

As one of the top law schools in the nation, UCLA Law is committed to providing an unparalleled educational experience in a warm and inclusive environment. UCLA Law students are problem solvers. They engage on pressing issues such as climate change, immigration, business policy, criminal justice, international human rights and much more. They are also thinkers, probing ideas and challenging themselves and each other.



"At every step of this journey, I have been buoyed by the support and encouragement of my UCLA professors and classmates."

WHITNEY BROWN '17
Associate
Stoel Rives
Anchorage, AK
Law Clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 2021-22



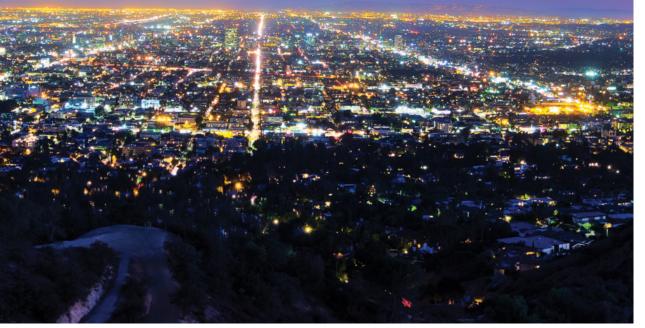
"My professors at UCLA Law were generous and enthusiastic in sharing their knowledge, and my colleagues were friendly and talented. I came out of UCLA Law excited to practice, and I've been using the knowledge I gained there ever since."

SMITHA DANIELYAN '10 Senior Counsel Google Inc. Mountain View, CA



"UCLA Law has an entrepreneurial spirit, designing innovative programs and offering students the flexibility to chart their own course. My professors were among the top in their field but remained approachable. Many of my classmates had worked before law school, as I had, and they created a friendly and low-stress environment that encouraged everyone to do their best."

DENNIS LAMONT '95 Partner Latham & Watkins New York, NY



DEFINE YOUR EXPERIENCE

At UCLA Law, you can launch your legal career while immersed in a rich intellectual community that will engage, energize and inspire you.

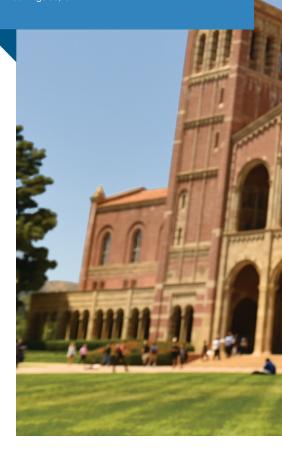
Gain practical training in our pioneering experiential education program. Explore the foundations of legal theory with world-renowned professors who are among the most influential scholars in their fields. Make lifelong friends. Build connections with alumni and professors that will last a lifetime. Above all, challenge yourself and discover the contributions only you can make to the legal profession.

Go broad. Go deep. Dive into an area of law by pursuing one of our specializations, or take courses in a variety of areas. Extern with judges, government agencies, international organizations, entertainment companies and other entities. Study abroad, work in Washington, D.C., or the Hague for a semester, or take courses in other UCLA departments. Whatever your passions, you can pursue them at UCLA Law.

"At UCLA Law, I was encouraged to enroll in the courses that interested me—including Authority and Human Rights, Prison Law and Policy, and Law and Popular Culture—so that I gained the broadest possible perspective on the law and what I could do with my degree."

SHAMAR TOMS-ANTHONY '18

Associate Pryor Cashman Los Angeles, CA



ADMISSIONS AMBASSADORS



Michael O'Key '27 introduces students to life at UCLA Law.

FROM THE UN TO UCLA LAW





Ayisha Siddiqa '27 advocates for climate justice.

