

Suffolk University Law School

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■ Introduction

Suffolk University Law School has produced some of the nation's most distinguished legal professionals. Suffolk Law's curriculum combines a strong academic foundation with expertise in an array of specialty areas, and a nationally known faculty provides superior preparation for practice. Outside the building lies the extended classroom of Boston. Through clinical, internship, and public service opportunities, students earn credit while experiencing how the law works in the real world. Suffolk Law is an unmatched place to launch a successful career in the law.

■ Technology and Physical Facilities

Sargent Hall is a technologically advanced law school facility. The technology includes a high-speed data network with more than 3,000 data ports. Every seat in the classrooms, the library, and the common area has direct access to the high-speed network. The building is wireless accessible throughout.

All classrooms contain multimedia capabilities, including electronic screens, LCD projectors, automated lighting controls, wireless microphones, hearing assistance, advanced speaker systems, and auxiliary computer connections for laptop computer presentations. An additional classroom is equipped for teleconferencing/distance learning.

■ Concentrations and Joint-degree Programs

Students may enroll in one of five area concentrations: Business Law and Financial Services, Civil Litigation, Health and Biomedical Law, Intellectual Property, or International Law. Suffolk Law offers five, four-year joint-degree programs that combine a Juris Doctor with a Master of Business Administration, Public Administration, International Economics, Finance, or Criminal Justice, as well as a three-year JD/MBA program.

■ Clinical and Internship Programs

Students are encouraged to enroll in one of our clinical programs. Suffolk Law's clinics include Battered Women, Child Advocacy, Educational Advocacy, Evening Landlord-Tenant, Family Advocacy, Housing and Consumer Protection, Immigration, Juvenile Justice, Suffolk Defenders, and Suffolk Prosecutors. Additionally, students can participate in the Civil and Judicial Internship Program, interning in a variety of legal settings, including state and federal courts; federal, state, and local government agencies; legal aid organizations; public defenders' offices; and private law firms and companies.

■ Foreign and Graduate Programs

Suffolk Law, in conjunction with the University of Lund, offers a summer study-abroad program held in Lund, Sweden. The program combines the strengths of our international law curriculum with the expertise offered by the University of Lund law faculty and the Swedish Bar and Judiciary.

Suffolk Law has an exclusive agreement with the Center for International Legal Studies (CILS) in Salzburg, Austria, to offer internships to US law students and externships to graduates with law degrees. International internships are available to JD

students, and international externships are offered to LLM students and other postgraduates with law degrees. Internships are available at law firms, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in almost every country of the world.

Suffolk Law offers two LLM degree programs. One is in Global Law and Technology, which offers specializations in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law, Biomedicine and Health Law, International Law and Business, and US Law and Legal Methods, and is held in Boston, Massachusetts. The second program offers an LLM in US and Global Business Law exclusively to lawyers from international jurisdictions and is administered at law schools abroad only.

■ Academic Support Programs

The goal of the Academic Support Program (ASP) is to help students make the most of their abilities. To accomplish this goal, the faculty conducts weekly classes on such diverse topics as legal analysis and writing, course outlining, and time management. The faculty are always available for individual student meetings to address specific questions. The ASP also has a lending library containing material on substantive legal topics, study aids, and legal writing. Additionally, the ASP library contains exercises on grammar, legal writing, and analysis. All students are encouraged to stop by and take advantage of these resources.

■ Scholarships and Loans

Suffolk Law participates in student financial aid programs to assist students in financing the cost of their legal education. Both need-based and merit-based aid is available. Financial aid awards (scholarships, grants, loans, and employment awards) are made to assist students in financing educational costs when their personal and family resources may not be sufficient. Merit-based scholarships are awarded by the law school's Admissions Committee at the time a candidate is admitted. These awards are made to students based on outstanding academic achievement.

In addition to the need-based grant and merit-based scholarship programs, Suffolk Law offers Sargent Scholarships ranging from \$20,000 to full tuition to entering students with significant financial need and exceptional academic strength. All admitted students who apply for need-based financial aid are considered for an award.

Suffolk Law also has a Loan Repayment Assistance Program for students who, upon graduation, pursue low-income, public service, law-related employment. A minimum of five recent graduates are selected into the program each year.

■ Student Activities, Publications, and Opportunities

Students have a number of opportunities to develop legal skills outside of the classroom through participation in the *Suffolk University Law Review*, the *Suffolk Transnational Law Review*, the *Suffolk Journal of Trial and Appellate Advocacy*, the *Journal of High Technology Law* (www.jhtl.org), and the *Suffolk Journal of Health and Biomedical Law*. Students can also participate in the Moot Court Board as well as on moot court competition teams such as the National Trial Competition Team, ATLA Trial Team, Constitutional Law Team, Information Technology and Privacy Law Team, Intellectual Property Law Team, Jessup International

Law Team, National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions, National Moot Court Team, Securities Law Team, Sports Law Team, and Tax Law Team. Students can also join one of more than 40 student organizations or participate in the Student Bar Association.

■ Career Development Office

Suffolk Law is committed to preparing students to serve their clients and communities. Suffolk Law’s curriculum provides a foundation for a practitioner and opportunities for concentration in specialized areas of the law. Suffolk Law graduates can be found in private practice; corporations; public interest organizations; the military; and the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. The Career Development Office coordinates on- and off-campus recruitment programs and résumé collections throughout the academic year, and also maintains an extensive job listing database, resource libraries, and employment websites. The Career Development Office offers career counseling, résumé and cover letter critiques, mock interviews, and a host of programs, panels, workshops, and information sessions for students. Dedicated staff also conduct employer visits and related job opportunity cultivation efforts nationwide. The Career Development Office prides itself on connecting with its students through personal outreach and technology, and makes sure all students feel supported in their job searches and career development endeavors.

■ Peer Mentoring Program

This program helps nontraditional students achieve their full potential as law students. Suffolk Law defines nontraditional students as those who have been historically excluded or marginalized from the law school community based on any of the following factors: (1) race, (2) ethnicity, (3) socioeconomic

disadvantage, or (4) history of low performance on standardized tests.

The program starts with a two-week summer session that begins two weeks before orientation. Participating students attend classes on criminal law and contracts and receive extensive training in case briefing, legal analysis, outlining, exam preparation, and exam writing. Students also receive feedback on case briefs and practice exams and, at the end of each class, an upper-class student mentor leads a small group discussion regarding the class material.

Building on the summer session, the program holds weekly seminars during the academic year to help students master the skills to perform well on both multiple-choice and essay exams. Students have the opportunity to meet individually on an ongoing basis with both an upper-class student mentor and the program director. The purpose of both the weekly seminars and the individual meetings is to help students develop and adhere to sound time management practices, effective study habits, and critical thinking skills.

■ Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service was established in 2006, with the generous support of Jerry and Phyllis Rappaport and the Rappaport Charitable Foundation. Leveraging Suffolk Law School’s ideal “downtown” location, and rich tradition of public service, the Rappaport Center brings together elected officials, senior policymakers, community advocates, private sector leaders, faculty, and students to engage in dialogue around important public policy issues. The center also provides career advising to students interested in public service, administers the law school’s pro bono program, and is home to the highly competitive Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy. For more information about the Rappaport Center, please visit www.rappaportcenter.org.

Applicant Profile

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LSAT Score	GPA								
	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
175-180	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
170-174	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
165-169	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
160-164	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
155-159	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
150-154	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
145-149	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
140-144	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
135-139	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
130-134	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
125-129	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				
120-124	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				

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