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.

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 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
Bet 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 seven 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.

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
National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice
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 can do with my degree.

– SHAMAR TOMS-ANTHONY ’18
Associate
Drinker, Biddle & Reath
Los Angeles
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 graduation 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 17,000 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.

I’ve never attended a school that rallies around its students the way this one does. Faculty members were extraordinary mentors who repeatedly pointed me in the direction of opportunities that I wouldn’t have known about otherwise.

– WHITNEY BROWN ’17
Judicial Clerk
California Supreme Court

– BEN RYZAK ’18
Associate
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips
Los Angeles
Clinics and experiential courses provide practical opportunities beyond the classroom to nearly 800 students each year.

17,000 alumni, working in all 50 states and 55 countries around the world.

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

80% of enrolled students receive a scholarship.

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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
Class of 2019
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. 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., and other major legal markets.

92.5% of 2017 grads in full-time, long-term Bar Required and 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/
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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 courses, first-year students take a class exploring the essential aspects of the lawyer-client relationship and participate in supervised live-client experiences. First-year students also choose a semester-long elective course from an array of topics including international comparative law, climate change, LGBT law and policy, food law, and more.

During the second and third years, students can structure their curriculum to suit their interests. Students 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; and broaden their expertise with interdisciplinary courses taught in other campus departments. With more than 200 advanced courses to choose from, UCLA Law students have ample opportunities to develop their talents.

Approximately 80 percent of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 50 students, and 60 percent 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
- Environmental Law
- 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
COURSES
Courses offered in the current academic year and the past two years.

**BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION**
- Accounting, Finance and the Law
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Advanced Corporation Law
- Advanced Real Estate Transactions
- Advanced Topics in Corporate and Securities Law
- Antitrust Analysis: Case Studies from Recent Mergers
- Antitrust Law
- Business Associations
- Business Bankruptcy
- Business Torts
- Cities in Distress
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Complex Finance Transactions
- Corporate Finance – Securities Markets & Corporate Value
- Directors and Officers Liability Insurance
- Entrepreneurship & Venture Initiation
- Estate & Gift Taxation
- Executive Compensation
- Financial Analysis
- International Business Transactions
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to Federal Income Taxation
- Law & Economics
- Lifecycle of a Corporation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mergers & Acquisitions Due Diligence
- Professional Responsibility Issues in Sophisticated Business Transactions, Litigations and Reorganizations
- Real Estate Finance
- Regulation of the Business Firm: Theory & Practice
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- State & Local Taxation
- Tax Aspects of Mergers & Acquisitions
- Taxation of Business Enterprises
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy & Public Finance
- Venture Capital & the Start-Up Company

**CRIMINAL LAW**
- Adjudicative Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
- Anti-Terrorism & Criminal Enforcement
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
- The Criminal (in)Justice System
- Criminal Pretrial Motions: Advanced Legal Writing
- Current Topics in Criminal Law
- Digital Surveillance and the Fourth Amendment
- The Eighth Amendment Punishments Clause
- Evidence
- Federal Criminal Law
- Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
- International and Transnational Criminal Law
- Law & Dissent
- Law & Neuroscience
- Philosophy of Punishment
- Political Crimes and Legal Systems
- Prison Law & Policy
- Re-envisioning the Lawyer’s Role: Trauma Informed Lawyering and Restorative/Transformative Justice
- Topics in Post-Conviction Law and Policy

**MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- Advanced Copyright: Garcia v. Google and Its Impact
- Art and Cultural Property Law
- The Blockchain: Technology, Law and Regulation
- Copyright Law
- Cross Border Intellectual Property Litigation
- Cybersecurity Law & Policy
- Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in Information Economies
- Disruptive Technology
- Entertainment Law
- Entertainment, Media, and Intellectual Property Colloquium
- Intellectual Property
- International & Comparative Sports Law
- Law & Practice with the “Hollywood” Guilds
- Law of Advertising and the First Amendment
- Motion Picture Distribution
Music Industry Law
News Media Law in the Digital Age
Patent Intensive
Patent Law
Telecommunications Regulation
Television Law
Trademark Law
What Drives Innovation

