

APPLICATION GUIDE

APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Applicants should review the detailed application information in this guide or online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants before completing the following requirements. The Application for Admission and all supporting materials should be sent to the Admissions Office at Southwestern's general mailing address, if not submitted electronically. All materials (including letters of recommendation) must be clearly identified with the applicant's full name and LSAC account number.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for the Day, Evening, PLEAS, and SCALE® programs; a separate application is available for the concurrent-degree program (traditional or SCALE).

All applications may be found in electronic form at:

- www.lsac.org
- www.swlaw.edu/applyonline

Note: Although online applications are preferred, applicants who wish to fill out a paper application may request a copy by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@swlaw.edu or (213) 738-6834.

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable \$60 check or money order made payable to Southwestern Law School must be submitted with the application form or with the Certification Letter if applying online. The canceled check will serve as a receipt. The application fee may also be paid via the E-App electronic payment option.

CAS/LSAT

Applicants must register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Visit www.lsac.org for more information. LSAT scores earned within the past five-year period and summaries of undergraduate work are reported to Southwestern by CAS (see page **A-2**).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

At least one, but no more than three letters of recommendation should be submitted on behalf of the applicant by persons (other than relatives) who are familiar with the applicant's intellectual ability and potential to succeed in the study of law. Letters may be submitted through the LSAC Letters of Recommendation Service (preferred) included in the CAS registration subscription, or directly to Southwestern's Admissions Office by recommenders (see page **A-3**).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The applicant's personal statement should be two to three pages typed and double-spaced. When applying electronically, applicants should submit the personal statement as an electronic attachment (see page **A-3**).

OPTIONAL ESSAY

In addition to the personal statement, applicants may choose to write **one** optional essay. The essay should be no more than two pages in length, typed and double-spaced, and address one of three issues (see page **A-3**).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – CONCURRENT-DEGREE PROGRAM

Traditional concurrent-degree applicants who are not currently enrolled at either Southwestern or Drucker must schedule an interview with the Assistant Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs at Southwestern. However, qualified applicants for the SCALE J.D./M.B.A. Program will be *invited* to interview (these interviews will be initiated by the law school).

All applicants must submit the following in addition to the standard required materials for Southwestern's J.D. Program (see page **A-4** for complete details):

- At least one letter of recommendation explicitly addressing the candidate's suitability for the concurrent-degree program.
- Three additional essays, no more than three to five pages total, answering three specific questions.
- Official GMAT Test Score(s) – The GMAT is not required for applicants who score 155 and above on the LSAT or for E.M.B.A. students.

FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applicants with undergraduate degrees from institutions outside of the U.S. or Canada must fulfill additional requirements (see www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign).

TRANSFER AND VISITING APPLICANTS

Applicants who have previously attended law school must fulfill additional requirements (see page **A-5** or www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/transfer).

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINE

It is in the applicant's best interest to apply as early as possible; however, the application file for Fall admission should be completed no later than **April 1**. Applications submitted after that date will be considered on an individual basis. Applicants should note that waiting lists are often established as early as March.

SCALE Recommended Deadline

Because the SCALE Program begins in June, applicants interested in the program are *especially encouraged* to apply early.

Concurrent-degree Program Priority Deadline

The *priority deadline* for the concurrent-degree program is **February 15**. Students who submit their applications by this date will receive priority consideration for financial aid.

J.D. ADMISSIONS

Southwestern students come to the study of law from a wide variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, bringing a rich diversity to the student body. The Admissions Committee therefore considers many aspects of a prospective student's credentials beyond grades and test scores.

Admission to Southwestern's J.D. programs is based on a number of factors which may be predictive of an applicant's success in the study of law. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to enrollment at Southwestern. Undergraduate grade point averages (UGPA) and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores are considered, and each applicant's file is reviewed for an assessment of academic work, motivation, recommendations and diversity.

PRE-LEGAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Southwestern does not require a particular pre-law major or curriculum and selects prospective law students from every field of undergraduate education. However, since it is especially important that law students learn to communicate orally and in writing, courses that develop these skills are highly recommended.

In reviewing academic work, the Admissions Committee looks at trends in an applicant's UGPA, the school(s) attended, the applicant's major area of concentration, and formal study undertaken beyond the undergraduate level. In attempting to determine the applicant's motivation and potential for success, the Admissions Committee also considers civic and professional activities, evidence of leadership, employment, and law-related work or volunteer experience.

Note: Although graduate work is considered a positive additional factor in an applicant's file, the graduate GPA is not used as a substitute for the UGPA in the overall evaluation, nor can it be combined with the UGPA.

THE APPLICATION FILE

Applications for the first-year entering class are accepted for the Fall Semester *only*. Transfer or visiting students who have completed their first year at another ABA-approved law school may apply for admission for the Fall or Spring Semester (visiting students use a different application process for Summer Session; see page A-5 for transfer/visiting details).

The admissions file of a prospective student applying for the first-year entering class will be considered complete and ready for review by the Admissions Committee once Southwestern has received the following materials:

- Application for Admission
- Application Fee
- Official Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report
- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation or LSAC Evaluations

The official Application for Admission to Southwestern may be completed in electronic form through www.lsac.org or www.swlaw.edu/applyonline. Applicants to the Day, Evening, PLEAS and SCALE¹ programs complete the same application and indicate their program of choice on the form. Applicants to the concurrent-degree program² with The Drucker School (traditional or SCALE¹) fill out an application specific to that program and indicate their program of choice. All first-year applicants must also take the LSAT and register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and must submit a supplemental personal statement and letters of recommendation (at least one, no more than three).