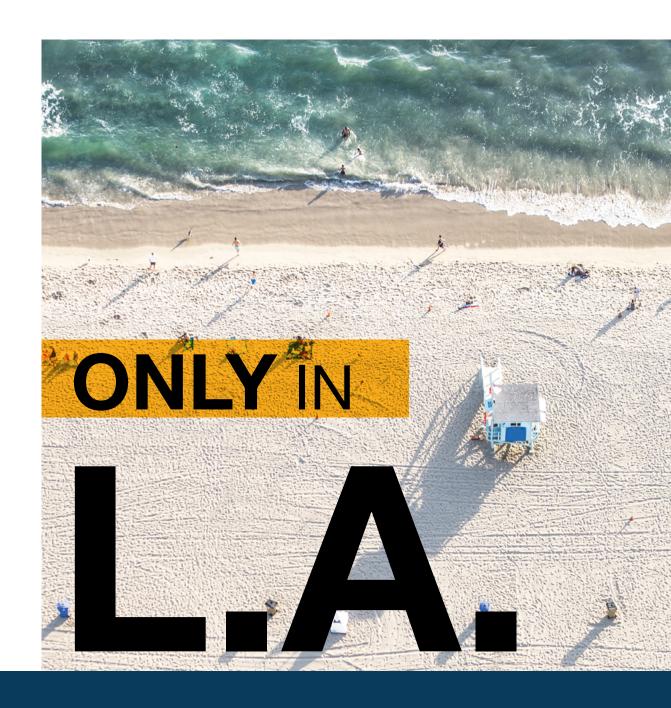


ACCOUNTABILITY WARRIORS





Professor Aaron Littman, Jack Stephens '24, and Ali Massoud '25, who collaborated on *Sheltra v. Christensen*, are joined by Prisoners' Rights Clinic alumna Amaris Montes '21.



Los Angeles is often called a microcosm of the world—one of the most diverse, beautiful and vibrant cities on the planet.



Los Angeles offers a rich artistic, social and cultural environment that has something for everyone. Sample fare from food trucks, check out film festivals or outdoor concerts and attend UCLA Bruins football games at the Rose Bowl. Hike the canyons, relax at the beach or visit cultural institutions like the Getty Center or Walt Disney Concert Hall—all just minutes from campus.

L.A. is a place where creativity and new ideas flourish, where a robust economy connects to every continent and where the most important legal issues of our time emerge and take form.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

UCLA Law is not too big and not too small. We are just right, offering the collegiality of a close-knit student and alumni community in the midst of a world-class public university.

When you enroll at UCLA Law, you become part of an extended family that will support and encourage you every step of the way—from orientation to graduation and beyond.

Our approximately 65 student organizations and journals allow you to make a difference, build professional connections and form lasting bonds with your peers. Our alumni network, more than 20,000 strong, provides mentorship, career guidance and access to some of the most distinguished and talented legal minds in the nation.

Our alumni are leaders in law firms, movie studios, technology companies, nonprofit organizations and more. They include a U.S. senator, two members of the House of Representatives, and approximately 200 sitting state and federal judges.



"The wonderful thing about UCLA Law was that even though I went through law school not knowing exactly what kind of law I wanted to do, coming out of it I felt I would be prepared to do anything."

JUDGE SALVADOR MENDOZA JR. '97 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Richland, WA



