The University of Texas School of Law

The best place in the world to be a law student
Welcome

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE country to be a law student. We provide a top-tier academic program, great career options, and a commitment to a high quality of life. Here are some specifics:

POWERFUL DEGREE A degree from Texas Law is a powerful credential in job markets all over the country. And we are the #1 supplier of talent to the best employers in a large and growing region of the United States. We have alumni everywhere in the world who want to help their own. We also have an outstanding clerkship program that gives many of our students a chance to start their careers in the chambers of a distinguished federal or state judge. In short, our graduates have great options.

UNBEATABLE CLINICS We have an unbeatable set of clinics — 15 of them — that allow our students to learn by working with real clients on real problems under the supervision of great clinical professors.

PRESTIGIOUS FACULTY Our faculty members are nationally recognized thought leaders in every important legal field, including such expanding areas as energy law, intellectual property, and international law. Above all, our faculty members love to teach.

COLLEGIATE ATMOSPHERE We offer a famously collegial atmosphere in which students support each other and form relationships that last throughout their careers.

WE’RE IN AUSTIN It’s the fastest-growing city in the country, the Live Music Capital of the World, and one of the most popular destinations in America for creative people of every kind.

The combination of these elements is distinctive, and it makes Texas Law the place to be. It was no surprise to our alumni when U.S. News & World Report said we provide a better return on investment than any other law school in America. We are passionate about legal education and we want students who are passionate about making a difference. I invite you to pay us a visit and see for yourself.
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Our faculty members are known for their accessibility and helpfulness to students, and this has practical significance. Knowing the professor’s door is always open for office-hour consultations can make all the difference for a student trying to grasp a difficult concept. Simply put, our students not only have great classroom experiences, they also build relationships with faculty members that play a critical role in career development.

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Our faculty members are deeply engaged in scholarship and public service, and are among leading national figures in an array of academic fields. They advocate for justice, testify before Congress and provide advice to a broad array of public and private entities. They speak out in national and regional media, they blog and they tweet. They embody the dynamism of law, and both reflect and take part in the central role law plays in our society.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES
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SECOND- AND THIRD-YEAR COURSES
AT THE UPPER LEVELS, THE RICHNESS OF Texas Law’s curriculum provides an astonishing array of options. Students can specialize in particular areas if they wish, or diversify broadly across subjects and methods. Opportunities include 15 clinics, a robust trial advocacy training program and a range of internships.
MASTERING THE ART
OF LEGAL WRITING
AT TEXAS LAW, THE CRITICAL SKILLS OF LEGAL writing, research, oral argument and advocacy are not farmed out to professors-in-training — they are taught by a dedicated faculty team organized under the David J. Beck Center for Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy. The center offers a variety of advanced classes and experiential training at the upper levels and sponsors the law school’s interscholastic moot court teams, which travel to national and international competitions.

EXPAND YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION
TEXAS LAW HAS NUMEROUS CENTERS THAT give students opportunities to explore their special interests through coursework, research, advocacy, events and casework.

INTERSECTING DISCIPLINES
TEXAS LAW STUDENTS CAN INTEGRATE THEIR legal studies with other areas of interest through colloquia and dual degrees.

Engage With Human Rights
THE BERNARD AND AUDRE RAPOPORT CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE offers students unique opportunities to collaborate in an interdisciplinary human rights community, engage with some of the world’s leading human rights thinkers and pursue life-changing human rights internships.

Specialize in Energy
THE KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON CENTER FOR ENERGY, LAW, AND BUSINESS is an interdisciplinary academic center of the School of Law and the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. The mission of the center is to provide the finest educational opportunities in the U.S. to students who wish to pursue careers in energy and to serve as a nexus for incisive, unbiased and relevant research and conferences for policymakers around the world, with an emphasis on Latin America.

