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AT UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, 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.
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.

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
Litigation Associate
Greenberg Traurig
Los Angeles

UCLA Law gave me much more than a great legal education. I was able to build the foundation for a rewarding career in national security with help from experienced professors, supportive staff, and flexible and diverse course offerings. UCLA Law is a place where you can expand your skills and pursue your professional interests, wherever they may take you.

– KATRINA MULLIGAN ’07
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Ops and Low Intensity Conflict
U.S. Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.
Los Angeles is often called a micro-cosm 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 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, and nearly 200 sitting state and federal judges.

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
2021-2022 Term

—BEN RYZAK ’18
Director, Business & Legal Affairs
PICTURESTART
Santa Monica
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

40+
Clinic, practicum and simulation courses provide transformative, real-world experiences both in and out of the classroom.

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

82
Percent of enrolled J.D. 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.

– LAWRENCE TRAYLOR JR. ’19
Associate Attorney (Corporate Practice Group)
Cooley LLP
Los Angeles
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.

95
Percent of 2021 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 visiting campus virtually and in-person each year for interviews and networking

* Learn more at law.ucla.edu/employment-stats
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 the traditional courses, first-year students may elect to take Property and/or Criminal Law in either the spring semester of their first year or during their second or third years of law school. First-year students may also choose to take one or two semester long classes chosen from an array of topics from a selection of our extensive advanced course offerings.

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/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
Faculty Co-Director
Ziffen Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology & Sports Law
COURSES
Courses offered in the 2022-2023 academic year and the prior two years are listed below. For the most up-to-date list, please visit: law.ucla.edu/courses.

### 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 Crime
- Business Strategy and Corporate Governance
- Business Torts
- Capital Markets Regulation
- Cities in Distress
- Complex Finance Transactions
- Consumer Financial Protection
- Contract Design
- Corporate & Securities Law
- Corporate Law Policy
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cybersecurity, Business & the Law
- 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
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to Federal Income Taxation
- Law and Economics
- Law and Psychology of Consumer Contracts
- Law of Elon Musk
- Life Cycle of a Business
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mergers & Acquisitions Due Diligence
- Negotiation Theory & Practice
- 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 Regulation
- Seminar on Mergers and Acquisitions
- Silicon Valley Law for Startups, Entrepreneurs and VCs
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions
- 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

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Aggregate Litigation: American Courts and the Struggle for Mass Justice
- Civil Procedure in Practice – Problems and Reforms
- Class Actions in Practice
- Conflict of Laws
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Litigation Torts
- Remedies

### CRIMINAL LAW

- Adjudicative Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
- Business Crime
- Capital Punishment in America
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
- The Criminal Defender
- The Criminal (In)Justice System
- Current Topics in Criminal Law
- Evidence
- Federal White Collar Crime
- Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
- Habeas Corpus
- 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 Lawyering and Restorative/Transformative Justice
- Sentencing Law and Policy
- Topics in Post-Conviction Law and Policy

### ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Art and Cultural Property Law
- The Blockchain: Technology, Law and Regulation
- Brand New
- Brands: Constructing Identity
- Copyright Law
- Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation
- Cybersecurity, Business & the Law
- Design Law
- Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in Information Economies
- Entertainment Guilds: A Framework for Navigating the Industry
- Entertainment Law
- E-sports: The Legal and Business Evolution
- Harmonizing Hollywood: Entertainment Disputes, Ethics and Peacemaking
- Human Rights and War Crimes Digital Investigations
- Information Privacy and Data Protection
- Intellectual Property
- International and Comparative Sports Law
| IP Without IP: Beyond the Borders of Intellectual Property | Human Rights and Sexual Politics |
| Law and Theater | Human Rights and War Crimes Digital Investigations |
| Law, Lawyering and the Beautiful Game in the United States | Human Rights Challenge |
| Law, Technology and Society | Immigration Law |
| Lawyer in Administrative Agencies - Current Issues at the FCC | International and Comparative Sports Law |
| Legal Transformations in the Information Society | International and Transnational Criminal Law |
| Motion Picture Distribution | International Business Transactions |
| Motion Picture/Television Special Issues | International Environmental Law and Policy |
| Music Industry Law | International Human Rights Law |
| News Media Law in the Digital Age | International Trade Law |
| Patent Intensive | Introduction to Islamic Law |
| Patent Law | Law of the U.S.–Mexico Border |
| Representing Talent in Television | Laws of War (International Humanitarian Law) |
| Silicon Valley Law for Startups, Entrepreneurs and VCs | National Security Law |
| Telecommunications Regulation | Political Asylum and Refugee Law |
| Television Law | Prospects for International Justice |
| Television Special Issues: SVOD/AVOD Platforms | Public International Law |
| The Law, Norms, and Theory of Copying in Contemporary Art | Regional Human Rights Protection: The Inter-American System |
| Trademark Law | Spanish for Lawyers |
| Video Game Law | Strategies for Successful Human Rights Advocacy |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW** | Theories of International Law |
| **LAW AND THE HUMANITIES** | U.S. International Taxation |
| Advanced Real Estate Transactions | Arbitration Law |
| Climate Change and Energy Law | Community Lawyering and Low-Wage Worker Organizing |
| Climate Change Law and Policy | Employment Discrimination Law |
| Comparative Environmental Law | Employment Law |
| Energy Law and Regulation | Labor Law |
| Environmental Justice Law | Low-Wage Workers |
| Environmental Law and Policy | Spanish for Lawyers |
| Financial Concepts in Real Estate Transactions | **LABOR LAW** |
| Future Law: Law and Governance Under Transformative Societal Trends | Community Property |
| International Environmental Law and Policy | Estate & Gift Taxation |
| Land Use and Urban Planning Law | Estate Planning |
| Major Problems in Environment & Sustainability | Family Law |
| Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy | Wills & Trusts |
| Public Natural Resources Law and Policy | **INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW** |
| Real Estate Finance | Advanced Legal Research |
| Real Estate Transactions | Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction |
| Renewable Energy Project Finance | The Darrow Decade: Lawyers and Great Trials in America During the “Long 1920s” |
| Topics in California Environmental Law | Editing and Advocacy |
| Water Law | Epistemology and Law |
| **INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW** | Feminist Legal Theory |
| American Law in a Global Context | Graphic Novels and the Law |
| China and the International Legal Order | Heroes and Villains: The Lawyer’s Narrative in Fact and Fiction |
| Chinese Law and Legal Institutions | Intensive Editing Workshop |
| Comparative Law | International Criminal Law Goes to the Movies |
| Comparative National Security Law and Policy | Law and Economics |
| Comparative Sex Equality | Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump |
| Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court | Law and Theater |
| Cross Border Intellectual Property Litigation | Law and Your Life |
| European Union Law | |
Legal Issues in Science Fiction
Legal Philosophy
Legal Theory Workshop
Making a Murderer
Persuasion: The Science and Art of Effective Influence
Philosophical Foundations of Property
Philosophy of Punishment
Policy Analysis and Advocacy
Quantitative Methods in the Courtroom
Religious Legal Systems: Jewish Law
Religious Liberty
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
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)
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 Care Access
Health Law and Policy
Higher Education Law and Policy
Housing Segregation, Housing Discrimination and the Evolution of Public Policy
Human Rights Challenge
Immigration Law
Is Law Just Politics?
Issues in Drug Development and Pharmaceutical Innovation
Law and Dissent
Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump
Legislation and Statutory Interpretation
Local Government Law
Los Angeles Housing Law and Policy
National Security Law
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 Health, Migration & Human Rights
Public International Law
Reproductive Rights and Justice
Statutory Interpretation in the Roberts Supreme Court: The New Textualism
The Court of Today: Administration, Authority and the Stuff of Adjudication
The Legal & Political Importance of State Attorneys General
The Supreme Court of the United States
Topics in American Constitutional Legal History
Topics in Animal Law
UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance
Voting Rights

RACE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY

Advanced Critical Race Theory
Civil Rights
Comparative Sex Equality
Critical Race Theory
Documenting Injustice
Employment Discrimination Law
Federal Indian Law
Feminist Legal Theory
Foundations of Jewish Ethics
Latin Americans and the Law
Law and Sexuality
Legal Philosophy: Race, Law and Political Crisis
Muslims, Race and the Law
Race-Conscious Remedies
Race, Law and Curriculum
Race, Sexuality and the Law
Race, Social Psychology and the Legal Process
Rebellious Lawyering
Reproductive Rights and Justice
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 & 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
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
Prison Law & Policy Program
Program on Legal Ethics & the Profession
Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE)
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 & 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

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
CLINICS

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 & Policy
- Community Economic Development
- Criminal Defense
- Documentary Film
- First Amendment
- Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- Human Rights Litigation
- Immigrant Family Legal Clinic
- Immigrants’ Rights Policy Clinic
- Information Policy Lab
- 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
- Talent & Brand Partnerships / Name, Image & Likeness Clinic
- 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 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 work 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 lsac.org, email lsacinfo@lsac.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 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 three 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. The Graton Scholarship is a full tuition scholarship for three years for students who plan to practice Tribal Law or Federal Law after graduation.

Learn more at law.ucla.edu/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.
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