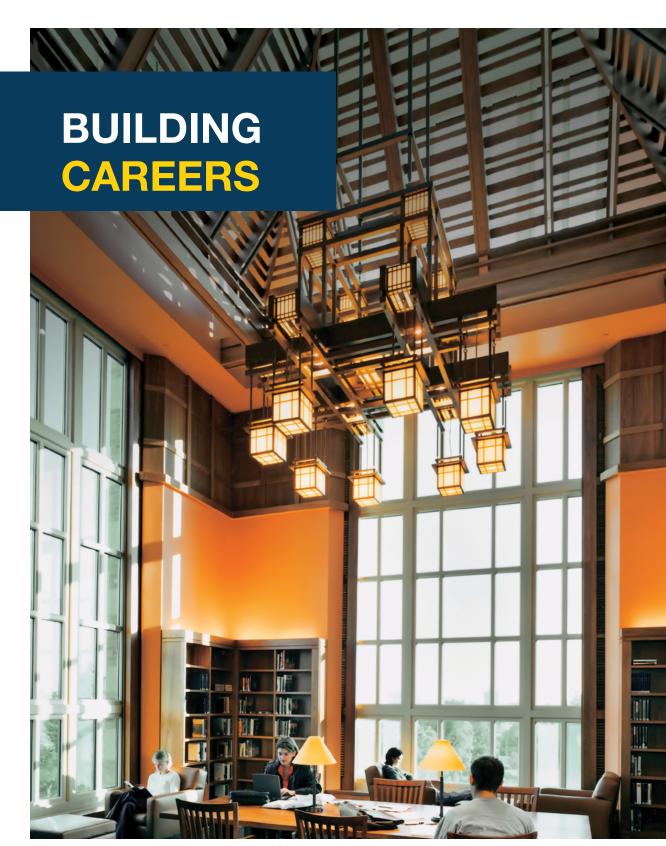


"Optimism, service, innovation, diversity, and teamwork are encoded into the DNA of UCLA Law. When I chose UCLA, I did so on the promise that when I graduated, these ideals would become part of my DNA as a lawyer. UCLA more than delivered on that promise."

MATTHEW J. O'DONNELL '20 Judicial Law Clerk U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana Hammond, IN









"During spring of my first year, the Office of Career Services helped arrange the opportunity to meet and network with UCLA Law alumni in New York City. This helped me to get my summer job in the New York and San Francisco offices of Davis, Polk & Wardwell."

LAWRENCE TRAYLOR '19
Associate

Cooley
Los Angeles, CA

We work closely with you to navigate your journey from the UCLA Law classroom to a successful career, and we provide many opportunities to build practical skills along the way.

Our Office of Career Services and Office of Public Interest Programs propel our students toward exceptional opportunities. Close to 400 employers—from government agencies and global law firms to local and national organizations serving the public interest-connect with students each year for interviews, receptions and other networking opportunities. Experienced staff help students define career goals and connect with mentors and prospective employers; sponsor expertled seminars and workshops on succeeding in various practice areas and regions; and host networking and employment events with employers from New York, Washington, D.C., the San Francisco Bay Area and other major legal markets, as well as many events at the law school.



Meet the Career Services team



96.8

Percent of 2024 J.D. grads in full-time, long-term Bar Required or J.D. Advantage jobs 10 months after graduation*

400

Approximate number of law firms, government agencies and other legal employers connecting with students each year for interviews and networking

93.6

Percent of UCLA Law J.D. graduates who took the July 2024 California Bar Exam for the first time and passed

97.9

Percent of UCLA Law J.D. graduates who took the July 2024 New York Bar Exam for the first time and passed

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

At UCLA Law, we provide a dynamic education that prepares students to become leaders in all areas of the law.

From the outset, J.D. students explore the foundations of legal reasoning with esteemed professors who, in many cases, literally wrote the book on the subject. Students begin their UCLA Law career with our pioneering, week-long orientation program that eases the transition to law school. Our distinctive yearlong Legal Research and Writing course provides students with the opportunity to explore the relationship between legal analysis and lawyering tasks, and it is taught alongside courses that historically have laid the foundation for law of all kinds: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts and Torts, along with two elective courses chosen from a broad selection of topics.

During the second and third years, J.D. students can structure their curriculum to suit their interests by selecting from among more than 200 advanced courses. Approximately 84% of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 50 students, and 61% of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 25 students. Students also can pursue their interests by:

- Developing practical skills through our groundbreaking experiential education program
- Exploring non-traditional legal topics through small seminars, sometimes taught in professors' homes
- Broadening their expertise with interdisciplinary courses taught in other campus departments
- Studying abroad at one of our 15 partner law schools
- Going to Washington, D.C., through the UCDC program or to the Hague through The Promise Institute Europe for eye-opening externships

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/curriculum



"Faculty/student interaction is the thing that really brings UCLA Law to life. Here, learning is a team sport, a lively exchange of questions, ideas and aspirations."