Note: Although online applications are preferred, applicants who wish to fill out a paper application may request a copy by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@swlaw.edu or (213) 738-6834.

CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE (CAS)

Every applicant must register with the CAS which provides the law school with the applicant's LSAT score(s) and a summary of all undergraduate academic work.³ LSAT/CAS registration materials may be obtained from:

Law School Admission Council (LSAC)
662 Penn Street
Newtown, PA 18940
(215) 968-1001
lsacinfo@lsac.org / www.lsac.org

For purposes of registration for various admissions services, Southwestern's code number is **4703**.

- 1 Students interested in applying to the **two-year SCALE J.D. program** should follow the same application procedures as the other J.D. programs and indicate interest in SCALE on the application form. Students interested in applying to the **three-year SCALE J.D./M.B.A. program** should complete the concurrent-degree program application and indicate their interest on the form. SCALE classes begin in June, whereas traditional day and evening classes begin in August. See additional requirements on page A-4.
- 2 Students applying for the concurrent-degree program must also fulfill additional requirements. See detailed information on page A-4.
- 3 Academic records from foreign institutions must be submitted to a credential evaluation service. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign for more details.

RACE/ETHNICITY DEFINITIONS

Information requested on the application enables Southwestern to comply with equal opportunity provisions of federal laws and educational accrediting agencies.

Hispanic/Latino

A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

American Indian/Alaska Native

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Black/African American

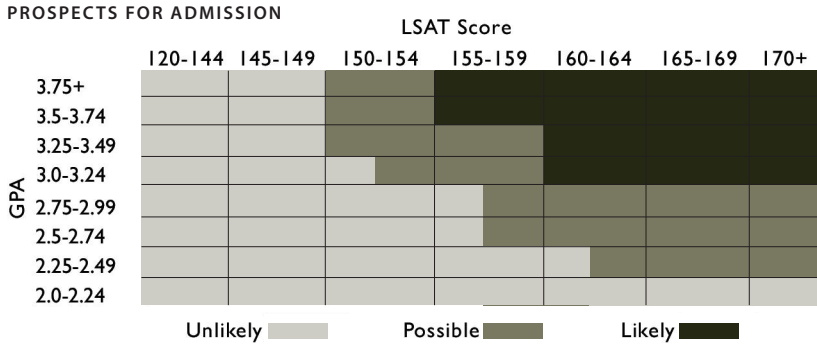
A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

White/Caucasian

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.



LSAT

The LSAT is a standardized test administered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) that is designed to measure certain abilities important in the study of law and is used by law schools in assessing the academic promise of their applicants. LSAT scores earned within the past five-year period are considered.⁴ Applicants should register for the LSAT no later than 30 days before the test date.

The LSAT test dates that will allow applicants to complete their files by Southwestern's deadlines for the Fall 2012 and 2013 entering classes are:⁵

<u>FOR 2012 ADMISSION</u>	<u>FOR 2013 ADMISSION</u>
June 6, 2011	June 11, 2012
October 1, 2011	October 6, 2012
December 3, 2011	December 1, 2012
February 11, 2012	February 9, 2013

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

At least one, but no more than three letters of recommendation should be submitted on behalf of the applicant, preferably from college professors who can provide a candid assessment of the applicant's potential for successfully completing a competitive professional degree program. For applicants who have been out of school for some time, letters from employers may be able to address their strengths and abilities as they would relate to potential success in a law school environment.

The CAS Registration subscription includes a Letter of Recommendation Service. Applicants who wish to use this service should follow the directions for submitting letters outlined in the *LSAT/CAS Registration and Information Book* which includes forms that are to be completed and given to each writer submitting a letter of recommendation for the applicant. Copies of the letters will be sent to Southwestern along with the applicant's CAS Report. Applicants who choose to submit letters of recommendation directly to Southwestern may enclose them with the application or have them sent under separate cover to the Admissions Office by the recommender. All correspondence concerning an applicant's file should include the applicant's full name and LSAC account number.

Applicants may also utilize LSAC's online evaluation form in addition to Letters of Recommendation.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The applicant's personal statement may address issues such as special interests, motivation, personal qualities, academic experience and social background which may distinguish the applicant from others, and items not fully explained on the official application form. Because the law school does not schedule individual interviews as part of the application process,⁶ applicants are encouraged to use the personal statement as an opportunity to share more details with the Admissions Committee, including the kind of information that might be conveyed during an in-person interview. Applicants to the PLEAS program who have child/elder care responsibilities may wish to share why this program would be particularly beneficial to their needs.

The applicant's personal statement should be two to three pages in length, typed and double-spaced. When applying electronically, applicants should submit the personal statement as an electronic attachment.

Optional Essay

In addition to the personal statement, applicants may choose to write **one** optional essay. The essay should be no more than two pages in length, typed and double-spaced, and address one of the following issues:

- Discuss an ethical dilemma you have encountered, either personally or professionally, and how you resolved the situation. (*May also fulfill concurrent-degree program requirement.*)
- Discuss a risk that has led to significant change, either positive or negative, in any aspect of your life.
- Discuss the life experiences or relationships that contributed to your development as an individual, and provide specific examples of how this relates to your goal of becoming an attorney.

Note: See the application for an additional opportunity to include a statement addressing specific issues.

⁴ For the 2012 entering class, only scores earned on or after September 2007 will be considered. For the 2013 entering class, only scores earned on or after September 2008 will be considered.

⁵ See www.lsac.org for alternative dates for Sabbath observers.

⁶ With the exception of the SCALE and concurrent-degree programs.

