

## University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

The School of Law is set on the beautiful UCLA campus, located in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. Our location provides ready access to the exciting city of Los Angeles while at the same time offering students a refuge from urban life.

### ■ Curriculum

The law school offers a three-year, full-time course of study leading to a Juris Doctor degree. Evening, summer, or part-time programs are not offered. UCLA differs from many other institutions in that it invests major resources in its first-year Lawyering Skills Program. This program combines the beginning of skills training, such as client interviewing and counseling, with traditional legal research and writing.

As a requirement for graduation, each student must complete a Substantial Analytic Writing (SAW) project during the second or third year of law school.

The Clinical Education Program provides extensive and rigorous practical training through simulated and actual client contact. Examples of UCLA's 26 diverse clinical courses offered are Environmental Law, Trial Advocacy, Mergers and Acquisition Transaction Planning, Capital Punishment, Mediation, and Negotiation.

In addition to the JD degree, we offer a one-year Master of Laws (LLM) Program for domestic and foreign students seeking a year of advanced legal studies. Specializations are available in Business Law, Entertainment and Media Law and Policy, International and Comparative Law, and four business-related fields: Bankruptcy, Business Law, Securities Regulation, and Tax. Students may also design their own specializations in a range of fields.

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) is a highly selective degree program designed for those pursuing careers as teachers and scholars of law. Applicants must hold a JD degree or foreign equivalent and an LLM degree (or be enrolled in a program leading to an LLM degree).

### ■ Special Programs

The David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy marks a distinct break with the way schools have traditionally trained lawyers for public interest careers. This program, which has a limited enrollment of 25 students, builds on the array of public interest oriented courses, programs, and activities.

The Business Law and Policy Program offers second- and third-year law students a unique program that integrates corporate law, commercial law, and tax law.

The Critical Race Studies Specialization is available to second- and third-year students. This specialization is appropriate for law students who seek advanced study in areas that are likely to involve working with racial minority clients and communities or working to combat inequalities.

The Entertainment and Media Law and Policy Program provides second- and third-year students with a solid grounding in the law, custom, theory, and policy attendant to the practice of law in the motion picture, television, music, and other industries involved in creative and artistic matters.

The Law and Philosophy Program is designed for those students who want to supplement their legal studies by exploring the philosophical foundations of law.

The Williams Institute is the nation's first think tank dedicated to the field of sexual orientation law and public policy. The project supports legal scholarship, research, policy analysis, and education regarding discrimination and other legal issues that affect lesbian and gay people.

The law school also has full-time, semester-long Judicial and Agency Externship Programs. Nonprofit and government agency placements are primarily in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC; judicial externships are with federal judges in Los Angeles.

### ■ Academic Support

UCLA School of Law is a recognized leader in academic support, providing assistance to students both before matriculation and throughout their law school careers.

### ■ Joint Degrees

UCLA School of Law offers preapproved programs that lead to a joint Juris Doctor and master's degrees in Afro-American Studies, American Indian Studies, Business Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Welfare, and Urban Planning. In addition to the formal concurrent degree programs listed above, students may design an individually tailored joint-degree program drawing from multiple disciplines in UCLA's vast curriculum.

### ■ Library

The renovated and expanded law library, which provides wireless Internet access, gives UCLA law students a spacious facility for quiet study. The UCLA library system is among the top 10 research libraries in the US.

### ■ Residency

Applicants admitted to the law school as nonresident students (for tuition purposes) are eligible to be considered for resident classification if certain eligibility requirements are met. Most nonresident law students achieve residency status during the second year of law school.

### ■ Student Activities

UCLA School of Law has 13 student journals managed and edited by students on a wide range of topics. They include *UCLA Law Review*, *Asian Pacific American Law Journal*, *Chicano/Latino Law Review*, *National Black Law Journal*, *Pacific Basin Law Journal*, *Entertainment Law Review*, *Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, *Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law*, *Journal of Law and Technology*, *Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation Law Review Articles*, *Women's Law Journal*, *Indigenous Peoples' Journal of Law, Culture and Resistance*, and *Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs*.