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
J.D./LL.M. Joint Degree Programs
TEXAS LAW STUDENTS CAN EARN THEIR J.D. IN conjunction with a foreign law degree from three approved law schools in just four years. The partner schools:

- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico
- The University of Nottingham, England
- University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Semester Abroad Programs
STUDENTS WHO WANT TO SPEND THE FALL semester of their 3L year abroad can receive credit toward their J.D. at one of multiple pre-approved schools located in Europe, Australia and Central and South America. Upon successful completion, students submit their foreign credit for conversion toward their Texas Law degree.
CLINICS

Students in our clinics work closely with faculty members and supervising attorneys on complex cases and legal issues in real-world settings. Students assist clients as diverse as victims of domestic violence, prisoners facing the death penalty, neighborhood groups affected by environmental hazards, and clients seeking review of their cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. We offer 15 clinics including the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, which provides transactional business law representation to entrepreneurs and nonprofits, such as a statewide group working to help employers provide affordable small loans to individuals as an alternative to predatory payday loans, and the Children’s Rights Clinic, through which students represent children in court proceedings related to abuse and neglect.

INTERNSHIPS

Texas Law’s internships offer students a range of opportunities working with experienced supervising attorneys to develop important legal skills; explore career possibilities; gain insight into legal institutions and the role of lawyers; and serve the public. Students in the Prosecution Internship and the U.S. Attorney Internship work directly with prosecutors on their cases. Students help shape law in the Legislative Internship by working with offices connected to the Texas Legislature. Students also work across the country and the world through the Semester in Practice Internship and the International Internship. Students have interned recently at the Securities and Exchange Commission, Human Rights Watch, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, the U.S. Department of Justice, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, the American Civil Liberties Union and other judicial, nonprofit, government and legislative offices.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Beginning on their first day at Texas Law, our students work to improve access to justice by making a commitment to provide pro bono legal services to those in need. The Richard and Ginni Mithoff Pro Bono Program organizes projects that integrate law, theory, strategy and skills. Find opportunities to lead and learn by working alongside attorneys and faculty members on cases and projects that can affect the community, country and world. Virtually all of our students take multiple experiential courses that help prepare them for legal employment.
provide legal services for underserved individuals and communities, creating opportunities for students to build their lawyering skills and leadership abilities. The Mithoff Program involves faculty and alumni in introducing students to the legal profession’s tradition and ethical obligation of pro bono service.

Texas Law has three academic centers that bring faculty and students together to study issues related to equal access to justice: the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, the Capital Punishment Center, and the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law.

The school provides widespread financial support to students interested in public service by awarding numerous public interest scholarships, summer stipends, postgraduate fellowships and loan repayment assistance to graduates embarking on public interest careers.

**ADVOCACY**

The Advocacy Program combines theory and techniques with client and case management skills and practical interdisciplinary training to help students become effective advocates. Students learn through numerous hands-on courses and competitions focused on trial skills, appellate advocacy and transactional work. Since 2000, Texas Law mock trial, moot court and ADR teams have won a combination of 22 national championships and 31 regional championships. The school’s facilities for teaching trial and appellate advocacy include a state-of-the-art courtroom complete with judicial chambers and jury rooms.
LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Start Living

Students attending the University of Texas School of Law enjoy a lifestyle that promotes collegiality and community unmatched by any other law school in the country. We benefit from a convenient location on a beautiful campus at the heart of a very desirable city. Austin has a vibrant live music scene, mild and sunny climate, acclaimed cuisine and a range of outdoor attractions. Your intense studies will be balanced with a variety of unique extracurricular activities.

SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Texas Law Society Program — the only program of its kind in the country — provides students with a small community during law school. Each first-year student is assigned to one of eight societies and remains a member of that society throughout law school. The groups meet with faculty advisers and alumni mentors and participate in service and social activities.

DEAN’S FELLOWS

Each first-year student is also assigned to a group led by upper-class law students who serve as advisers and counselors throughout the year. These are the Dean’s Fellows. They welcome incoming first-year law students and host get-togethers prior to orientation. They plan social activities and academic skills sessions throughout the year.

CLASS OF 2021 FACTS

- Number of students in class: 377
- Average age of student: 24
- Percentage of minority students: 33%
- Total number of states represented: 37

Each fall Texas Law’s eight societies compete in the Society Games, a field day where the students engage in friendly rivalry.

Go to youtube.com/utexaslaw to watch a Society Games video.
Library, one of the largest academic law libraries in the world.