HIROSHI MOTOMURA

Susan Westerberg Prager Distinguished Professor of Law Faculty Co-Director, Center for Immigration Law





JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) PROGRAM

A three-year, full-time J.D. program.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/admissions.

ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

J.D. students can specialize in:

Business Law and Policy

Critical Race Studies

David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy

Environmental Law

International and Comparative Law

Law and Philosophy

Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law

Native Nations Law

Technology Law

J.D. students can earn a certificate in:

Trial Advocacy

Students who pursue a specialization earn a certificate of completion as well as a J.D.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/specializations.

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

J.D./M.A. African American Studies

J.D./M.A. American Indian Studies

J.D./M.B.A. Business Administration

J.D./Ph.D. Philosophy

J.D./M.P.H. Public Health

J.D./M.P.P. Public Policy

J.D./M.S.W. Social Welfare

J.D./M.U.R.P. Urban and Regional Planning

To pursue a joint degree, students must apply both to UCLA Law and to the other desired school or program.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/jointdegrees.

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM

A one-year program for outstanding graduates of foreign and American law schools to enrich their legal education through advanced study of the law.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/llm.

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.) PROGRAM

Designed for those seeking to pursue careers as teachers and scholars of law.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/sjd.



"Students who choose UCLA Law have chosen one of the top law schools in the nation and the world. The Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy provides opportunities for students to collaborate and compete through real-world experiences and diverse extracurricular activities that enrich the law school experience."

STEVEN A. BANK

Paul Hastings Professor of Business Law Affiliated Faculty, Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy





Courses offered in the 2025-26 academic year and the prior two years are listed below. Courses may be added or removed at any time. For the most up-to-date list, please visit: law.ucla.edu/courses.

BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION

Accounting and Financial Analysis for Lawyers

Advanced Corporation Law

Advanced Topics in Corporate and Securities Law

Antitrust and Intellectual Property in the

Digital Economy

Antitrust Law

Business Associations

Business Bankruptcy

Business Crime

Business Law Workshop

Business Skills for Lawyers

Business Strategy and Corporate Governance

Business Torts

Comparative Corporate Governance

Complex Finance Transactions

Consumer Financial Protection

Contract Design

Contract Law: Analysis and Application

Corporate Financial Distress: Risks and Opportunities

Corporate Finance - What You Need to Know To Be a

Successful Lawyer

Corporate Taxation

Digital Wars - Major Current Legal Battles in

Information Economies

Director and Officer Insurance and Corporate

Governance

Estate and Gift Taxation

Executive Compensation

Federal White Collar Crime

Financial Analysis

Insurance Law

International Business Transactions

International Trade Law

Introduction to Federal Income Taxation

Mergers and Acquisitions

Monetary Law and Institutions

Partnership and Pass-Through Taxation

Private Merger and Acquisition Transaction

Professional Responsibility Issues in Sophisticated

Business Transactions, Litigations and

Reorganizations

Proposition 13: Law, History and Politics

Policy Challenges in Tax Law

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Transactions

Regulation of Investment Funds

Renewable Energy Project Finance

Restitution and Unjust Enrichment

Secured Transactions

Securities Regulation

Seminar: Mergers and Acquisitions

Silicon Valley Law

Silicon Valley Law for Startups, Entrepreneurs and VCs

State and Local Taxation

Taxation of Business Enterprises

UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance

U.S. International Taxation

Venture Capital and the Start-Up Company

CIVIL PROCEDURE AND LITIGATION

Civil Procedure in Practice - Problems and Reforms

Conflict of Laws

Evidence

Federal Courts

Power, Knowledge and Procedure

Remedies

CRIMINAL LAW

8th Amendment Punishments Clause

American Civil Justice Crisis

Business Crime

Capital Punishment in America

The Criminal Defender

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure: Adjudication Criminal Procedure: Habeas Corpus Criminal Procedure: Investigations

Contemporary Issues Facing the International

Criminal Court

Current Topics in Criminal Law

Evidence

Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure

International and Transnational Criminal Law

Law and Dissent Preventive Detention

The Philosophy of Prisons and Punishment

Prison Law and Policy

Psychology and Criminal Law

Re-envisioning the Lawyer's Role: Trauma-Informed Lawyering and Restorative/Transformative Justice