Diverse student interests are represented in nearly 40 student organizations. The Moot Court Honors Program is open to all

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second-year students and offers a large and effective program of mock appellate advocacy. In addition, there is a very active Student Bar Association.

## ■ Housing

Many housing options are open to UCLA School of Law students. There are university-owned apartments for single graduate students, single students who are parents, and married students with or without children. Privately owned apartments are also available for rent. In addition, UCLA Law hosts a Web-based service to help students with their roommate searches.

## ■ Admission and Financial Aid

All applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college of approved standing and must take the LSAT no later than the February administration. Students are admitted for the fall semester only.

Admission is based primarily on proven outstanding academic and intellectual ability measured largely by the LSAT and the quality of undergraduate education as determined by not only the GPA, but also by such factors as the breadth, depth, and rigor of the undergraduate educational program. The Admissions Committee may also consider whether economic, physical, or other hardships and challenges have been overcome. Distinctive programmatic contributions, community or public service, letters of recommendation, work experience, career achievement, language ability, and career goals (with particular attention paid to the likelihood of the applicant representing underrepresented communities) are also factors taken into consideration.

UCLA accepts transfer applications into the second-year class from students with excellent first-year credentials from an ABA-accredited law school. Transfer applications are available online in May and due in early July.

Both need- and merit-based aid are available. All admitted students are automatically considered for merit scholarships. To apply for need-based aid, the FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) and the Need Access application ([www.needaccess.org](http://www.needaccess.org)) should be filed no later than March 2.

## ■ Career Services

The Office of Career Services provides students and alumni with professional career services and acts as a liaison between students and employers. Each first-year student is assigned to a counselor who will assist the student in all phases of the job search, from the first-year summer job through the student's postgraduate position. Two counselors are also dedicated to advising and assisting students interested in pursuing postgraduate judicial clerkships.

Every year, the office coordinates on-campus interviews and other career fairs, with more than 400 interviewers from law firms, corporations, government agencies, and public interest organizations visiting the school annually. Students may also participate in career fairs around the country, including off-campus job fairs in New York and Washington, DC and diversity and public interest career fairs nationwide. The office also sponsors an alumni-mentor program, a mock-interview program, a government reception and information fair, a small/midsize law firm reception, a public interest career day, and a law firm diversity reception.

The Office of Public Interest Programs strives to enhance the School of Law's long-standing commitment to public service by offering a wide array of services to students and alumni. The office offers career counseling to students interested in pursuing pro bono opportunities and/or postgraduate public interest employment, and develops a number of programs and events, including the Annual Southern California Public Interest Career Day.

## 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		
175–180	31	30	42	38	20	15	15	9	5	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	93
170–174	137	128	155	129	98	36	36	8	20	1	10	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	466	303		
165–169	497	311	460	164	276	32	133	8	39	1	13	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	1449	518		
160–164	434	76	537	38	365	17	175	6	69	0	31	0	13	0	6	0	0	0	50	0	1680	137		
155–159	248	17	395	17	288	12	137	5	81	4	34	0	15	0	3	0	1	0	32	0	1234	55		
150–154	105	8	213	8	202	11	128	0	77	0	36	1	17	0	5	0	0	0	23	0	806	28		
145–149	28	0	58	1	85	0	87	0	53	0	40	0	19	0	2	0	0	0	20	0	392	1		
140–144	8	0	28	0	40	0	38	0	37	0	19	0	9	0	5	0	1	0	6	0	191	0		
135–139	2	0	4	0	11	0	13	0	13	0	13	0	6	0	4	0	1	0	9	0	76	0		
130–134	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	29	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Total	1492	570	1894	395	1387	123	770	36	398	6	207	3	94	0	27	0	5	0	174	2	6448	1135		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.