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Message from the Dean

As the youngest of the nation’s top law schools, UCLA Law is a place for new ideas. As part of a great public university, our commitment is to access, excellence and public service. Our hallmarks include an openness to inquiry; close collaboration between students and our world-class faculty; and unrivaled opportunities that prepare students to be visionary leaders and successful lawyers from the minute they begin their UCLA Law careers. Our graduates go on to launch companies, serve as judges and lawmakers, advocate for underrepresented people and groups, lead powerhouse law firms, and enter academia. The possibilities are limitless, and a UCLA Law degree opens doors around the world. We invite you to apply, visit our campus, and connect with our students, faculty members and alumni. Come experience the UCLA Law difference.

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we develop passionate lawyers and leaders ready to take on the world.
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.

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
Corporate 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

UCLA Law is responsible for some of my dearest friendships, many of my most trusted colleagues, and so many essential professional and personal lessons learned.

– JESSIE KORNBERG ’07
President and CEO
Skirball Cultural Center
Los Angeles
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., for a semester, or take courses in other UCLA departments. Whatever your passions, you can pursue them at UCLA Law.

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– KATRINA MULLIGAN ’07
    Acting Vice President
    National Security and International Policy
    Center for American Progress
    Washington, D.C.

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
    Judicial Law Clerk
    United States District Court, Central District of California
    Los Angeles

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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 first-year orientation to graduation and beyond.

Our approximately 70 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 18,000 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, a member of the House of Representatives, the director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, nearly 200 sitting state and federal judges, and more lawyers on The Hollywood Reporter Top Entertainment Attorneys list than any other law school.

I’ve never attended a school that rallies around its students the way UCLA Law does. Faculty members were—and still are—extraordinary mentors. They have repeatedly pointed me in the direction of opportunities that I wouldn’t have known about otherwise.

— WHITNEY BROWN ‘17
Judicial Clerk
Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor
U.S. Supreme Court
Clinic, practicum and simulation courses provide transformative, real-world experiences both in and out of the classroom.

18,000 Alumni, working in all 50 states and 55 countries around the world.

11 Ranking of UCLA Law among all law schools for scholarly impact of faculty members.

82 Percent of enrolled students receive scholarships.
During spring break of my first year, the Office of Career Services helped finance a trip to New York City, where I had the opportunity to meet and network with UCLA Law alumni. This helped me to get my summer job in the New York and San Francisco offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

– LAURENCE TRAYLOR JR. ’19
Associate
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Northern California
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—visit campus annually for interviews, receptions and other networking efforts. Experienced staff help students define career goals and connect with mentors and prospective employers; sponsor expert-led seminars and workshops on succeeding in various practice areas and regions; and host networking and employment events in New York, Washington, D.C., the San Francisco Bay Area and other major legal markets as well as the many events at the law school.

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

92.6
Percent of 2020 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 visiting campus annually for interviews and networking

* Learn more at law.ucla.edu/careers/employment-statistics/
At UCLA Law, we provide a dynamic education that prepares students to become leaders in all areas of the law.

From the outset, 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. In addition to traditional courses, first-year students take a semester-long elective course chosen from an array of topics including international and comparative law, environmental law, LGBT law and policy, immigration law and more.

During the second and third years, students can structure their curriculum to suit their interests by selecting from among more than 200 advanced courses. Approximately 87% of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 50 students, and 70% 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 16 partner law schools
• Going to Washington, D.C., for eye-opening externships through the UCDC program

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/academics/curriculum.
Degree Programs

**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 and Technology Law and Policy

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.

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

—DOUGLAS LICHTMAN
Professor of Law
Courses offered in the 2021-2022 academic year and the prior two years are listed below. For the most up-to-date list, please visit: law.ucla.edu/academics/degrees/jd-program.

**BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION**

- Accounting and Financial Skills for Lawyers
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Advanced Corporation Law
- Advanced Real Estate Transactions
- Advanced Topics in Corporate and Securities Law
- Antitrust Law
- Business Associations
- Business Bankruptcy
- Business Strategy and Corporate Governance
- Business Torts
- Cities in Distress
- Complex Finance Transactions
- Contract Design
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Law Policy
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in Information Economies
- Director and Officer Insurance and Corporate Governance
- Entrepreneurship and Venture Initiation
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Executive Compensation
- Federal White Collar Crime
- Financial Analysis
- Financial Institution Compliance
- International Business Transactions
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to Federal Income Taxation
- Law and Economics
- Law and Psychology of Consumer Contracts
- Life Cycle of a Business
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mergers & Acquisitions Due Diligence
- Professional Responsibility Issues in Sophisticated Business Transactions, Litigations and Reorganizations
- Proposition 13: Law, History and Politics
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Transactions
- Regulation of the Business Firm: Theory and Practice
- Renewable Energy Project Finance
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- Securities Regulation
- Seminar on Mergers and Acquisitions
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions
- Taxation of Business Enterprises
- UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance
- Venture Capital and the Start-Up Company