INTERVIEWS

An interview is *only* required for candidates to the SCALE and concurrent-degree programs. Interviews are *not* part of Southwestern’s selection process for the Day, Evening or PLEAS programs. Those applicants who wish to enhance their admissions files with additional information not originally submitted with the application are advised to do so in writing.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are reviewed as they are completed. Students are therefore strongly advised to apply as early as possible and are encouraged to submit all application materials no later than **April 1**. Files submitted at later dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should be aware, however, that waiting lists are often established as early as March, and eligibility for certain forms of financial aid most preferred by students (e.g., scholarship programs) may be reduced substantially after April 1.

Note: Applicants to the SCALE and concurrent-degree programs should see details below regarding recommended/priority deadlines.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCALE APPLICANTS

An interview is required for candidates to the two-year SCALE J.D. Program. This meeting helps to identify those candidates who would most likely be successful in the program and provides each applicant with an opportunity to learn more precisely what is expected of SCALE participants. If the applicant resides outside of the Southern California area, arrangements can be made for a telephone interview.

Note: SCALE interview appointments are initiated by the law school.

Application Deadlines for the SCALE Program

Because the SCALE Program begins in June, applicants interested in the program are *especially encouraged* to apply early.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCURRENT-DEGREE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

To apply for admission to the J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.A.M. or J.D./E.M.B.A. programs offered in conjunction with The Drucker Graduate School of Management, applicants who are not currently enrolled at either Southwestern or Drucker should fill out an application specific to the concurrent-degree program and follow the standard application procedures, submitting the required materials for Southwestern’s J.D. Program (see page A-2).

Applicants to the traditional concurrent-degree program must schedule an interview with the Assistant Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs at Southwestern (interdisciplinary@swlaw.edu or (213) 738-6624). However, qualified applicants for the SCALE J.D./M.B.A.

Program will be *invited* to interview (these interviews will be initiated by the law school).

In addition, applicants to the concurrent-degree program must also submit the following:

- At least one letter of recommendation explicitly addressing the candidate’s suitability for the concurrent-degree program.
- Three additional essays, no more than three to five pages total, answering the following questions:
 1. Why is admission to The Drucker School’s M.B.A. Program important to you?
 2. What special contributions do you believe you will make to The Drucker School?
 3. Describe an ethical dilemma you have encountered and the process by which you resolved the situation.
- Official GMAT Test Score(s) – The GMAT is not required for applicants who score 155 and above on the LSAT or for E.M.B.A. students. GMAT scores are valid up to five years from the test date. For more information, visit www.mba.com.

For more detailed information on requirements and answers to frequently asked questions about the concurrent-degree program, visit www.swlaw.edu/drucker.

Application Deadlines for the Concurrent-degree Program

The *priority deadline* for the concurrent-degree program is **February 15**. Students who submit their applications by this date will receive priority consideration for financial aid.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS FROM FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

In addition to submitting all application forms, materials and fees; registering with the CAS; and taking the LSAT, applicants who have earned undergraduate degrees from academic institutions outside the United States or Canada must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by a credential evaluation service (LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service preferred). The one exception to this requirement is if the foreign academic work was completed through a study abroad, consortium or exchange program sponsored by a U.S. or Canadian institution and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign for more details.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TRANSFER AND VISITING STUDENTS

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have satisfactorily completed **at least one year of recent law studies** at another ABA-approved law school may apply for admission to Southwestern as advanced students. A maximum of 43 semester units of credit may be granted for academic work successfully completed (with a grade of "C" or better), the exact number being determined on a case-by-case basis. To apply for admission as a transfer student, the following materials must be submitted through LSAC (preferred) or directly to the Admissions Office:

- Application and application fee
- A copy of the applicant's official CAS Report⁷
- Official transcript from the current law school indicating grades earned
- Letter from the dean of the current law school affirming that the applicant is in good standing at the completion of the first year, is eligible to return and there are no disciplinary actions pending or currently on file
- Class rank (indicated on transcript or letter of good standing)
- Personal statement indicating reasons for transfer
- Resume and letters of recommendation (optional)

These documents are necessary to complete a transfer applicant's file, whether or not advanced standing is requested. Southwestern reserves the right to refuse to grant credit for advanced standing. Students who have earned their law credits at state-accredited or unaccredited schools are not eligible for advanced standing. See additional details regarding Southwestern's transfer policy at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/transfer.

VISITING STUDENTS

Students in good standing at other ABA-approved law schools, Southwestern alumni and members of the California Bar may be permitted to register for courses at Southwestern. Such individuals typically enroll in Summer Session,⁸ but may enroll in other courses offered throughout the year when space is available. To apply for admission as a visiting student, the following materials must be submitted through LSAC (preferred) or directly to the Admissions Office:

- Application and application fee
- A copy of the applicant's official CAS Report on file at the current law school
- Letter from the dean of current institution affirming that the student is in good standing, indicating that there are no disciplinary actions pending or currently on file, and granting approval to take the desired course(s) at Southwestern. The letter must also indicate which semester(s) the applicant has permission to attend.

