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 friendly and inclusive environment.

UCLA Law students are problem solvers. They engage on pressing issues such as climate change, immigration, business policy, criminal justice and many more. They are also thinkers, probing ideas and challenging themselves and each other in a supportive and nurturing environment.

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

- SMITHA DANIELYAN ’10
  Associate General 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
  Beth Tzedek Legal Services
  Los Angeles
DEFINE YOUR EXPERIENCE

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

Gain practical training in our pioneering clinical and experiential learning 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 six 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 have been encouraged to enroll in the courses that interest me—including Authority and Human Rights, Prison Law and Policy, and Law and Popular Culture—so that I have the broadest possible perspective on the law and what I can do with my degree.

– SHAMAR TOMS-ANTHONY
Class of 2018

UCLA Law offers limitless opportunities to craft a legal education. I was able to explore the intersection of law and business in new, creative ways.

– TODD HOLMAN, J.D./M.B.A. ’12
Vice President
RBC Capital Markets
San Francisco
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 first-year orientation to commencement and beyond.

Our more than 50 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 16,000 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, and more lawyers on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and on The Hollywood Reporter Top Entertainment Attorneys list than any other law school.

At UCLA Law, my desire to make a difference was supported by brilliant faculty and a community that pushes people to do and be their best. The school really opened new doors for me.

— TANYA GREENE ’09
Partner
Kirkland & Ellis
Los Angeles
Clinics and experiential courses provide practical opportunities beyond the classroom.

91% of 2016 grads in full-time, long-term Bar Required and J.D. Advantage jobs 10 months after graduation.

49 States where UCLA Law alumni live and work. Our alumni are also in 55 countries around the world.

400 Approximate number of law firms, government agencies and other legal employers visiting campus annually for interviews and networking.

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

37 Clinics and experiential courses provide practical opportunities beyond the classroom.
BUILDING CAREERS
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.

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.

The people at UCLA Law made all the difference. While the school provided a foundation for success by offering connections and access to opportunities to help build my professional legal career, it also created an environment where I forged quality friendships with students, faculty, and staff. They challenged me, supported me, and truly changed my life for the better.

– MIGUEL GUERRA ’17
Business Affairs
Netflix Original Series
Los Angeles
At UCLA Law, we provide a dynamic law school 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 careers with a pioneering, week-long orientation program that eases the transition to law school. In addition to traditional first-year courses, students take a course on the Lawyer-Client Relationship, which allows them to participate in supervised interviews and pro bono advocacy.

During the second and third years, our students can structure their curriculum to suit their interests. Develop practical skills by taking courses in our groundbreaking clinical and experiential learning program. Explore non-traditional legal topics through small seminars, sometimes taught in professors’ homes over dinner. Broaden their expertise with interdisciplinary courses taught in other campus departments. With more than 280 advanced courses to choose from, UCLA Law students have ample opportunities to develop their talents.

Approximately 90 percent of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 50 students, and two-thirds of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 25 students.

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
J.D. students can specialize in:
- Business Law and Policy
- Critical Race Studies
- David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy
- International and Comparative Law
- Law and Philosophy
- Media, Entertainment and Technology Law and Policy

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

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
Globalization and Labor Standards Project
Health and Human Rights Law Project
International and Comparative Law Program
Law and Philosophy Program
Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy
Native Nations Law and Policy Center
Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Program
Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE)
The Promise Institute for Human Rights
Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy
Sustainable Technology and Policy Program
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 Center 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
President
Sideline Sports Management
New York
UCLA Law has long been a national leader in clinical and experiential legal training. Our robust clinical program continues to expand, giving students unprecedented opportunities for hands-on learning, interaction with clients, realistic simulations and preparation for practice.

Examples of our nearly 40 clinical and experiential classes include:

- Asylum Clinic
- Cappello Civil Trial Advocacy Clinic
- Civil Rights and Police Accountability Clinic
- Corporate In-House Practice
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Documentary Film Legal Clinic
- Family Law Practice
- Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Merger and Acquisition Transactions
- Negotiation Theory and Practice
- Patent Clinic
- Real Estate Law Clinic
- Scott and Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic
- Sports Law
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Veterans Benefits Clinic
- Youth and Justice Clinic

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/admissionspolicy.

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.

Important Dates

Early September:
Application available

November 15:
Application deadline for the binding Early Decision and binding full-tuition Distinguished Scholars programs

January 16:
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. UCLA Law offers both merit-based and need-based financial assistance to admitted applicants. Upon admission, all students are automatically considered for merit scholarships and may apply for need-based grants by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and UCLA Law School grant applications. 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. For more information, visit law.ucla.edu/admissions/full-tuition-scholarship-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. For more information, visit law.ucla.edu/lrap.

Dream big and take charge of your future. There’s a path for you here at UCLA Law.
REALIZE YOUR POTENTIAL.

UCLA LAW

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 unrivalled 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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