	16	146	2	106	1	50	0	20	0	4	0	1	0	18	1	839	43		
145–149	29	1	76	8	104	0	115	3	62	0	34	0	17	0	6	0	0	0	15	0	458	12		
140–144	6	0	17	0	49	0	54	0	37	0	20	0	7	0	8	0	1	0	11	0	210	0		
135–139	2	0	4	0	9	0	9	0	14	0	17	0	5	0	7	0	1	0	3	0	71	0		
130–134	2	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	4	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	31	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Total	734	402	1229	458	1310	329	842	110	494	27	236	7	88	3	45	0	5	0	111	17	5094	1353		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.