Sentencing Law and Policy

Suing the Police

ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Al and Entertainment Law

Antitrust and Intellectual Property in the

Digital Economy

Art and Cultural Property Law

"Art Is a Drug"

Artificial Intelligence Law

Connecting Art and Law for Liberation

Copyright Law

Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation

Design Law

Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in

Information Economies

Entertainment Guilds: A Framework for Navigating

the Industry

Entertainment Law

Esports: The Legal and Business Evolution

Free Speech: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives

Free Speech Theory

Future Law: Law and Governance Under Transformative Societal Trends

Harmonizing Hollywood: Entertainment Disputes, Ethics and Peacemaking

Human Lawyers in the World of Al

Information Privacy and Data Protection

Innovation Theory and Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property

International Intellectual Property

Internet Law, Media and Society

IP Without IP: Beyond the Borders of Intellectual Property

Law and Theater

Law, Technology and Society

Lawyering in Administrative Agencies - Current

Issues at the FCC

Motion Picture Distribution

Music Industry Law

News Media Law in the Digital Age

Patent Intensive

Patent Law

Perspectives on Law and Film

Representing Talent in the Entertainment Industry

Social Media and the Future of Democracy

Silicon Valley Law for Startups, Entrepreneurs and VCs

Sports and the Law

Sports as Legal Systems: A Comparative Investigation of

Technology, Ethics and Imaginations

Telecommunications Regulation

Television Law

Television Special Issues: SVOD/AVOD Platforms

Trademark Law Video Game Law

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW

Climate Change Law and Policy

Energy and Infrastructure Finance

Energy Law and Regulation

Environmental Justice Law

Environmental Law and Policy

Human Rights and the Protection of the Environment

International Environmental Law and Policy

Land Use and Urban Planning Law

The Law and Geopolitics of Green Development

Major Problems in Environment and Sustainability

Natural Resources Law

Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy

Property Law

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Transactions

The Regulation of the Automobile

Renewable Energy Project Finance

Topics in California Environmental Law

Water Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

China and the International Legal Order

Comparative Constitutional Law

Comparative Law

Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court

Critical Issues in Human Rights

Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation

European Union Law

Geographical Indications (Culture and Place)

Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure

Human Rights and the Global Economy

Human Rights and War Crimes Digital Investigations

Human Rights Law Beyond Borders

Indigenous Peoples in International Law

Immigration Law

International and Transnational Criminal Law

International Business Transactions

International Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

International Environmental Law and Policy

International Human Rights Law

International Intellectual Property

International Queer Rights

International Trade Law

Law of the U.S.-Mexico Border

Laws of War (International Humanitarian Law)

National Security Law

Philosophy of Migration Law

Political Asylum and Refugee Law

Prospects for International Justice

Public International Law

Recentering International Law: Black Traditions, TWAIL

and Other Critical Perspectives

Regional Human Rights Protection: The Inter-American System

Spanish for Lawyers

Successful Strategies for Human Rights Advocacy

Theories of International Law

Transnational Litigation in U.S. Courts

LABOR LAW

Employment Discrimination Law

Employment Law

Labor Law and Collective Action

Low-Wage Workers

Spanish for Lawyers

LAW AND THE FAMILY

Community Property

Estate and Gift Taxation

Estate Planning

Family Law

Special Topics in Family Law

Wills and Trusts

LAW AND THE HUMANITIES

Advanced Legal Research

Contemporary Philosophy of Law: The Cutting Edge

The Darrow Decade: Lawyers and Great Trials in

America During the "Long 1920s"

Designing Real Utopias

Editing and Advocacy

Foundations of Jewish Ethics

The Foundations of Legal and Moral Responsibility

Graphic Novels and the Law

The History of American Legal Thought

Law and Theater

The Law and Your Life

Legal History Workshop

Legal Philosophy

Legal Philosophy – The Nature of Law: Ground, Essence and Analys

Legal Theory Workshop

Persuasion: The Science and Art of Effective Influence

Power, Knowledge and Procedure

Quantitative Methods in the Courtroom

Recent Books on Campus Speech and Academic Freedom

Religious Liberty

"There Is No Such Thing as a Public School"