HOUSING

About 95 percent of law students live off campus with access to a myriad of housing options including single-family bungalows in Hyde Park within walking distance of campus, condos downtown close to public transportation, duplexes in trendy neighborhoods such as Crestview and Travis Heights and more. For on-campus graduate student housing, contact the university’s Division of Housing and Food Services.

LIFE IN AUSTIN

Austin is all about great choices when it comes to quality of life. National rankings for both its legendary barbecue and vegan cuisine are testament to what makes Austin distinct. For business, Austin ranks high on the opportunity scale. Forbes cites Austin as the top city for job growth, and Slate ranks Austin No. 1 for driving the future.

STUDENT JOURNALS

The law school is home to the Texas Law Review and 10 specialty journals that vary greatly in legal, political and social perspectives. As an example of impact, the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law has an impressive readership that reaches far beyond academia, circulating among attorneys and energy industry professionals.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations at Texas Law run the gamut of interests, from the Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association and the Entertainment and Sports Law Society to Assault and Flattery (a theater group) and the Women’s Law Caucus. There are more than 40 organizations to choose from.

FACILITIES

Texas Law is situated on the northeast quadrant of main campus, a short walk to museums, two recreation centers with pools and the football stadium. Law school facilities include two courtrooms; study lounges; state-of-the-art classrooms; a café; and the Tarlton Law Library, one of the largest academic law libraries in the world.

STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Student Affairs Office, led by Elizabeth Bangs, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, helps Texas Law students achieve their academic and extracurricular goals. Throughout the year, the office organizes study breaks, works closely with student organizations to plan events and holds academic support and advising sessions. The experienced staff is always available for counseling on academic or personal matters.
CAREERS, CLERKSHIPS & NETWORKING

Start Earning

A DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW kick-starts career opportunities in every legal sector, throughout the country. In fact, “one degree, many paths” is the mantra of our Career Services Office. Our alumni hold judicial clerkships; work at large, midsize and small law firms; serve in policy, government and advocacy positions; and work in the courts and corporations, among other options.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

YOUR ROAD MAP TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS starts at our Career Services Office (CSO). Experienced counselors and a dedicated professional development coach (each a licensed attorney) provide students—beginning with guided support your 1L year—and alumni with individualized career planning assistance to prepare for today’s competitive job market. Each year, more than 600 legal employer offices worldwide interview students through on- and off-campus interview programs. Students can participate in more than 20 job fairs held nationwide in cities such as Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. A proven slate of professional development programs, skills-building workshops, networking opportunities, and tailored career counseling ensure our students gain an edge while job-hunting.

CSO offers a range of services, including:

■ Texas Law Professional Development Institute
■ Fall and Spring On-Campus Interviews
■ Public Service Career Fair
■ One-on-one career counseling
■ Résumé and cover letter workshops
■ Career exploration panels with industry experts
■ Mock interview programs
■ Networking opportunities
■ An online job bank exclusive to Texas Law students

More online at www.law.utexas.edu/career.

Every spring, the CSO organizes the Public Service Career Fair, the largest public service interviewing program for law students in Texas, which features the Public Service Table talk.

During the past several years, graduates have chosen employment in at least 35 states.

CLASS OF 2018 EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

90% of the Class of 2018 had a full-time, bar passage required / J.D. advantage job within 10 months of graduation.

$130,600 Average salary of the Class of 2018 based on 90% of all full-time, long-term employed grads reporting.
JUDICIAL CLERKS
TEXAS LAW HAS ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS Judicial Clerkship Programs in the nation. We begin coaching students within the first year of law school to become competitive candidates for coveted positions. On average, up to 50 graduates obtain judicial clerkships each year in federal and state courts across the country. The Judicial Clerkship Program, led by faculty members and a staff with decades of experience, includes opportunities to learn writing and analytical skills, and perfect application materials through advising and courses. Texas Law is one of the top 12 law schools to place clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court.