- Personal statement indicating reasons for visit
- Resume and letters of recommendation (optional)

Note: The letter of permission/standing and CAS Report must be sent directly to the Admissions Office at Southwestern by the applicant's current institution.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR TRANSFER AND VISITING STUDENTS

The application deadline for Transfer and Visiting students is **June 30** for the Fall Semester and **November 1** for the Spring Semester. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/transfer for more details.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

Applicants may be notified regarding admission to Southwestern beginning in February. Every effort is made to review completed application files and to inform applicants of their status as soon as possible (application review averages ten to twelve weeks). Applicants who have submitted completed files by the suggested deadlines should expect to receive notification of an admission decision by mid-June (SCALE program)⁹ or mid-July (Day, Evening, PLEAS or concurrent-degree programs).¹⁰ Students who are on Southwestern's waiting list for the Day, Evening or PLEAS programs will be notified of a final decision by mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

Acceptance Deposit

Once applicants have been notified of their acceptance by Southwestern, they must pay a deposit¹¹ within the time specified in the acceptance materials in order to reserve a place in the entering class. The deposit is applied in full toward tuition costs (after the start of classes) and will not be due before April 1. If the deposit is not received by the due date, the applicant's acceptance is canceled.

Official Transcripts

Once accepted, an applicant must arrange to have an official transcript of all academic work from all degree-granting institutions sent directly to the Registration and Academic Records Office at Southwestern. The American Bar Association requires that each student's official transcript be on file within 30 days following the first day of the student's first semester.

Note: Transcripts forwarded to Southwestern from CAS are not considered official transcripts.

⁷ The Admissions Office will automatically request this report from LSAC once they receive the application.

⁸ Those interested in applying as a visiting student for the Summer Session should visit www.swlaw.edu/academics/summer. Summer Session applications are processed through the Registration and Academic Records Office.

⁹ SCALE classes commence in mid-June.

¹⁰ Day, Evening and PLEAS classes commence in mid-August.

¹¹ The deposit may be due in two installments or in full, depending on the time frame.

FINANCIAL AID

The information on these pages provides a brief overview of Southwestern's financial aid programs and procedures. Applicants should refer to the comprehensive Financial Aid information online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid. Since funding for some scholarships and loans are limited, prospective students interested in financial aid should apply as early as possible. **Applicants should not wait for an admission decision before applying for financial aid.**

Southwestern seeks to provide or secure financial assistance for all qualified applicants who would be unable to attend law school without such assistance. The law school has developed a comprehensive financial aid program that includes federal loan programs and other loans from a number of other sources, as well as merit and need-based scholarships and Federal Work Study funds. The law school is also fully approved for veterans' education benefits for students in the J.D. program. During the past academic year, approximately 90% of Southwestern students received some form of financial aid. The Financial Aid staff is available to provide assistance throughout the financial aid application process.

Note: Southwestern's Title IV FAFSA Code is **GØ1295**

LOANS

Student loans are often a key source of financing for law students. Southwestern participates in the Direct Loan Program, whereby the U.S. Department of Education is the lender. The chart on page A-7 provides a summary of the loan programs available to Southwestern students with information current as of July 2011. A full description of these programs is available online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/types-of-aid.

Note: Student loans, including those from private lenders, may never exceed the total cost of education for an academic year through any combination of financial assistance.

MAJOR LOAN PROGRAMS

Southwestern participates in a number of major loan programs sponsored by the federal government and other outside agencies including: Federal Direct Stafford Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized), Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Private Student Loans and Bar Examination Study Loans.

INSTITUTIONAL LOANS

Southwestern also administers several institutional loan programs and short-term emergency loan funds for students in need of additional assistance:

- William Randolph Hearst Endowed Revolving Loan Fund
- W.M. Keck Foundation Endowed Revolving Student Loan Fund
- Victor L. Mindlin Memorial Endowed Revolving Loan Fund
- Ignatius F. Parker Revolving Loan Fund
- Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Endowed Revolving Loan Fund
- Themis Society Revolving Loan Fund
- Marilyn Garland Emergency Loan Fund

FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program is designed to assist students in meeting their educational expenses through part-time employment and to encourage them to participate in community service activities. A student who is eligible for FWS funds must secure a position with a qualified employer (Southwestern or a nonprofit organization or government agency that meets the requirements set forth in federal regulation). Southwestern is required to designate a portion of its FWS allocation to jobs in the service of the community, and students are encouraged to participate in jobs which are in the public interest. Work study job opportunities are posted online and in the Career Services Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Southwestern offers a number of scholarships and grants from income provided by donors, foundations and its own general funds. Qualifications for and amounts of scholarships vary, but the determination of award is generally based on financial need and scholastic achievement, as well as the amount of funds available (see listing, page A-8). Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants for more information on scholarships, grants and fellowships.

Note: A student may not receive scholarship funds from Southwestern in excess of current tuition.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Students interested in working for public interest law organizations may apply for stipends created from Southwestern programs that provide the matching amount for Federal Work Study funds applied to positions off campus, thereby providing students with meaningful public service exposure while offering community organizations valuable legal assistance.

Southwestern Public Interest Law Summer Grants

This summer grant program was established to provide financial assistance to students working for legal service organizations that assist senior citizens, the disabled, and low income clients, among others. Recipients are selected annually based on the merit of their proposed projects, past community work and commitment to a public interest law career. Support for this program is provided from the Leigh H. Taylor Public Interest Law Fund and donations raised during Southwestern's annual Public Interest Law Week.

The information below is accurate as of 7/11 and subject to change.