Transition to Small and Mid-Sized Practice

Topics in American Constitutional History

Writing for Practice

Written Legal Analysis

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law

American Civil Justice Crisis

Cannabis Law and Policy: Federalism, Regulation, and Litigation

Civil Liberties, Secrecy, and the Limits of Public Interest Litigation After 9/11

Comparative Constitutional Law

Comparative Education: Law and Policy

Congressional Investigations: Powers, Precedents and Politics

Comparative Law

Constitutional Law II (First Amendment)

The Court of Today: Administration, Authority and the Stuff of Adjudication

Digital Technologies and the Constitution

Direct Democracy

Disability Law

Education Law and Policy

Flection Law

The Entrepreneurial State

The Executive Power: Law, Theory and History

Federal Courts

Federal Indian Law I

Federal Indian Law II

Food and Drug Law

Food as Commons or Commodity? The Case

for Agroecology

Food Law and Policy

Food Litigation: Consumer Protection, Regulation

and Class Actions

Gun Rights and Regulation

Health Law and Policy

Health Law Scholarship Workshop

Higher Education Law and Policy

Housing Law and Policy

Housing Segregation, Housing Discrimination and

the Evolution of Public Policy

Human Rights and the Global Economy

Immigration Law

Immigrants' Rights

Is Law Just Politics?

Law and Dissent



The Legal and Political Importance of State Attorneys General

Legislation and Statutory Interpretation

Local Government Law

Los Angeles Housing Law and Policy

National Security Law

Nonprofit Law and Policy

Political Activities of Nonprofit Organizations

Professional Responsibility

Proposition 13: Law, History and Politics

Psychedelics and the Law

The Psychedelics Resurgence

Public Benefits Law and Anti-Poverty Policy

Public International Law

Regulation of the Automobile

Reproductive Rights and Justice

State Constitutional Law

Statutory Interpretation in the Roberts Supreme

Court: The New Textualism

Topics in American Constitutional History

Topics in Animal Law

Topics in Non-Profit Law

UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance

RACE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY

Civil Rights

Critical Race Studies Scholarship Workshop

Critical Race Theory

Data, Policy and Legal Responses to the Attacks on

Critical Race Theory

Employment Discrimination Law

Enslavement and Racialization in U.S. Legal History

Federal Indian Law I

Federal Indian Law II

International Queer Rights

Latinx People and the Law

Law, Gender and Sexuality

Place, Race and Power

Race, Law and Curriculum

Race, Racism and Law

Race, Representation and the Law

Race, Sexuality and the Law

Recentering International Law: Black Traditions, TWAIL and Other Critical Perspectives

Reparations for Black Americans – Legal Issues and Challenges

Reproductive Rights and Justice

Your Professional Identity and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Legal and Professional Workplace

PROGRAMS, CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

UCLA Law is home to numerous programs, centers and institutes that allow students to dive into many of the most challenging and urgent issues of our time.

A. Barry Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy

Animal Law and Policy Program

Center for Immigration Law and Policy

Center for Law and Economics

Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy

Criminal Justice Program

Critical Race Studies Program

David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy

Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Empirical Research Group

Health Law and Policy Program

Institute for Technology, Law and Policy

International and Comparative Law Program

Law and Philosophy Program

Lowell Milken Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofits

Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy

Native Nations Law and Policy Center

Prison Law and Policy Program

Program on Legal Ethics and Democracy

Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE)

The Promise Institute Europe

The Promise Institute for Human Rights

Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy

Safeguarding Democracy Project

Schrader Pro Bono Program

Transnational Program on Criminal Justice

UCLA - Rand Center for Law and Public Policy

UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate

Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law and Public Policy

Ziffren Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law



HAL BIAGAS '90 Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel Seven1 Sports & Entertainment Group New York, NY

"As a sports agent, I am a lawyer working at the intersection of sports and entertainment, labor law, antitrust law, corporate law and much more. My experiences at UCLA Law prepared me for this work, both professionally and personally, and I use the training I received at UCLA Law every day."