**CIVIL PROCEDURE AND LITIGATION**

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Aggregate Litigation: American Courts and the Struggle for Mass Justice

**CRIMINAL LAW**

- Adjudicative Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
- Capital Punishment in America
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
- The Criminal Defender
- The Criminal (In)Justice System
- Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction
- Current Topics in Criminal Law
- The Eighth Amendment Punishments Clause
- Evidence
- Federal White Collar Crime
- Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
- International and Transnational Criminal Law
- Law and Dissent
- Making a Murderer
- Noncitizens in the Criminal Justice System
- Philosophy of Punishment
- Preventive Detention
- Prison Law and Policy
- Re-envisioning the Lawyer’s Role: Trauma Informed Lawyer and Restorative/Transformative Justice
- Topics in Post-Conviction Law and Policy

**ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- Art and Cultural Property Law
- The Blockchain: Technology, Law and Regulation
- Brands: Constructing Identity
- Copyright Law
- Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation
- Design Law
- Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in Information Economies
- Entertainment Law
- E-sports: The Legal and Business Evolution
- Harmonizing Hollywood: Entertainment Disputes, Ethics and Peacemaking
- Information Privacy and Data Protection
- Intellectual Property
- International and Comparative Sports Law
- International Intellectual Property
Law and Theater
Law, Lawyering and the Beautiful Game in the United States
Law, Technology and Society
Motion Picture Distribution
Motion Picture/Television Special Issues
Music Industry Law
Navigating Through the Entertainment Unions and Guilds
News Media Law in the Digital Age
Patent Intensive
Patent Law
Privacy, Data and Technology
Social Media and the Future of Democracy
Telecommunications Regulation
Television Law
Trademark Law

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW
Advanced Real Estate Transactions
Climate Change and Energy Law
Climate Change Law and Policy
Comparative Environmental Law
Energy Law and Regulation
Environmental Justice Law
Environmental Law and Policy
Financial Concepts in Real Estate Transactions
Future Law: Law and Governance Under Transformative Societal Trends
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
International Environmental Law and Policy
Land Use and Urban Planning Law
Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy
Real Estate Finance
Real Estate Transactions
Renewable Energy Project Finance
Topics in California Environmental Law
Water Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
American Law in a Global Context
China and the International Legal Order
Chinese Law and Legal Institutions
Comparative Law
Comparative National Security Law and Policy
Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
Cross Border Intellectual Property Litigation
European Union Law
Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
Hard Cases Make Bad (Human Rights) Law
Human Rights and Sexual Politics
Human Rights Challenge
Immigrants’ Rights
Immigration Law
International and Comparative Sports Law
International and Transnational Criminal Law
International Business Transactions
International Environmental Law and Policy
International Human Rights Law
International Intellectual Property
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Introduction to Islamic Law
Islamic Jurisprudence
Law of the U.S.–Mexico Border
Laws of War and the War(s) on Terror
Legal Holocaust in Hitler’s Europe
National Security Law
Political Asylum and Refugee Law
Prospects for International Justice
Public International Law
Regional Human Rights Protection: The Inter-American System
Spanish for Lawyers
Strategies for Successful Human Rights Advocacy
Theories of International Law

LABOR LAW
Arbitration Law
Community Lawyering and Low-Wage Worker Organizing
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law
Labor Law
Labor Law and Social Policy
Low-Wage Workers
Spanish for Lawyers

LAW AND THE FAMILY
Community Property
Estate & Gift Taxation
Estate Planning
Family Law
Wills & Trusts

LAW AND THE HUMANITIES
Academic Legal Writing
Advanced Legal Research
Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction
The Darrow Decade: Lawyers and Great Trials in Editing and Advocacy
Empirical Legal Studies: Research and Composition
Feminist Legal Theory
Graphic Novels and the Law
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
Intensive Editing Workshop
Islamic Jurisprudence
Law and Economics
Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump
Law and Theater
Law and Your Life
Law, Lawyering and the Beautiful Game in the United States
Legal Issues in Science Fiction
Legal Philosophy
Legal Theory Workshop
Making a Murderer
Philosophy of Punishment
Policy Analysis and Advocacy
Quantitative Methods in the Courtroom
Religious Legal Systems: Jewish Law
Religious Liberty
Sociology of Law
Strangers to Ourselves: New Work in Psychology and What It Tells Us About Law, Lawyering and Life
Transition to Small and Mid-Sized Practice
Writing for Practice
Written Legal Analysis