LOAN PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Program	Annual Maximum \$ Amount	Aggregate Maximum \$ Amount	Interest Rate	Front End Fees	Credit Based	Cosigner Allowed	Grace Period ¹	Repayment Terms (Years)	In-School/Grace Period Interest Accrual	Eligible for Federal Loan Consolidation
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$8,500	\$65,500	6.8 % fixed	0.5%	No	No	6 months	10 ²	No	Yes
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$20,500 (minus any subsidized Stafford)	\$138,500 (includes any subsidized Stafford)	6.8% fixed	0.5%	No	No	6 months	10 ²	Yes	Yes
Federal Perkins Loan	\$8,000	\$40,000	5%	0%	No	No	9 months	10 ²	No	Yes
Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan ³	Cost of Attendance less other aid	None	7.9% fixed	2.5%	Yes	Yes	6 months ⁴	20 ²	Yes	Yes
Institutional Loans ⁵	\$5,000	\$15,000	5%	0%	No	No	9 months	10	No	No

1 The period of time that begins when a student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time and ends when the repayment period starts.

2 May be consolidated through the Federal Loan Consolidation Program, extending period of repayment up to 30 years, in some cases.

3 Unlike undergraduate PLUS loans, where parents were allowed to borrow loans, Graduate/Professional students will be borrowing on their own.

4 Instead of a grace period, a student may postpone repayment for up to 6 months after leaving school by requesting a forbearance.

5 May not be consolidated with the Federal Loan Consolidation Program.

ANNUAL LIMITS FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

	Base Subsidized & Unsubsidized	Additional Unsubsidized	Maximum Subsidized & Unsubsidized	Estimated Monthly Payment ⁵ (on maximum)	Estimated Total Payment Amount ⁶ (over 10 years)
Stafford Loan – Annual Limits Each Year	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$20,500	\$236	\$28,309
Stafford Loan – Aggregate Limits	\$65,500	\$73,000	\$138,500 ⁶	\$1,594	\$191,263

5 Assumes 6.8 percent interest rate.

6 No more than \$65,500 in subsidized Stafford loans; includes amounts received as an undergraduate.

INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT (IBR) AND PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS (PSLF)

The Income-Based Repayment (IBR) plan is an option for borrowers seeking a more affordable monthly loan payment. While this may not be an option for all graduates, it can be a solution for borrowers to meet repayment obligations based upon limited available income. Several factors are taken into consideration in order to qualify for this payment plan. Please consult www.ibr.org for more details.

For students using IBR or some other payment reduction plan, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program is another option to assist borrowers in repayment. This program provides an opportunity for the balance of the borrower's loan to be forgiven after making 120 separate, on-time qualifying monthly payments. After these payments are made, the borrower can apply for PSLF. In addition to meeting the payment qualification, the borrower must also be employed full time in a public service position while both making the loan payments and at the time the remaining balance is forgiven.

Silbert Public Interest Fellowship Program

The Harvey L. and Lillian Silbert Foundation established the Harvey L. and Lillian Silbert Public Interest Fellowship Program at Southwestern to provide grants for selected students to work and gain legal experience at specified nonprofit public interest organizations. The grants received by Silbert Fellows are utilized to meet the required matching amount for Federal Work Study funds applied to positions off campus, thereby offering community organizations valuable legal assistance while providing students with meaningful public service exposure.

Public Interest Law Service Awards

The George and Katrina Woolverton Public Service Award and the Southwestern Public Interest Law Service Award are given annually to graduating students in recognition of demonstrated significant dedication to public interest law activities while at Southwestern. Award criteria include significant participation in Southwestern-sponsored and outside public interest law activities during law school.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Gerry Abbenhuys Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Alumni Honorary Scholarship Endowment Funds
- Alumni Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Hon. Roy Ferkich, Hon. Homer Garrott and Mary Joscelyn
- Daniel Aragon Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Russell and Dorothy Balisok Elder Advocacy Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Carl D. Barnes Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Margaret A. Barreto-Morehouse Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Professor Debra Lyn Bassett Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Lloyd Arthur Bergman and Meier Schneider Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Vincent and Kylo Blanco Book Scholarship Fund
- Irwin N. Bloom Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- BLSA Scholarship Fund
- Boroda Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Professor Dean C. Boyack Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Hon. Tom Bradley Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Ethel M. and Irwin R. Buchalter Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Bernard Burch Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Eileen Camillo Cochran/California Women Lawyers Association Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Dennis P.R. Codon Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Philip Cohen Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- *The Commentator* Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Gary and Pearl Cooperman Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Dean's Academic Leadership Award
- Dean's Merit Scholarship
- Dean's Scholar Award
- Hon. Robert and Gloria Devich Scholarship Fund
- Pamela Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Andrew Ennabe Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Edward G. Feldman Memorial Scholarship Fund

- The Honorable Richard C. Fildew Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jeffrey C. Finnegan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Hon. Robert D. Fratianna Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Elaine Adler Friedenthal Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Law Students Association Scholarship Fund
- Barbara and Sheldon Gebb Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Professor Max A. Goodman Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Steven Preston Goodman Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Elliott A. Gottfurcht Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Greener/McAllister Public Interest Grant
- Harry Groman Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Esther Harris Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Hewitt/Hookstratten Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Dino Hirsch Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Tom and Ellen Hoberman Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Hon. Nate Holden Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Cindy and Neville Johnson Book Scholarship Fund
- Lynette M. Jones and Cheryl S. Smith Evening Book Scholarship Fund
- The Honorable Abraham and Rosalinda Khan Endowed Scholarship Fund
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- Neil G. McNiece Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
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- S. Joan Mier Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
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- Sloan Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Southwestern Affiliates Scholarship Endowment Fund
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- Professor Paul E. and Phyllis F. Treusch Scholarship Endowment Fund
- University Scholarship Fund
- Robert G. van Schoonenberg Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
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- Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship Program
- Hon. Arleigh M. Woods Scholarship Endowment Fund
- George A. Yanase Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Professor George Zervas Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Molly Dilman Zimring Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

Southwestern awards a select number of merit scholarships providing up to full tuition to entering students in the **J.D. or concurrent-degree programs** who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise. Criteria for these scholarships include strong undergraduate grade point average and Law School Admission Test scores, leadership potential and other outstanding personal accomplishments, among other factors. Awards are renewable for students who meet the continuing academic performance requirements. These scholars are invited to special receptions and networking opportunities with alumni of the scholarship program and other prominent members of the bench and bar.

