

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL
L O S A N G E L E S





what is **your**
#*lawstyle*?



Courtesy of students on the rooftop of the Bullocks Wishire building

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Committing to a law school education means investing in your future. It requires immersing yourself in an intellectually challenging, demanding, and rewarding journey.



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EARN YOUR J.D. IN 2 YEARS

LONGEST-RUNNING
2-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM
IN THE COUNTRY

Michael A.
2L Accelerated Two-Year Program
Future Law Firm Founder

www.swlaw.edu/scale

ACCELERATED TWO-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

Southwestern's SCALE® program is the first ABA-approved two-year J.D. curriculum in the country. SCALE offers a select group of bright, diverse, and highly-motivated students a skills-centered curriculum teaching core legal doctrine and essential lawyering skills. SCALE starts in June and students complete eight 10-12-week periods with a mandatory summer session between the first and second years.

SCALE features include:

- a guaranteed externship
- flexibility to create a focus area (entertainment, advocacy, public interest, criminal law)

Note: Visit www.swlaw.edu/scale for detailed information on curricular requirements and focus area requirements.

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The SCALE professors are the best in the business, and the program, with its ten-week periods, is based on sound pedagogy and works well with many learning styles. I feel ready to go out into Los Angeles and practice law thanks to the SCALE program. I recommend SCALE to any driven student who is ready to gain a solid, thorough foundation in the law that will sustain them throughout their legal career."

MICHAEL O. ALFERA

'18, Accelerated Two-Year Program
1st Place Champion at the Robert F. Wagner
National Labor and Employment Law
Moot Court Competition



SMALL CLASS SIZE



AGE RANGES 21 TO 50+



ELIGIBILITY TO EXPLORE
HONORS PROGRAMS

2
years



LAW SCHOOL THAT FITS YOU

2019 BEST
LAW SCHOOLS

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

Natalie R.
3L Full-Time Day
Future Attorney

www.swlaw.edu/jd-programs

FULL-TIME DAY J.D. PROGRAM

Southwestern's traditional full-time day program is ideal for students who are able to make law school their primary focus. Many students enrich their law school experience by participating in student organizations, honors programs, public interest activities, clinics, and alumni-student networking events.



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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

11K

ALUMNI NETWORK

47%

DIVERSITY

56

FULL-TIME PROFESSORS

83

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

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I am a first-generation Mexican-American and the first in my family to graduate from college and pursue a law degree. I chose Southwestern for its supportive environment where diversity is celebrated. Southwestern has provided me with unparalleled academic and professional opportunities.”

NATALIE REYNOSO

'19, Full-Time Day Program
President, Women's Law Association



Syrta M.
4L Part-Time Evening
Future Business Attorney

WHAT IF LAW SCHOOL CAME TO YOU?

PART-TIME PROGRAM
WITH DISTANCE OPTIONS

U.S. NEWS & WORLD
REPORT'S TOP 5
PART-TIME
PROGRAM IN
CALIFORNIA

www.swlaw.edu/parttime

PART-TIME J.D. PROGRAM

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Southwestern exceeds my expectations. I feel supported and encouraged to thrive. I'm living a balanced life and having the law school experience of my dreams. I have co-taught a mock law class to minority students at a local high school and encouraged students to consider pursuing a legal career path one day. I'm inspired by the many accomplished alumni and the school's positive impact on the community."

SYRITA MORGAN

'21, Part-Time Evening Program
Chair, ABA Law Student Division
Mental Health Caucus

Southwestern's part-time programs allow students to attend law school while working or attending to family and other obligations.

- Access to the same services and resources as their full-time counterparts
- Part-time students are eligible to participate in externships, clinics, practica, and honors programs

Part-Time Day Programs:

Standard Part-Time Day

Designed for students with evening employment or other obligations.

PLEAS (Part-Time Legal Education Alternative)

Designed for students with child- or elder-care responsibilities.

For the first two academic years, PLEAS students attend morning classes and have their afternoons open to care for loved ones.

Part-Time Evening Program

Designed for working professionals.

Part-Time Evening students attend classes two nights a week on campus and two nights a week online.



4
years



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

3+3 B.A./J.D. Degree Program

Cal State University Northridge and Southwestern Law School have established an accelerated multiple-degree program through which students can earn both their Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees in six years, rather than the usual seven. CSUN students' first year of law school counts as their fourth undergraduate year.

Benefits:

- Priority registration for three years of undergraduate school
- Mentorship from a CSUN faculty advisor and a Southwestern dean
- Substantial merit-based scholarships available during law school portion

J.D./M.B.A. Degree Programs

- J.D./M.B.A.
- J.D./Executive M.B.A. - for students with at least five years of mid-to senior-level management experience

These joint degree programs offered through the Drucker School of Management and Southwestern Law School enable students to acquire the combination of legal training and management skills that is increasingly in demand in a complex global environment. The collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern as well as their unique curricula, and the genuine desire to prepare graduates not only for fulfilling careers, but also to make a positive difference in society.