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law
Cannabis Law and Regulation
Community Lawyering: Low-Wage Worker Organizing
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Education: Law and Policy
Comparative National Security Law and Policy
Constitutional Law II (First Amendment)
Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction
Digital Technologies and the Constitution
Direct Democracy
Disability Rights Law
Education and the Law
Election Law
The Entrepreneurial State
The Executive Power: Law, Theory and History
Federal Courts
Federal Indian Law
Financial Institution Compliance
Food Litigation: Consumer Protection, Regulation and Class Actions
Health Law and Policy
HIV/AIDS Law and Public Policy
Housing Segregation, Housing Discrimination and the Evolution of Public Policy
Human Rights Challenge
Immigrants’ Rights
Immigration Law
Impeaching a President
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
Introduction to Food Law and Policy
Issues in Drug Law and Policy
Pharmaceutical Innovation
Law and Dissent
Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump
Legal Ethics in Practice
Legislation and Regulation
Local Government Law
Los Angeles Housing Law and Policy
Nonprofit Law and Policy
Political Theory of the Founders
Problem Solving in the Public Interest
Professional Responsibility
Proposition 13: Law, History and Politics
Public Benefits Law and Anti-Poverty Policy
Public International Law
Regulating Food
Reproductive Rights and Justice
Social Media and the Future of Democracy
Suing the Police
The Supreme Court of the United States
Topics in American Constitutional Legal History
UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance
Voting Rights

RACE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY

Advanced Critical Race Theory
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Employment Discrimination Law
Federal Indian Law
Feminist Legal Theory
HIV/AIDS Law and Public Policy
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
Law and Sexuality
Muslims, Race and Law
Race-Conscious Remedies
Race, Social Psychology and the Legal Process
Rebellious Lawyering
Reproductive Rights and Justice
Suing the Police
Women and the Law
UCLA Law is home to numerous institutes, centers and programs that allow students to dive into many of the most challenging and urgent issues of our time.

A. Barry Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy
Center for Immigration Law and Policy
Center for Law and Economics
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 and Human Rights Law Project
Institute for Technology, Law & Policy
International and Comparative Law Program
Law and Philosophy Program
Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy
Native Nations Law and Policy Center
Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE)
The Promise Institute for Human Rights
Resnick Center for Food Law and 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

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.

— HAL BIAGAS ’90
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel
Seven1 Sports & Entertainment Group
New York
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:

- California Environmental Legislation
- Community Economic Development
- Criminal Defense
- Documentary Film
- First Amendment
- Food Law and Policy
- Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- Human Rights Litigation
- Immigrant Family Legal Clinic
- Immigrants’ Rights Policy Clinic
- International Human Rights
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Transactions
- Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy: Prisoners’ Rights
- Negotiation Theory and Practice
- Patent Law
- Pay or Stay: Bail Practicum
- Sports Law Simulation
- Supreme Court
- Trial Advocacy
- Tribal Legal Development
- Veterans Justice
- Voting Rights Practicum

Appearing before the Ninth Circuit as part of the First Amendment Clinic was one of my top experiences in law school. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to research, prepare for and then argue a case, and am so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.

— ELIZABETH ARIAS ’17
Associate
O’Melveny & Myers
Los Angeles
How to Apply
Applicants for admission to UCLA Law must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college of approved standing before they begin work at the law school.

For all application requirements, visit law.ucla.edu/admissions/apply/applying-to-first-year-class.

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

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

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

Important Dates
The exact dates of admissions deadlines may change annually, so please refer to law.ucla.edu/admissions for the current deadlines, but the dates below provide a general indication of timing:

Early September: Application available

Mid-November: Application deadline for the binding Early Decision and binding full-tuition Distinguished Scholars programs

Mid-December: Application deadline for the full-tuition Achievement Fellowship Program

February 1: 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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the UCLA Law grant application. The FAFSA can be submitted as early as October 1. (Use UCLA’s federal school code: 001315.) The law school grant application is made available to students upon admission.

UCLA Law also offers two full-tuition scholarship programs. The UCLA Law Distinguished Scholars Program provides full tuition for three years to exceptionally qualified applicants who have determined that UCLA Law is their first choice. The UCLA Law Achievement Fellowship provides full tuition for three years to high-achieving students who have overcome significant personal, educational or socio-economic hardships.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/admissions/jd-admissions/apply-now/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/admissions/jd-admissions/financial-aid/post-graduate-support.
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