UCLA LAW IN THE HAGUE







EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

UCLA Law has long been a national leader in clinical and experiential legal training. Our robust experiential education program continues to expand, giving students unprecedented opportunities for hands-on learning, interaction with clients, realistic simulations and preparation for practice.

Examples of our more than 40 clinical and experiential classes include:

Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy

California Criminal Justice Practicum

California Environmental Legislation and Policy Clinic

Documentary Film Legal Clinic

Domestic Violence Prevention Practicum

Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic

Healthcare Compliance

Housing Justice Clinic

Human Rights in Action Clinic - International Field Experience

Human Rights Litigation Clinic

Immigrant Family Legal Clinic

Immigrants' Rights Policy Clinic

Information Policy Lab

Land Development Simulation

Law, Organizing and Low Wage Workers Practicum

Life Cycle of a Business

Mediation Clinic

Negotiation Theory and Practice

Patent Law Clinic

Prisoners' Rights Clinic

Reparations for Black Land Loss

Resentencing Practicum

Street Law: Youth and Education Clinic

Supreme Court Clinic

Trial Advocacy

Tribal Legal Development Clinic

Veterans Justice Clinic

Voting Rights Practicum

WINNING WITH WORDS



Sydney Gaskins '24 brings home the trophy as part of the Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy.

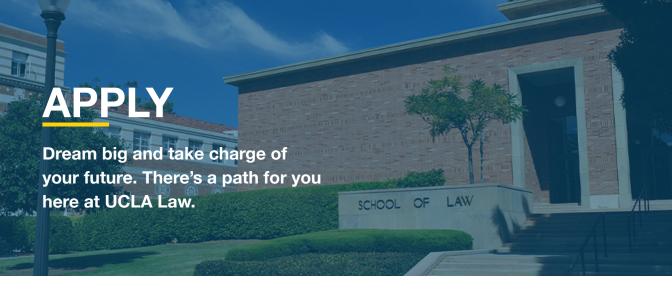


ENTERTAINMENT LAW





Olivia Tayback '24, Nicolette Gelnak '25, and Ashley Kinder '24 hone their skills in the Documentary Film Legal Clinic, pictured here at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival with clinic leaders Dale Cohen and Loralee Sundra.





How to Apply to the J.D. Program

Applicants for admission to UCLA Law must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college of approved standing before they begin their studies at the law school.

For all application requirements, visit law.ucla.edu/application.

Before applying, applicants should review our admissions policy at law.ucla.edu/admissions-policy.

Applicants must also register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Visit Isac.org, email Isacinfo@Isac.org or call (215) 968-1001.

To review our non-discrimination policy, please visit: law.ucla.edu/admissions-policy.



Important Dates

The exact dates of admission deadlines may vary annually. Please refer to law.ucla.edu/admissions for the current deadlines. The dates below provide a general indication of timing:

Early September:

Application available

Mid-November:

Application deadline for binding Early Decision and binding full-tuition Distinguished Scholars Award

Mid-December:

Application deadline for the full-tuition Achievement Fellowship Program

January 30:

General application deadline



Scholarships and Financial Aid

We know that financing your legal education is very important. In determining scholarship amounts, both merit and financial need can be considered. In order for financial need to be considered, students must complete the UCLA Law Need Application. The law school Need Application is made available to students upon admission.

UCLA Law offers a number of full tuition scholarships. For more information please visit: https://law.ucla.edu/admissions/jd-admissions/full-tuition-programs.

UCLA Law has a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to increase the ability of its J.D. graduates to pursue public service legal careers. Learn more at law.ucla.edu/LRAP.



UCLA LAW UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Join us on campus for a tour and/or class visit. Can't make it to L.A.? We offer virtual tours and class visits as well.



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