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW
Advanced Real Estate Transactions
Climate and Energy Law & Policy
Climate Change and Energy Law
Comparative Environmental Law
Energy Law & Regulation
Environmental Justice Law
Environmental Law & Policy
Future Law: Legal & Governance Responses to Transformative Societal Trends
International Environmental Law & Policy
Land Use
Ocean & Coastal Law Policy
Public Natural Resources Law & Policy
Real Estate Finance
Topics in California Environmental Law
Water Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
American Law in a Global Context
Authority & Human Rights
Comparative Governance and Constitutional Rights
Comparative Law
Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
Cross Border Intellectual Property Litigation
Current Issues in Chinese Law
Cybersecurity Law & Policy
European Union Law
Foreign Relations Law
Global Justice
Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
Hard Cases Make Bad (Human Rights) Law
Human Rights & Sexual Politics
Human Rights Law Beyond Borders
Human Trafficking
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Practice
Islamic Jurisprudence
International and Comparative Sports Law
International Business Transactions
International and Transnational Criminal Law
International Environmental Law & Policy

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

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

LAW AND THE HUMANITIES
Academic Legal Writing
Advanced Legal Research
Contemporary Philosophy of Law: The Cutting Edge
Empirical Legal Studies: Research & Composition
Feminist Legal Theory
Islamic Jurisprudence
Law & Economics
Law & Economics Workshop
Law & Popular Culture
Law & Your Life
Leadership and the Law
Legal Analysis
Legal Philosophy
Legal Theory Workshop
Philosophy of Punishment
Policy Analysis and Advocacy
Quantitative Methods in the Courtroom
Religious Legal Systems: Jewish Law
Sociology of Law
Transition to Small and Mid-Sized Practice
Written Legal Analysis
PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law
Animals & the Law
Community Lawyering: Low-Wage Worker Organizing
Companies, Food Systems & Public Health Comparative Education: Law & Policy
Constitutional Law II (First Amendment)
Contemporary Free Exercise Issues: Sword or Shield?
Digital Technologies and the Constitution
Disability Law
Drug and Medical Device Law
Education & the Law
The Entrepreneurial State
The Executive Power: Law, Theory and History
Federal Courts
Federal Indian Law
Good (Native) Governance
Gun Control
Health Law and Policy
Higher Education: Law and Policy
Housing Segregation, Housing Discrimination, and the Evolution of Public Policy
How Should we Fix the US Health Care System?
Human Rights and Animal Rights
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Practice
Introduction to Food Law and Policy
Land, Dispossession and Displacement Topics in Property Law
Law & Dissent
Law of Advertising and the First Amendment
Legal Ethics in Practice
Legislation & Regulation
Local Government Law
Political Theory of the Founders
Problem Solving in the Public Interest
Professional Responsibility
Public Health Law & Policy
Public International Law
Re-entry, Work & Race
Reproduction, Medical Ethics, and the Law
Suing the Police
The Supreme Court of the United States
Topics in American Constitutional Legal History
UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy & Public Finance
Voting Rights

RACE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY

Advanced Critical Race Theory
Civil Rights
Contemporary Free Exercise Issues: Sword or Shield?
Critical Race Theory
Employment Discrimination Law
Federal Indian Law
Feminist Legal Theory
Good (Native) Governance
Law & Sexuality
Muslims, Race and Law
Race Conscious Remedies
Race, Law & Representation
Race, Social Psychology, and the Legal Process
Rebellious Lawyering
Re-entry, Work & Race
Suing the Police
Women & the Law
PROGRAMS
CENTERS
INSTITUTES

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.

A. Barry Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy
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 Center 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
CLINICS

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 more than 40 clinical and experiential classes include:

- Cappello Civil Trial Advocacy Clinic
- Corporate In-House Practice
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Documentary Film Legal Clinic
- Family Law Practice
- Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- Immigrant Family Legal Clinic
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Merger and Acquisition Transactions
- Music Industry Clinic
- Negotiation Theory and Practice
- Patent Clinic
- Real Estate Law Clinic
- Scott and Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic
- Sports Law
- Startup Legal Garage
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Veterans Justice 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 2:
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 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.

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.
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 unparalleled 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.

JENNIFER L. MNOOKIN
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David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law

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