Certificate Program

Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice

Southwestern has partnered with the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, part of the Claremont Colleges, to offer a Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice. Southwestern students participating in the certificate program can take courses at KGI in the areas of technology management, entrepreneurship, and bioscience-related industry dynamics.



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CONCENTRATIONS

Similar to an undergraduate major, each of our five J.D. Concentrations has required courses, designated upper-division electives, and externship opportunities.



PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Externship Examples

Children's Law Center
Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers
Public Counsel

Clinic Opportunities

Appellate Litigation Clinic
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Family Law Clinic
Immigration Law Clinic
Street Law Clinic
Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic



ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW

Externship Examples

CBS Corporation
Directors Guild of America
RKO Pictures
Slingshot Global Media
The Screen Actors Guild
Warner Brothers
William Morris Endeavor

Clinic Opportunities

Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I & II



TECHNOLOGY LAW & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Externship Examples

Activision Blizzard
Forever 21
GDC Technology
Idealab
LeadsMarket
Prodege, LLC
TechStyle Fashion Group



CRIMINAL LAW & ADVOCACY

Externship Examples

California Court of Appeal
California Superior Court
Federal Public Defender
Inner City Law Center
Los Angeles County District Attorney

Clinic Opportunities

Appellate Litigation Clinic
Children's Rights Clinic
Removal Defense Clinic
Street Law Clinic
Youth Offender Parole Clinic



CIVIL LITIGATION & ADVOCACY

Externship Examples

American Civil Liberties Union
California Attorney General's Office
Federal and State Courts
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
U.S. Attorney's Office
Select law firms

Clinic Opportunities

Appellate Litigation Clinic



TOP LAW SCHOOL FOR
ENTERTAINMENT LAW BY
LAWSTREETMEDIA.COM

ENTERTAINMENT CONNECTIONS

Film, television, music, theater, advertising, sports, news media, fashion, digital media, and technology generate a steady demand for future lawyers. Taking full advantage of being in the heart of the global entertainment industry, Southwestern established the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute in 2000 to help connect our students to these opportunities.

Southwestern is continually recognized as a top school for entertainment and intellectual property law. Our entertainment and media curriculum is the most comprehensive in the United States, bar none!



Jasen T.
4L Part-Time Evening
Future Entertainment Attorney



TOP 10 FOR ENTERTAINMENT

BY THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER EIGHT YEARS IN A ROW:
2012 - Present

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Southwestern provides a number of Academic Success and Bar Preparation resources designed to help students thrive in law school. Through courses, workshops, and individual counseling, students gain competencies and confidence while honing the skills necessary to succeed in law school, on the bar exam, and in practice.



Bison Boot Camp helps students bridge the gap between undergraduate and legal studies and is free to entering students. #GoBison



DEAN'S FELLOWS PROGRAM

Dean's Fellows are upper-division students serving as teaching assistants for the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Office. They are hand-picked based on their academic success and ability to individually guide new students through their first year of law school.

THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center welcomes students at any stage of writing—from brainstorming to polishing. Faculty provide individualized feedback and advice and conduct workshops on writing composition, citation, and grammar. The Center assists students with specific assignments such as legal memos, briefs, seminar papers, clinical work, externship assignments, law review or journal notes, cover letters, and writing samples.

SOUTHWESTERN'S BAR PASS PROGRAM

Southwestern's Bar Pass Program is a free course designed to supplement traditional bar study programs. Students participate in on-campus bar exam simulations and receive customized study schedules, extra grading and feedback on written practice assignments, and individual bar coaching by a bar prep expert.



Professor D'Italia is very effective with her methods and is a great asset to Southwestern in terms of preparing students for the bar and communicating realistic expectations."

ASHLEY K.

'20, Full-Time Day Program
Biederman Scholar

FACULTY

Southwestern's full-time faculty members are nationally-recognized experts in their respective fields—from immigration law to entertainment law, from criminal law to constitutional law. They are so accessible to their students that they have earned Southwestern a reputation for faculty/student interaction that is second to none.



SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY
IN THE TOP 25 MOST
INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN
LEGAL EDUCATION



IMMIGRATION LAW



ENTERTAINMENT LAW



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



LEGAL WRITING



CRIMINAL LAW



Regardless of what subject I'm teaching, I hope to help students organize material, identify legal issues, achieve depth in their factual analysis, and present their ideas in a coherent fashion."

