CREATE YOUR OWN PATH...
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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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
Associate
Drinker, Biddle & Reath
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
Managing Director
National Security and International Policy Center for American Progress
Washington, D.C.
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 approximately 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, the head of the Patent and Trademark Office, 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
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

– BEN RYZAK ’18
Associate
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips
Los Angeles
Clinics and experiential courses provide practical opportunities beyond the classroom, with about 900 spots available each year.

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

40+
Ranking of UCLA Law among all law schools for scholarly impact of faculty members

11
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.

— LAWRENCE 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.

92.5
Percent of 2018 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/
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, 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 90% of all upper-level classes enroll fewer than 50 students, and 80% 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 current academic year and the past two years:

**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
- Anti-trust Analysis: Case Studies from Recent Mergers
- Anti-trust Law
- Bitcoin, Blockchain and the Future of Transactional Practice
- Business Associations
- Business Bankruptcy
- Business Torts
- Cities in Distress
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Complex Finance Transactions
- Contract Design
- Corporate Finance
- 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 Concepts in Real Estate Transactions
- Financial Institution Compliance
- International Business Transactions
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to Federal Income Taxation
- Law and Economics
- 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
- Regulation of the Business Firm: Theory and Practice
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- Securities Regulation
- Seminar on Mergers and Acquisitions
- State and Local Taxation
- Taxation of Business Enterprises
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance
- Venture Capital and the Start-Up Company

**CRIMINAL LAW**

- Adjudicative Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
- Anti-Terrorism and Criminal Enforcement
- Capital Punishment in America
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
- 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
- International Criminal Court Jurisdiction
- Law and Dissent
- Law and Psychology: Wrongful Convictions
- Making a Murderer
- Noncitizens in the Criminal Justice System
- Philosophy of Punishment
- Political Crimes and Legal Systems
- Prison Law and Policy
- Re-envisioning the Lawyer’s Role: Trauma Informed Lawyering 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
- Copyright Law
- Cross-Border Intellectual Property Litigation
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Digital Wars – Major Current Legal Battles in Information Economies
- Disruptive Technology
- Entertainment Law
- Entertainment, Media and Intellectual Property Colloquium
- Intellectual Property
- International and Comparative Sports Law
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Law, Lawyering and the Beautiful Game in the United States
- Law of Advertising and the First Amendment
- 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
What Drives Innovation

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW

Advanced Real Estate Transactions
Climate and Energy Law and Policy
Climate Change and Energy Law
Comparative Environmental Law
Energy Law and Regulation
Environmental Justice Law
Environmental Law and Policy
Future Law: Law and Governance Under Transformative Societal Trends
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
International Environmental Law and Policy
Land Use
Land Use and Urban Planning Law
Ocean and Coastal Law Policy
Public Natural Resources Law and Policy
Real Estate Finance
Topics in California Environmental Law
Water Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

American Law in a Global Context
China and the International Legal Order
Comparative Law
Comparative National Security Law and Policy
Comparative Legal Realism
Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court
Cross Border Intellectual Property Litigation
Current Issues in Chinese Law
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
European Union Law
Foreign Relations Law
Global Justice
Global Perspectives on Criminal Procedure
Hard Cases Make Bad (Human Rights) Law
Human Rights and Sexual Politics
Human Rights Challenge
Human Rights Law Beyond Borders
Human Trafficking
Immigrants' Rights
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Practice
Islamic Jurisprudence
International and Comparative Sports Law
International and Transnational Criminal Law
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Court Jurisdiction
International Environmental Law and Policy
International Human Rights Law
International Intellectual Property
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Introduction to Islamic Law
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
Political Crimes and Legal Systems
Prospects for International Justice
Public International Law
Spanish for Lawyers
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
Contemporary Philosophy of Law: The Cutting Edge
Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction
The Darrow Decade: Lawyers and Great Trials in America During the “Long 1920s”
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 Economics Workshop
Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump
Law and Popular Culture
Law and Psychology: Wrongful Convictions
Law and Your Life
Law, Lawyering and the Beautiful Game in the United States
Leadership and the Law
Legal Analysis
Legal Philosophy
Legal Theory Workshop
Making a Murderer
Philosophy of Contract Law
Philosophy of Punishment
Policy Analysis and Advocacy
Quantitative Methods in the Courtroom
Religious Legal Systems: Jewish Law
Religious Liberty
Role of Law in Social Movements: Lessons from the U.S. and Beyond
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
Written Legal Analysis

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law
Administrative Law in Practice: Dangerous and Nuisance Dog Regulation in L.A.
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)
Contemporary Free Exercise Issues: Sword or Shield?
Criminal Responsibility and the Adult/Juvenile Distinction
Digital Technologies and the Constitution
Disability Rights Law
Drug and Medical Device 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
Good (Native) Governance
Gun Control
Health Law and Policy
Higher Education: Law and Policy
HIV/AIDS Law and Public Policy
Housing Segregation, Housing Discrimination and the Evolution of Public Policy
How Should We Fix the U.S. Health Care System?
Human Rights and Animal Rights
Human Rights Challenge
Immigrants’ Rights
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Practice
Impeaching a President
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
Introduction to Food Law and Policy
Land, Dispossession and Displacement: Topics in Property Law
Law and Dissent
Law and Lawlessness in the Age of Trump
Law of Advertising and the First Amendment
Legal Ethics in Practice
Legislation and Regulation
Local Government Law
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 Interest Procedure
Public International Law
Regulating Food
Reproductive Rights, Medical Ethics and the Law
Role of Law in Social Movements: Lessons from the U.S. and Beyond
Social Media and the Future of Democracy
Suing the Police
The Supreme Court of the United States
The Theory and Practice of Constitutional Interpretation
Topics in American Constitutional Legal History
UCLA Colloquium on Tax Policy and 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
HIV/AIDS Law and Public Policy
Indigenous Peoples, Sustainability and Climate Change
Intersectionalities: Theorizing Multiple Discrimination, Identity and Power
Law and Sexuality
Muslins, Race and Law
Race-Conscious Remedies
Race, Social Psychology and the Legal Process
Rebellious Lawyering
Reproductive Rights, Medical Ethics and the Law
Suing the Police
Tribal Legal Systems
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 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 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
President
Sideline Sports Management
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:

- Corporate Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Documentary Film Legal Clinic
- Dog Administrative Hearings Clinic
- First Amendment Amicus Brief Clinic
- Food Law and Policy Clinic
- Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- Immigrant Family Legal Clinic
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Merger and Acquisition Transactions
- Music Industry Clinic
- Negotiation Theory and Practice
- Patent Clinic
- Sports Law Simulation
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Trial Advocacy Clinic
- Tribal Legal Development Clinic
- Veterans 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. 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/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. Learn more at law.ucla.edu/lrap.

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