Based upon a review of the information submitted in their admissions application files, all accepted first-year J.D. applicants are considered for **Wildman/Schumacher Scholarships**, and all accepted first-year concurrent-degree program applicants are considered for **Law and Business Scholarships**. There is no separate application for either scholarship program; however, each admitted applicant who qualifies for one of these scholarships will be required to participate in an individual interview (on-campus or via telephone) to complete the process. Additional information regarding these two scholarship funds may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Note: Interviews are initiated by the law school.

The Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship Program was established in 1983 in memory of Paul W. Wildman who served Southwestern for 28 years as a student, faculty member, dean and president, and Southwestern's founder, John J. Schumacher, who championed legal education opportunities for students from a wide range of backgrounds and actively encouraged the enrollment of women and minority students long before other institutions did so.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

A number of other scholarships are available each year from a variety of outside organizations. Eligibility is usually based on need, academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Information regarding available programs is on file in the Financial Aid Office and posted online. Southwestern students have received awards from numerous sponsors, including:

- American Bar Association
- Beverly Hills Bar Association Foundation
- Datatel Scholar Foundation
- Federation of Insurance Counsel Foundation
- Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates/John G. Bonelli Memorial Scholarship
- Foundation of the State Bar of California
- GRAMMY Foundation's Entertainment Law Initiative
- Italian American Lawyers Association
- Kamehameha Schools
- MALDEF Scholarship Program
- Mexican American Bar Foundation
- New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs
- Mabel Wilson Richards Scholarship Fund
- Ventura County Community Foundation
- Women Lawyers of Los Angeles Foundation

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants can help ensure their financial aid applications are given maximum consideration by carefully reading the comprehensive information online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid, following the instructions on all financial aid forms, and submitting all materials to the Financial Aid Office or the appropriate agency as early as possible. The Financial Aid Office presents exit counseling workshops on the responsibilities of repayment each Fall and Spring, and financial aid counselors are always available to assist students on an individual basis. Any applicant seeking financial aid must complete and submit the following forms and materials:

- Southwestern Financial Aid Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Additional documentation as required

SOUTHWESTERN FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The official application form must be completed online and submitted to Southwestern's Financial Aid Office for any type of financial aid. Applicants are encouraged to read the instructions at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/financial-aid-apply-online before completing the form.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a need analysis form that must be completed when a student is applying for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan,

Federal Perkins Loan, Institutional Loans, Federal Work Study and/or scholarships. Southwestern's code (GØ1295) must be indicated on the form. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The federal processor will send the information electronically to Southwestern's Financial Aid Office. They will also send a Student Aid Report (SAR) to the student.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Depending on the type of financial aid requested, forms such as a Federal Direct Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note, verification form, enrollment change form or budget sheet may be required.

FINANCIAL AID AWARDING PROCESS

Once the Financial Aid Office processes an application – determining eligibility for loans, scholarships and work study funds – an award letter will be sent detailing the aid for which a student is eligible. The U.S. Department of Education will contact the student to sign promissory notes for any loans being borrowed, if necessary. These must be signed in order for the funds to be sent to the school. Students will also then be considered for certain scholarships. Some institutional scholarships require an additional application. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial/types-of-aid/grants for more information.

The federal government requires all colleges and universities to offer entrance and exit counseling for federal aid recipients, and entrance counseling must be completed before any federal loan funds can be released. First-time borrowers at Southwestern are required to complete entrance counseling for each loan program used. Combined loan entrance counseling is available for students who borrow from both the Stafford and Graduate PLUS loan programs. Loan funds cannot be released until entrance counseling and any Master Promissory Notes for Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans have been completed. More information is available at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial/counseling.

Note: For the Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan, students **must** pass a credit check, processed by the U.S. Department of Education, in order to receive the funds.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that the Financial Aid Office receives all the necessary completed forms as early as possible⁷ and no later than the deadlines indicated:

Federal Perkins Loans, Institutional Loans, Federal Work Study, and Scholarships

Entering students:	June 1 ⁸
Returning students:	March 15

Federal Direct Stafford and Grad PLUS Loan Programs

While there is no formal application deadline for these loans, continuing and accepted students who plan to defer tuition based on these loans must complete their financial aid file with the Financial Aid Office by **June 1**. After this deadline, students will be required to pay 20% of tuition prior to attending classes, but may still apply for aid.

Note: Admissions decisions are made independently of financial aid decisions, and applying for financial aid will not affect an applicant's chances for admission.

7 However, per federal guidelines, FAFSA forms should not be dated prior to January 1.
 8 This deadline must be met regardless of the date of acceptance for admission to Southwestern.

BUDGETS

The Budget and Expenses – Cost of Attendance chart below is used to determine financial need and is designed to provide students with a modest but realistic standard of living; it reflects the average education-related costs of attending Southwestern. If individual living expenses exceed the average living expenses, students should consider completing the Budget Increase Application. This *may* allow an increase in a student's overall budget and change financial aid eligibility with the appropriate documentation. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition for more information.