JOHN HEILMAN

Professor of Law,
Former Mayor of West Hollywood



Rosio F.
3L Full-Time Day
Future Judicial Law Clerk



NATIONAL TOP 20 LAW STUDENT

THE NATIONAL JURIST'S 2018 LAW STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Some of the most rewarding hours in law school are those spent applying what you have learned in your classes to a real-world environment. These valuable and practical hands-on experiences are provided through an abundant variety of externships, public interest opportunities, practica, and clinics.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Externships give students the opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom to real cases and issues in a wide variety of supervised placements. Southwestern students participate in approximately 300 to 400 externships each year. About three-quarters of our students complete at least one externship, and more than a quarter take two externships. Part-time evening students can take advantage of limited commitment or remote externships to accommodate their work schedules.

A SAMPLING OF EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Entertainment

CBS Corporation
CMG Worldwide
DMG Entertainment
Escape Artists
Motion Picture
Association of America
Rhino Entertainment
RKO Pictures
Slingshot Global Media
Warner Music Group

Government

California Attorney
General
City Attorney's Office
District Attorney's
Office
Federal Trade
Commission
Los Angeles Unified
School District
Public Defender's Office
Securities and
Exchange Commission
U.S. Attorney's Office

In-House Corporate Counsel

AARP Foundation
Litigation
Anthem Blue Cross, Inc.
California Association of
Realtors
TechStyle Fashion
Group

Judicial

California Court of
Appeal
California Superior
Court
California Supreme
Court
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
U.S. Court of Appeals
U.S. District Court

Public Interest

ACLU of Southern
California
Alliance for Children's
Rights
Asian Americans
Advancing Justice
Bet Tzedek Legal
Services
California Women's Law
Center
Central American
Resource Center
Children's Law Center
Inner City Law Center
LevittQuinn Family Law
Center
Los Angeles LGBT
Center
Legal Aid Foundation of
Los Angeles
Neighborhood Legal
Services
Public Counsel

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

The Public Service Program (PSP) offers Southwestern students the opportunity to apply and further the development of practical lawyering skills. Southwestern students provide direct legal services, advocacy, and community education in a wide-variety of settings and contexts in partnership with public interest firms/civil legal aid and government agencies as part of the legal profession's responsibility to ensure equal access to justice for all communities. Whether by providing in-person assistance, Know-Your-Rights education, or defending vulnerable populations through impact litigation, students provide immediate and meaningful change in service to the public.

PRACTICA

Southwestern's varied practicum offerings allow students to gain invaluable educational experiences through real-life practice, under close supervision of faculty and practitioners.

The Amicus Project Practicum pairs individual students with faculty members to research and draft an amicus brief in actual pro bono cases.

The Immigration Appeals Practicum focuses on pro bono immigration cases on appeal, working with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.



LEGAL CLINICS

Clinic students develop as professionals and learn the importance of access to justice. Closely supervised, students strategize and execute an array of legal matters while maintaining client confidentiality, civility, and a duty to the court. Students gain practical lawyering skills while providing pro bono representation to community members with limited access to the justice system.

ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS LEGAL CLINIC*

HFPA

Students provide production business and legal affairs services on independent documentary and feature films under the supervision of faculty.

APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC

Students work with a professor in litigating a pro bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, up to and including oral argument before the court.

STREET LAW CLINIC

Students teach at-risk teenagers about their rights and provide legal information and resources to help them successfully transition to independent living.

IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC

Students represent children and adults in immigration matters where clients have been abused, neglected or abandoned, or have been victims of a crime.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC

Students represent low-income children in school discipline proceedings or children with disabilities in special education proceedings and work with community groups to advocate for equitable educational opportunities.

YOUTH OFFENDER PAROLE CLINIC

Law students represent clients in specialized parole hearings for individuals convicted of serious offenses when they were under the age of 23.

FAMILY LAW CLINIC

Students help protect victims of domestic violence, improve the well-being of children in poverty, empower people in need, and ensure meaningful access to the courts.

COMMUNITY LAWYERING CLINIC

Students staff the legal clinic at California State University, Northridge, provide representation in immigration matters, conduct community presentations, and engage in policy advocacy.

REMOVAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Students represent low-income clients in removal proceedings before the Executive Office of Immigration Review/ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

*The clinic is generously supported by The Hollywood Foreign Press Association.



Todd K.
3L Full-Time Day
Future Judge Advocate

WE WANT YOU

**YELLOW
RIBBON
PROGRAM**



www.swlaw.edu/military

RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

Student Life Experience

PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

Peer mentors help students navigate their first year of law school. They direct them to the right resources, socially or academically, and help each student create a great law school experience.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association promotes student interests, provides extracurricular activities for the student body throughout the year, and encourages community service.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Southwestern presents wellness events throughout the year, including stress-management and fitness programs. The Dean of Students Office is also available to counsel students who have personal issues that may affect their academic success or general well-being.