JOBS FOR J.D.s
CONSISTENTLY, TEXAS LAW IS ONE OF THE TOP law schools that send first-year associates to the largest 250 law firms in the nation. We’re at the top of U.S. News & World Report’s list of law schools where salaries for grads outweigh student debt. And public service-minded graduates have received prestigious fellowships from the Skadden Foundation and Equal Justice Works to make a living while serving in public interest positions. Our graduates land jobs in every region of the country.

ALUMNI MENTORS
TEXAS LAW HAS A UNIQUE MENTORING program, with a dedicated Director of Mentoring Programs personally matching first-year students with an Austin-area alumusa/alumna. These matches are made based on personal background and interests, as well as professional goals. In the 2L and 3L years, students are matched with alumni beyond Austin and across the globe, based on career plans. With a network of graduates 26,000-strong, whatever you want to do, wherever you want to do it, there will be a Texas Law alum ready and able to help.

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ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Start Applying

IF YOU CAN IMAGINE YOURSELF ON A CAMPUS AT THE HEART OF A VIBRANT CITY WITH opportunities to expand your mind and catapult your career, then apply to The University of Texas School of Law. Are you ready to get started? Learn the steps you need to take to apply and ensure you receive all loan and scholarship funds for which you are eligible.

WHERE TO START

☐ Check out our website
☐ Visit us at a recruiting event
☐ Create an LSAC.org account
☐ Take the LSAT
☐ Send documentation to LSAC
☐ Complete the FAFSA

Applicant Eligibility

APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE J.D. PROGRAM at Texas Law must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.2 as calculated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) (unless the applicant enrolled as an undergraduate under the Academic Fresh Start Law pursuant to Section 51.931 of the Texas Education Code). Applicants within six semester hours of completing a baccalaureate degree may be eligible for admission on the condition that they earn the degree before beginning the last year of law study.

How to Apply

ALL TEXAS LAW APPLICANTS MUST CREATE AN account with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and register with LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Applicants may create their secure lsac.org account, register for the LSAT, pay for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and obtain additional information at lsac.org.

For detailed information on how to apply for admission to the first-year class, please visit our website at law.utexas.edu/admissions/apply/how-to-apply/

When to Apply

REGULAR DECISION ADMISSION

THE J.D. APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE BEGINNING September 1. Applications for Regular Decision admission must be submitted no later than midnight Central Time on March 1. It is in the applicant’s best interest to apply well in advance of the March 1 deadline. Final decisions on Regular Decision applications will be made by the end of April.

BINDING EARLY DECISION ADMISSION

APPLICATIONS FOR BINDING EARLY DECISION admission must be submitted no later than midnight Central Time on November 1. The Admissions Committee will provide a response on all completed Early Decision applications by the end of January. Some applications will be held for further consideration and applicants will be notified in writing if their applications are held. If an applicant is denied admission for the Early Decision process, they cannot reapply for the March 1 Regular Decision process. Nonresidents admitted by Early Decision receive a Nonresident Tuition Exemption (NRTE) that entitles them to pay tuition at Texas resident rates plus a competitive scholarship for each of their three years of law school. Texas residents admitted by Early Decision will also receive a competitive scholarship for each of their three years. By applying for Early Decision, an applicant promises to attend Texas Law, and to withdraw all applications elsewhere, if admitted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Take the LSAT no later than February of the year of desired enrollment. (Early Decision applicants must take the LSAT no later than the October administration of the year prior to enrollment).
2. Register with the LSAC/CAS at lsac.org
3. Submit the following:
   • Completed application
   • Current résumé
   • Personal statement
   • Statements explaining any affirmative answers to Character and Fitness questions (if applicable)
   • Two letters of recommendation (submitted through LSAC’s Letter of Recommendation Service)
   • Official transcripts (submitted through LSAC)
   • Nonrefundable application fee. For details on application fee waivers, please visit law.utexas.edu/admissions/apply/application-fee-waiver
4. Complete online Admissions interview (if requested)

Beginning 2018, we accept the GRE. For further details on application requirements, please visit our website at law.utexas.edu/admissions/apply/how-to-apply.