Students with Disabilities

Extra costs that students with disabilities may incur while pursuing legal studies are considered when determining financial need. Federal and state programs may provide additional resources.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Southwestern is committed to providing an environment that fosters academic excellence and personal success. An important aspect of that mission is ensuring students' physical and mental well-being. In furtherance of this goal, the law school now requires that all students entering *during or after Summer 2009* have basic health insurance coverage. Every student will be enrolled in the Kaiser Student Health Insurance Plan available through Southwestern unless they complete the waiver process by providing proof of insurance. More information about the Plan and the online waiver application are available online at www.swlaw.edu/healthinsurance.

BUDGET AND EXPENSES – COST OF ATTENDANCE

	OFF CAMPUS HOUSE OR APARTMENT		OFF CAMPUS COMMUTING FROM RELATIVE'S HOME	
	MONTHLY	SEMESTER	MONTHLY	SEMESTER
ROOM AND BOARD				
Rent	\$1,500		\$275	
Food	\$500		\$375	
Utilities	\$180		\$85	
TOTAL	\$2,180		\$735	
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES				
Traditional Day		\$625		\$625
Evening & PLEAS		\$400		\$400
SCALE Periods 1, 2, & 4		\$937.50		\$937.50
LL.M. Full-time		\$500		\$500
LL.M. Part-time		\$400		\$400
TRANSPORTATION				
Gas & Oil	\$180		\$180	
Insurance	\$130		\$130	
TOTAL	\$310		\$310	
PERSONAL EXPENSES				
Laundry	\$30		\$30	
Dry Cleaning	\$21		\$21	
Non-Utility Bills	\$50		\$50	
Health Insurance ⁹		\$1,601		\$1,601
Entertainment	\$150		\$100	
Cable	\$30		\$0	
Cell Phone	\$70		\$70	
TOTAL	\$351		\$271	
STUDENT PARKING				
Day/PLEAS		\$230		\$230
Evening		\$70		\$70
SCALE		\$105-205		\$105-205
Summer		\$35		\$35

Note: First-year students receive an additional budget allowance of \$1,500 for computer purchase, and graduating students receive an additional budget allowance of \$1,375 for Bar Exam Fees.

⁹ All first-year SCALE students receive a health insurance allowance of \$1,782. These are mandatory expenses.

TUITION AND FEES

TUITION

The following charges are effective as of July 2011. Tuition is due and payable at registration; however, an installment plan may be arranged, the time of each payment being determined by the school.

All J.D. students (entering first-year or transfer students) are charged tuition on a flat rate basis. For students in the traditional program (Full-time Day, Part-time Evening or PLEAS), the charge is based on a student's academic program¹⁰ for the Fall and Spring terms (including the January Intersession). SCALE students are charged for all periods¹¹ (excluding summer).

Students are charged on a per unit basis during the Summer Session. While tuition for Summer 2012 has not yet been set, students may consider the Summer 2011 per unit tuition (\$1,370 per unit) as a close approximation. The Hawaii Winter Intersession and Summer Law Programs determine costs individually; charges are available in program materials.

FLAT RATE TUITION – TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

	Fall	Spring	Total Tuition
Day	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$42,000
Evening	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000
PLEAS	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000

FLAT RATE TUITION – SCALE PROGRAM

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Total Tuition
\$14,741.25	\$14,741.25	\$14,741.25	\$14,741.25	\$58,965

MANDATORY FEES

prorated or not refundable

Student Services Fee:

Traditional Programs (per year)	\$200
SCALE Program (per year)	\$250

For more information on this Student Services Fee, visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/registrars/ssf.

Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition for complete details and the most recent figures.

TUITION REFUND POLICY

Students withdrawing before the first day of the semester, Summer Session, January Intersession or SCALE period receive a 100% credit of charged tuition. Students withdrawing on or after the first day of classes will incur a prorated non-refundable tuition charge.¹² Once 60% of the semester, Summer Session, January Intersession or SCALE period is completed, the student will be charged 100% of tuition. The Hawaii Winter Intersession and Summer Law Programs have their own refund policies, which are printed in the brochure for each program.

Note: Refunds of prepaid amounts are available only upon notice of discontinuance and application for refund. The amount refundable is determined by the date of receipt of this notice in the Registration and Academic Records Office and is not dependent upon the student's attendance in class.

¹⁰ Students must pay the flat rate tuition charge based on their particular classification, even if they have been granted approval to underload or overload.

¹¹ Charged/dispensed over four quarters.

¹² The prorated non-refundable charge is calculated by continuing the number of calendar days starting with the first day of the term and ending with the last date of attendance. That result is divided by the number of calendar days in the term. The resulting percentage is then multiplied by the original tuition charged to determine the prorated non-refundable charge.

TEN TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AT SOUTHWESTERN

1 Don't wait to be admitted before you complete the applications – **APPLY NOW**. The official deadline is June 1.

2 TWO applications are required: the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) AND Southwestern's application (www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid).

3 When filling out the FAFSA, the school code for Southwestern is **G01295**.

4 Southwestern's Financial Aid Application asks you for **number of units**. If admitted into Traditional Day, enter 30 units. If admitted into Part-time Evening or Day (PLEAS), enter 18 units. Entering SCALE students can leave this response blank and Summer Session is always left blank for the entering class.

5 Submit any requested follow-up items (copies of tax returns, W-2 forms, etc.) and update your address as needed to make sure you receive any requests for information.

6 Once you have received your award (via US Mail), review the amounts and make any necessary changes. Return the form **ONLY** if you have changes.

7 Complete a **Master Promissory Note (MPN)** for each Federal loan type you borrow (Stafford & Grad PLUS). You can choose to e-sign your MPN's at www.studentloans.gov. Please note that loan funds cannot be disbursed until a valid MPN is on file with the US Dept. of Education.