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FITNESS CENTER

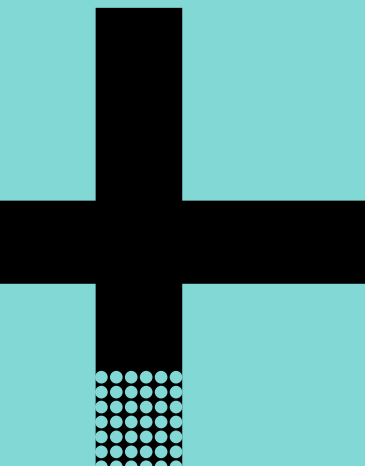


ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Armenian Law Students Association
 Asian Pacific American Law Student
 Association
 BISONG A Capella Group
 Black Law Students Association
 Consumer Law Society
 Criminal Law Society
 Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
 Entertainment Law Society
 Environmental Law Society
 Homelessness Prevention Law
 Project
 Immigration Law Students
 Association
 Intellectual Property & Arts Society
 International Legal Society
 Jewish Law Students Association

Labor & Employment Law
 Association
 Latino Law Students Association
 Mindfulness in Law Society
 Music Law Society
 National Lawyers Guild
 OUTLaw
 Persian Law Students Association
 Public Interest Law Committee
 Southwestern Golf Society
 Sports Law Society
 Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 Student Bar Association
 Students for Technology Law &
 Entrepreneurship
 Tax Law Society
 Teen Court
 Women's Law Association

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS





HONORS PROGRAMS & JOURNALS

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ADVOCACY TRACKS

IN THE FIRST YEAR
(TRIAL PRACTICE, APPELLATE,
OR NEGOTIATION)



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S
TOP TRIAL
ADVOCACY SCHOOL



HERBERT WECHSLER NATIONAL
CRIMINAL LAW MOOT COURT
COMPETITION



NELSON MANDELA
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS
COMPETITION

TRIAL ADVOCACY HONORS PROGRAM

Southwestern's Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP) is ideal for developing the skills necessary to excel in any litigation practice area. TAHP members (or advocates) learn to perform confidently in a mock-trial atmosphere by examining witnesses, presenting opening statements and closing arguments, and mastering the rules of evidence.

MOOT COURT HONORS PROGRAM

The program helps students hone their research, writing, and advocacy skills. Students conduct legal research on hypothetical appeals, draft appellate court briefs, and present oral arguments before panels of justices in competitions across the nation.

NEGOTIATION HONORS PROGRAM

Negotiation Honors Program (NHP) students compete against law schools across the country. NHP is ideal for students interested in litigation, entertainment, business, or almost any practice area. Mastering how and when to negotiate is an important legal and life skill.

Journals

SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW

Students ranked in the top ten percent, as well as students in the top thirty percent who excel in the annual Write-On Competition, are invited to participate in the *Law Review*. Recent volumes have examined the preemption of generic drug claims, a socio-legal view of the wrongful conviction process, religious liberty in a secular age, and civil discovery and social networks. *Law Review*-sponsored symposia have explored prosecuting women, class stratification in contemporary global societies, and 40 years of LGBTQ+ legal activism.

SOUTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

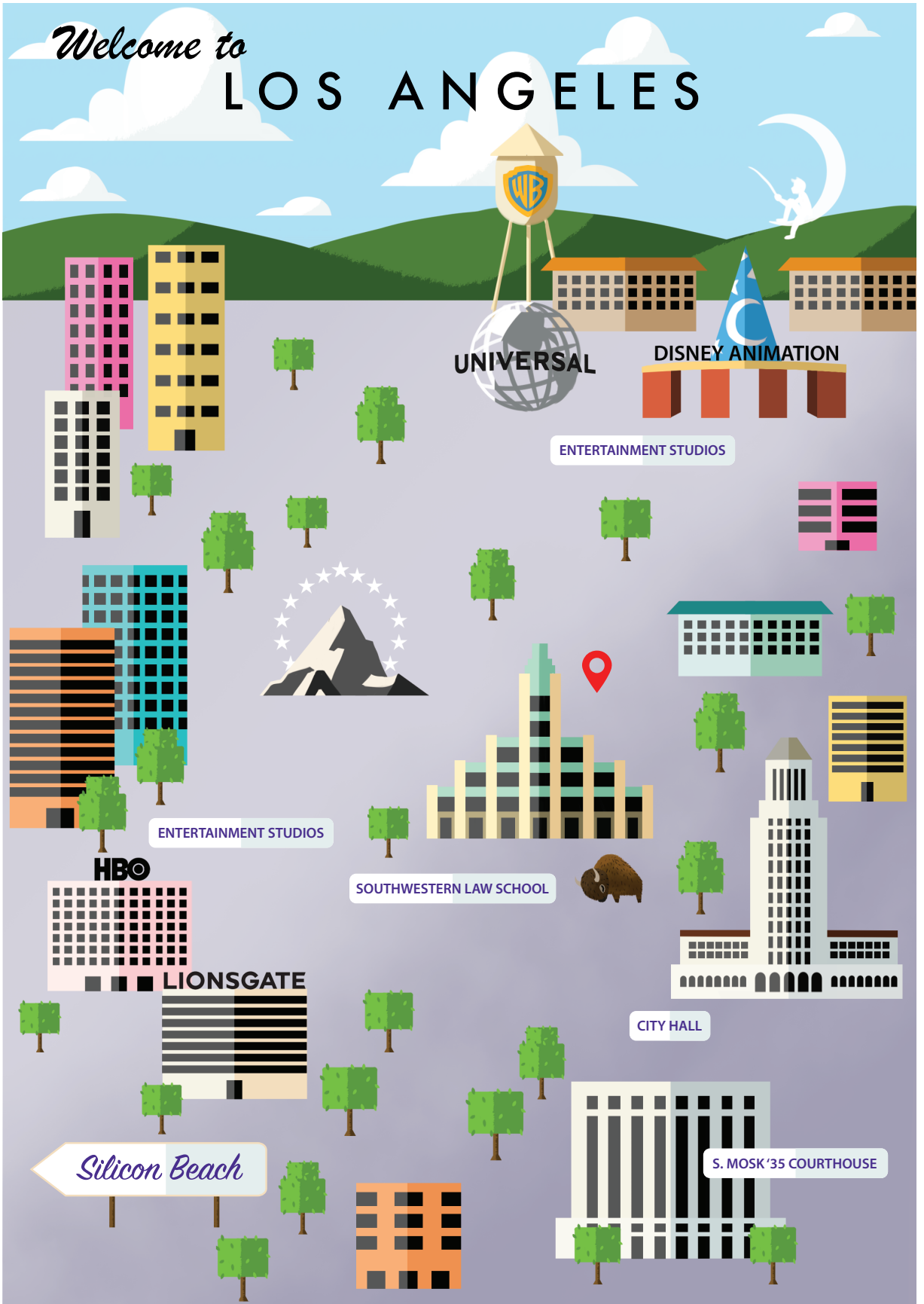
Law Journal complements the law school's extensive course offerings and faculty expertise in international and comparative law. Students compete in the Write-On Competition to earn a place on the *Law Journal* staff. Recent volumes have examined future trends in international law, immigration and human rights, and international crime. Journal-sponsored symposia have explored such subjects as the future of children in international law, transnational litigation and civil procedure, and the global struggle for women's equality.

THE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW (JIMEL)

This journal is published by Southwestern's Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute in association with the American Bar Association's Forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries. The *JIMEL* Board of Editors includes prominent legal practitioners and scholars. Students can apply to serve as Student Editors and assist with the publication of journal issues covering topics such as online privacy, criminal defamation, and judicial interpretations of art.

Welcome to

LOS ANGELES





LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION
COUNCIL'S 2018 DIVERSITY
MATTERS JUSTICE AWARD



LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION
COUNCIL'S 2017 DIVERSITY
MATTERS AWARD



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S
BEST LAW SCHOOL FOR
HISPANICS



A REFLECTION OF THE WORLD AROUND US

Diversity at #SWLAW



LATINA TRIAL COURT
JUDGE IN THE NATION

ARMENIAN-
AMERICAN DISTRICT
ATTORNEY IN THE U.S.

FEMALE AFRICAN-
AMERICAN JUDGE
IN CALIFORNIA



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S
BEST LAW SCHOOL FOR
ASIANS



NATIONAL JURIST'S HONOR
ROLL FOR MOST DIVERSE
LAW SCHOOL IN THE U.S.



ABOVE THE LAW'S TOP LAW
SCHOOLS WITH THE MOST
DIVERSE GRADUATES



AFRICAN-AMERICAN
MAYOR IN LOS ANGELES

Diversity Awards

At Southwestern, we deeply value diversity, and we have the trailblazers, the student community, and the external recognition to prove it. The law school has received numerous awards for its emphasis on diversity from a variety of organizations. Among the most recent are:

- **The American Bar Association's Law Students Division, Dean Henry J. Ramsey Jr. Diversity Award**
- **California State Bar Organizational Diversity Award** - only law school to receive the honor
- **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity** - only law school to receive the award 7 years in a row
- **Prelaw Magazine's Top 20** for all 3 categories of best law schools for Asians, Hispanics, and African-Americans
- **Top 25 Law Schools by Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education** - for Hispanic enrollment and degrees awarded
- **California Minority Counsel Law School Racial and Ethnic Diversity Award**

Southwestern students at the U.S. Court of Appeals

ALUMNI NETWORK



Shawn Holley '88

Ms. Holley is a partner at Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert, where she represents some of the most renowned names in entertainment. As a new lawyer, she was the only woman on O.J. Simpson’s defense team. Ms. Holley is a celebrity in her own right and frequently speaks about high-profile cases, women in the law, and representing celebrity clients. Recently, Ms. Holley successfully advocated alongside Kim Kardashian for the presidential clemency of Alice Johnson.