DEADLINES

Binding Early Decision Admission

November 1

Regular Decision Admission

March 1

Texas Law Cost of Attendance for 2019-2020:

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*Tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change by administrative, legislative or regent action, and changes become effective on the date enacted. The fee includes tuition, mandatory university and law school fees, and is based on a first-year, 15-credit hour semester schedule. Please note that the second- and third-year fees are based on a flat rate, 14-credit hour semester schedule, so the tuition cost is therefore typically lower than in the first year. Students may elect to receive additional services, i.e., The Big Ticket sports package, a parking permit, etc., which will be charged in addition to the tuition amount.
WILLIAM WAYNE JUSTICE CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

THE EQUAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP covers full tuition and fees for all three years. The scholarship will be awarded to a student with strong academic credentials, demonstrated commitment to public interest law, and a specific desire to serve low-income individuals or groups following graduation. The scholarship recipient must commit to working full-time for three years after law school providing direct legal services to low-income individuals or groups at a public defender office or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States.

THE G. ROLLIE WHITE PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP provides $15,000 each year for three years to an entering student with strong academic credentials and demonstrated commitment to public service, leadership abilities, financial need, and an intent to provide legal assistance to under-served individuals or groups following graduation.

THE WAYNE REAUD PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP covers full tuition and fees for three years and includes a $6,000 summer stipend for public interest legal work. Criteria include strong academic credentials, demonstrated commitment to public service, leadership abilities, financial need, and an intent to provide legal assistance to under-served individuals or groups following graduation.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

TO APPLY FOR federal educational loans and grants, applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. Applicants may submit the FAFSA starting October 1, even if they have not yet applied or been admitted to the law school. We strongly encourage applicants to submit the FAFSA by January 15, which is the University’s priority deadline.

All admitted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. No separate application is required. Scholarships awarded to incoming students are automatically renewed for the second and third years of law school enrollment as long as a student remains in good academic standing.

Notifying You of Your Aid

FINANCIAL AID AWARDS CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER ADMISSION AND ARE AWARDED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS UNTIL FUNDING HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. ADMITTED APPLICANTS WHO SUBMIT A FAFSA WILL RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATION (EFAN) LISTING THE LOAN AND GRANT AMOUNTS FOR WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE SEPARATE NOTIFICATION OF THEIR AWARD FROM THE LAW SCHOOL VIA EMAIL.
Experiential Learning and Centers

Clinics

- Rights Clinic
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Mental Health Clinic
- Housing Clinic
- Environmental Clinic
- Development Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Children’s Rights Clinic
- Capital Punishment Clinic
- Actual Innocence Clinic
- Capital Punishment Clinic

Internships

- U.S. Attorney Internship
- Semester in Practice Internship
- Prosecution Internship
- Nonprofit Internship
- Government Internship
- International Internship
- Legislative Internship
- Judicial Internship
- Semester in Practice Internship
- U.S. Attorney Internship

Centers and Programs

- Study Abroad Programs
- Experiential Learning Centers
- Pro Bono Program

Journals

- American Journal of Criminal Law
- Texas Environmental Law Journal
- Texas Hispanic Journal of Law & Policy
- Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal
- Texas International Law Journal
- Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights
- Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law
- Texas Law Review
- Texas Review of Entertainment & Sports Law
- Texas Review of Law & Politics
- The Review of Litigation

Diversity and Geographic Representation

- Students from 37 states
- Undergraduate schools represented: 142

Bar Passage Rates

- Texas Bar (2018): 92%
- New York Bar (2018): 94%

Employment Snapshot

- 90% of the Class of 2018 had full-time, bar passage required/ J.D. advantage employment within ten months of graduation.

Facts and Figures

- First-year enrollment: 5,580
- Median GPA: 3.74
- Median LeSat: 167
- Average student age: 24

- Diversity and Geographic Representation: 54% Domestic, 46% International
- Minorities: 33%
- Studen from 142 undergraduate schools

- 2018 Entering Class Profile

- First-year enrollment: 5,580
- Median GPA: 3.74
- Median LeSat: 167

- Texas Law in the News

- 1st: U.S. News & World Report has ranked Texas Law number 1 for best starting salary-to-debt ratio of any law school in the country.
- 4th: Ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top 5 public law schools in the nation.

- 2018-2019