8 Complete **Mandatory Entrance Counseling** at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/counseling.

9 Expecting a refund? Sign-up for **Direct Deposit** on WebAdvisor as soon as you receive your personal log-in credentials (roughly the end of June) at www.swlaw.edu/webadvisor.

10 Keep copies of all your paperwork and expenses for future reference. Contact the Financial Aid Office directly (finaid@swlaw.edu or (213) 738-6719) if you have any questions.

Southwestern is located in Wilshire Center, about two miles west of downtown Los Angeles and within 30 minutes of the Pacific Ocean. The campus fronts on Wilshire Boulevard, the city's main thoroughfare. Encompassing nearly two full city blocks, the law school stands out against the central city skyline.

An accessible network of freeways and public transportation, including a newly expanded Metro Rail system, enables Southwestern students to choose among numerous neighborhoods in which to live. Urban settings close to campus or the more suburban valley and beach communities are within a half-hour commute from the law school.

CAMPUS VISITS

The spirit and welcoming atmosphere of Southwestern are best experienced by visiting the school and talking with students, faculty and admissions staff. Southwestern encourages applicants to make an appointment to tour the facilities and to sit in on classes. Special informational open house receptions and application workshops for prospective students are held throughout the fall and spring. To arrange a personalized visit to the campus or for further information regarding admissions, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@swlaw.edu or (213) 738-6834.

For a calendar of admissions events, visit www.swlaw.edu/prospective.

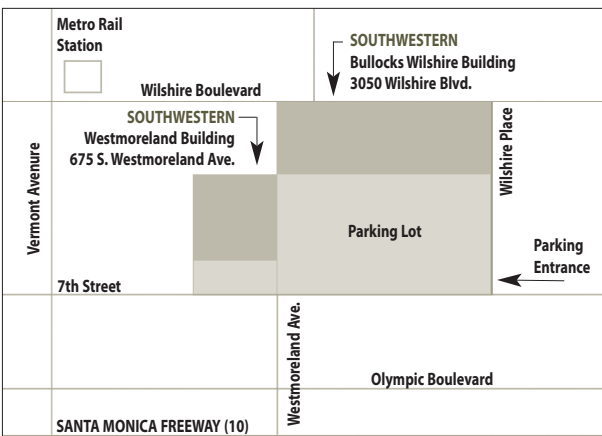
SOUTHWESTERN CAMPUS

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMPUS

The Southwestern campus is just east of Vermont Avenue at Wilshire Boulevard between Westmoreland Avenue and Wilshire Place. The parking lot entrance is located on Wilshire Place at 7th Street.

- From the **Hollywood Freeway (101)**, take Vermont exit south. Proceed south on Vermont to Wilshire Boulevard. Turn left on Wilshire Boulevard, then turn right on Wilshire Place and enter the parking lot through the main entrance at the end of the block on the right.
- From the **Santa Monica Freeway (10)**, take Vermont exit north. Proceed north on Vermont to Wilshire Boulevard. Turn right on Wilshire Boulevard, then right on Wilshire Place and enter the parking lot through the main entrance at the end of the block on the right.
- From the **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**, take the San Diego Freeway (405) north to Santa Monica Freeway (10) east. Take Vermont exit and head north to Wilshire Boulevard. Turn right on Wilshire Boulevard, then right on Wilshire Place and enter the parking lot through the main entrance at the end of the block on the right.
- From the **Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line Station**, walk two blocks east on Wilshire Boulevard and turn right on Westmoreland Avenue to the pedestrian entrance.

Additional driving directions are available at www.swlaw.edu/directions.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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FALL 2011

JUNE

13 SCALE® I Orientation/Period 1 begins

JULY

4 No classes (Independence Day)

AUGUST

10-12 Traditional Fall 2011 Semester begins;
First-Year Orientation
15-19 LAWS Week
22 Traditional Upper Division classes begin
29 Last day to add/drop classes

SEPTEMBER

2 SCALE I Period 1 ends
5 No classes (Labor Day)
6 SCALE I Period 2 begins
28 No evening classes (Rosh Hashanah)
29 No classes (Rosh Hashanah)

OCTOBER

8 No classes (Yom Kippur)

NOVEMBER

23 SCALE I Period 2 ends
23-26 No classes (Thanksgiving)
28 SCALE I Period 3 begins

DECEMBER

2 Last day of Traditional classes
3-7 Traditional Reading Period
8-20 Traditional Final Examinations
20 Traditional Fall 2011 Semester ends
21 Winter Recess begins

SPRING 2012

JANUARY

9 Traditional Spring 2012 Semester and
classes begin; SCALE I classes resume
16 No classes (M.L. King, Jr. Holiday)
17 Last day to add/drop classes

FEBRUARY

20 No classes (Presidents' Day)

MARCH

2 SCALE I Period 3 ends
5 SCALE I Period 4 begins

APRIL

2-8 Traditional Spring Recess
24 Last day of Traditional classes
25-29 Traditional Reading Period
30-May 11 Traditional Final Examinations

MAY

11 Traditional Spring 2012 Semester ends;
SCALE I Period 4 ends
13 Commencement
28 Memorial Day
30 On-campus 2012 Summer Session begins*

Note: SCALE II dates for the 2012-2013 academic year may be obtained through the SCALE Office.

*Tentative - subject to change.

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Information about grading, scholastic requirements, incompletes, attendance requirements, the honor code, and all rules, regulations, and procedures of the law school is published in the annual *Student Handbook*. Students should make sure they receive a copy of the Handbook when they commence their studies at Southwestern and familiarize themselves with its contents.

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