Hon. Deborah Brazil '96

“The study of law can often seem like the study of a foreign language. Teaching Trial Advocacy allows me to show students that they have many skills, aside from legal knowledge, that will help them succeed in the practice of law. It is exciting to teach trial advocacy skills by challenging students to refine the communication skills they use in daily life and then apply them to a transactional or litigation setting.”



Hon. Robert G. Chu '05

Prior to taking the bench in Fall 2018, Judge Chu served as a deputy public defender and supervising deputy public defender at the Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office.

“Southwestern’s Trial Advocacy Honors Program prepared me to deal with real-world courtroom scenarios and gave me confidence as I stepped into the courtroom for the first time.”



Brian Panish '84

Mr. Panish has obtained more than 250 verdicts and settlements exceeding \$1 million, more than 75 verdicts exceeding \$10 million, and more verdicts exceeding \$50 million than any other attorney in California. He has served as a plaintiffs’ counsel in numerous mass torts and major disaster cases, including train crashes, airplane disasters, pharmaceuticals, and defective product cases.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Students are introduced to the Career Services Office in their first semester and subsequently participate in:

- individualized career counseling and planning
- informational seminars and skill-building workshops on interviewing techniques and resumé and cover letter drafting
- panel presentations on a wide range of practice areas
- various recruitment activities
- events designed to help build a network of contacts and employment prospects

Recruitment platforms include on-campus interview programs in the fall and spring, the Fall Firm Reception for small firms, and Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day for recent graduates. Students have year-round access to an extensive listing of current job openings within the legal profession via Symplicity, a web-based career management platform. Active employers include large, mid-size, and boutique private sector law

firms; local, state, and federal government agencies; local and national public interest organizations; local, state, and federal judiciaries; and corporations.

Innovative career-building programs and resources available to Southwestern students and recent graduates include:

- **Public Service Graduate Program** — providing selected new graduates with a paid, part-time employment experience in public service while awaiting bar results
- **Los Angeles Incubator Consortium** — providing selected new Southwestern attorneys with office space, mentorships, and training geared toward effective solo practice management, with a pro bono component representing modest-means clients

COURSES AT A GLANCE

Full-Time Day Program - Required Courses

FIRST YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Courses	Units	
Civil Procedure I and II	2	3
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Elective ¹	-	3
Foundations of Law and Practice	-	1
LAWS I and II ²	3	3
Torts or Property	4	4
TOTAL	15	16
SECOND YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Business Associations	4	or 4
Constitutional Law I and II	3	3
Evidence	4	or 4
FIRST ³ , SECOND, OR THIRD YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure ⁴	3	or 3
Experiential Requirement ⁵	Total of 6	
Legal Profession ⁴	2 or 3	or 2 or 3
Upper-Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or 2 or 3

- Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession
- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
- Spring semester
- If not taken as an elective in first year (required for graduation)
- Students must take a minimum of six credit hours of coursework that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the Experiential Requirement

Bar Readiness Curriculum

The Bar Readiness Curriculum helps students build a strong foundation in the law and develop the skills necessary to be successful in their legal studies and on the bar exam. All students are required to complete the Bar Readiness Curriculum prior to their graduation.¹

SECOND OR THIRD YEAR DAY ² AND SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING ³	FALL	SPRING
Courses	Units	
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies	3	or 3
Community Property	2	or 2
MBE: Skills and Strategies	3	or 3
Remedies	2	or 2
Wills and Trusts	4	or 4

- At the end of the second year, students with a GPA of at least 3.33 in subjects tested on the bar exam may opt out
- For full-time students, the bar-tested courses used to calculate the opt-out eligibility GPA include: Contracts I/II, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure I/II, Torts, Property, Constitutional Law I/II, Evidence, and Business Associations
- For part-time students, the bar-tested courses used to calculate the opt-out eligibility GPA include: Contracts I/II, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure I/II, Torts, Property, Constitutional Law I/II

Part-Time Programs - Required Courses*

FIRST YEAR PART-TIME DAY/PLEAS	FALL	SPRING
Courses	Units	
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Foundations of Law and Practice	-	1
LAWS I and II ¹	3	3
Torts	-	4
TOTAL	9	10
FIRST YEAR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Foundations of Law and Practice	-	1
LAWS I and II ¹	3	3
Torts	-	4
TOTAL	9	10
SECOND YEAR PART-TIME DAY/PLEAS OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Civil Procedure I and II	2	3
Constitutional Law I and II	3	3
Electives ²	2	2 to 5
Property	4	-
TOTAL	9 to 11	8 to 11
THIRD YEAR PART-TIME DAY/PLEAS OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Business Associations ³	-	4
Evidence ³	4	-
SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART-TIME DAY/PLEAS, OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure ⁴	3	or 3
Experiential Requirement ⁵	Total of 6	
Legal Profession ⁴	2 or 3	or 2 or 3
Upper Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or 2 or 3
SUMMER OPTIONS	FALL	SPRING
Electives	2 to 6	

* **Note:** Part-Time Day/PLEAS Program required courses are similar to the Evening, but may differ slightly by semester in the second, third, and fourth years

- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
- Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession
- Part-Time Day/PLEAS Program students have Fall or Spring options for these courses
- If not taken as an elective in second year (required for graduation)
- Students must take a minimum of six credit hours of coursework that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the Experiential Requirement

SCALE Two-Year Accelerated Program

SCALE I	Courses	Units
PERIOD 1 (11 weeks)		
Contracts I		3
Foundations of Law and Practice		-
Introduction to Lawyering		-
LAWS I ¹		3
Torts		4
PERIOD 2 (12 weeks)		
Contracts II		2
Criminal Law		3
Evidence Law and Practice I		3
Foundations of Law and Practice		-
Legal Profession		3
PERIOD 3 (12 weeks)		
Civil Litigation		3
Evidence Law and Practice II		3
Foundations of Law and Practice		1
LAWS II ¹		2
Property		4
PERIOD 4 (10 weeks)		
Agency and Partnership, Copyright, or Negotiation and Dispute Resolution		2 or 3
Criminal Procedure		3
Jurisdiction		3
Lecture Series on the Profession ²		-
Remedies		2
SCALE SUMMER SESSION (10 weeks)		
Independent Study on the Profession		2
Options:		4 to 6
Summer Abroad Program		
Summer Elective Course(s)		
Summer Externship		
SCALE II		
PERIOD 5 (10 weeks)		
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies		3
Community Property		2
Constitutional Law I		3
Legislation or Traditional Elective		2 to 3
PERIOD 6 (10 weeks)		
Business Associations		4
Constitutional Law II		3
MBE: Skills and Strategies		1
Required Traditional Fall Elective in lieu of Legislation		2
Traditional Fall Elective		2
PERIOD 7 (10 weeks)		
Intercession Course ³		1 to 2
MBE: Skills and Strategies		1
Representing Entrepreneurs or Criminal Law Practice or Traditional Spring Elective		3
Wills and Trusts		4
PERIOD 8 (10 weeks)		
Mandatory 8-week Externship		5
MBE: Skills and Strategies		1
Required Spring Elective ⁴		2 to 3
Trial Advocacy or Spring Elective		2 to 3

- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
- Units for the Independent Study Paper satisfy two units of the six-unit Summer Session minimum requirement and will be based on the Lecture Series on the Profession
- Two units, if needed to meet the 87 unit requirement
- During periods 7 and 8 for students who did not take a required Fall elective

Note: Requirements can be modified from year to year based on course offerings. Course selection is subject to change.

COURSES

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alternative Dispute Resolution
International Litigation and Arbitration
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICE

Accounting for Lawyers
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Business Associations¹
Cannabis Law
Cyberlaw
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Employment-Based Immigration Law³
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Federal Corporate Taxation
Insurance Law
International Business Transactions
Labor Law
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance^o
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)
Securities Regulation
Strategic Alliances³
Video Game Agreements

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

Children and the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Community Property¹
Disability Law
Family Law
Family Law Clinic
Family Law Procedure and Practice
Immigration Law
Immigration Law Clinic
Special Education Law Seminar
Street Law Clinic
Youth at Risk

CIVIL LITIGATION AND ADVOCACY

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Art of Persuasion³
California Civil Procedure
Children's Rights Clinic
Civil Procedure I and II¹
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Courtroom Procedure 101³
Employment Law (Capstone)
Evidence¹
Insurance Law

International Litigation and Arbitration
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Products Liability
Remedies
Trial Advocacy

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Constitutional Law I and II¹
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Employment-Based Immigration Law³
Federal Indian Law
Immigration Law
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar
Mass Media Law
Race and the Law Seminar
Special Education Law Seminar

CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Contracts I and II¹
Cyberlaw
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Insurance Law
International Business Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance^o
Music Industry Contracts
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Video Game Agreements

CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

Antitrust Law
Cannabis Law
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure¹
Criminal Law¹
Criminal Law in Action³
Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Defenses in the Law
Evidence¹
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Crimes³
Immigration Law Clinic
Securities Regulation
Selected Problems in Evidence Lab³
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Youth at Risk

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Employment-Based Immigration Law³
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law (Capstone)
Employment Law Survey
Immigration Law
International Labor and Employment Law Seminar
Labor Law
Workers' Compensation Law and Practice
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations³

ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
BEMLI Externship
Copyright Law
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts
Entertainment and Media Litigation³
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Law
Entertainment Litigation
European Union - Understanding Brexit
Fashion Law
Financing and Distributing Independent Films
IP Licensing in the Tech Industry
International Art Law²
International Entertainment Law
Law and Literature
Mass Media Law
Media as an International Human Right³
Motion Picture Production Law
Music for Film and Television
Music Industry Contracts
Music Publishing Industry
Music Touring Law
Technologies of Telecommunications Law and Policy
Television Production Law
Trademark Law
Video Game Agreements
Video Game Law
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations³

EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

Advanced Legal Writing
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting³
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice
Children's Rights Clinic
Civil Pretrial Practice
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Community Lawyering Clinic
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation
Courtroom Procedure 101³
Criminal Law in Action³
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
eDiscovery³
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment Law (Capstone)
Estate Planning and Drafting Evidence (blended course)
Externships
Family Law Procedure and Practice
Immigration Law Clinic
Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Moot Court Honors Program
Negotiation Honors Program
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Public Interest Law Practice
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)
Selected Problems in Evidence Lab³
Small Law Practice Management
Strategic Alliances³
Street Law Clinic
Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy Honors Program
Video Game Agreements

HEALTH LAW

Cannabis Law
Insurance Law
Medical Malpractice

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
Copyright Law
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Drafting Technology Agreements
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment and Media Litigation
Entertainment Law
Entertainment Litigation
Fashion Law
International Art Law²
International Entertainment Law²
Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice
Motion Picture Production Law
Music Publishing Industry
Music Industry Contracts
Patent Law
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Television Production Law
Trademark Law
Video Game Agreements

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

European Union - Understanding Brexit
Immigration Law
International Art Law²
International Business Transactions
International Entertainment Law²
International Labor and Employment Law Seminar
International Litigation and Arbitration
International Protection of Human Rights
International Sports Law²
Media as an International Human Right³
Public International Law

JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

American Legal History
Federal Indian Law
Law and Literature
Law and Literature Seminar
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar
Law and Rhetoric
Legal Arguments about Moral and Political Issues Seminar

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/LAWYERING SKILLS/SIMULATION COURSES

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Art of Persuasion³
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice

Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies¹
Children and the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Community Lawyering Clinic
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation
Courtroom Procedure 101³
Criminal Law in Action³
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Defenses in the Law
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Employment Law (Capstone)
Entertainment and Media Litigation³
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Estate Planning and Drafting Externships
Family Law Clinic
Family Law Procedure and Practice
Foundations of Law and Practice¹
Immigration Appeals Practicum
Immigration Law Clinic
Intellectual Property in the Technology Industry
International Litigation and Arbitration
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (LAWS) I¹
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Appellate Advocacy
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Negotiation
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Trial Practice
MBE: Skills and Strategies¹
Moot Court Honors Program
Music Industry Contracts
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Practical Legal Research
Public Interest Law Practice
Refining Your Legal Writing
Remedies¹
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)
Selected Problems in Evidence Lab³
Small Law Practice Management
Strategic Alliances³
Street Law Clinic

TAHF Advanced Trial Advocacy
Television Production Law
Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy Honors Program
Video Game Agreements
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiation

PUBLIC INTEREST/CIVIL RIGHTS/CIVIL LIBERTIES

Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Cannabis Law
Children and the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Constitutional Law I and II¹
Critical Race Theory Seminar
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Disability Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law Survey
Environmental Law
Externships
Family Law Clinic
Federal Indian Law
Immigration Appeals Practicum
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Information Privacy Law
International Protection of Human Rights
Labor Law
Land Use Regulation
Public Interest Law Practice
Race and the Law Seminar
Street Law Clinic
Youth at Risk

REAL PROPERTY/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW/LAND USE

Community Property¹
Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation
Environmental Law
Federal Indian Law
Land Use Regulation
Property¹
Real Estate Transactions

TAXATION

Accounting for Lawyers
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning and Drafting
Federal Corporate Taxation
Survey of Federal Income Tax
Wills and Trusts¹

TECHNOLOGY LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Antitrust Law
Copyright Law
Cyberlaw
Cybersecurity Law

Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting/Negotiating Video Game Agreements
Drafting Technology Agreements
Entertainment Law
Externships
Information Privacy Law
International and Comparative IP Law
International Business Transactions
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice
Mass Media Law
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance
Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
Patent Law
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)
Strategic Alliances³
Technologies of Telecommunications Law and Policy
Trademark Law
Video Game Agreements
Video Game Law

TORTS AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Insurance Law
Medical Malpractice
Products Liability
Remedies¹
Torts¹
Tort Litigation Seminar
Workers' Compensation Law and Practice

1 – Required courses

2 – Offered in Summer Abroad Program

3 – Offered in the January Intersession

D – Offered with The Drucker School

Note: This list reflects courses offered during the current academic year and the past two years. Course selection is subject to change. Some elective courses are not offered every year, and seminar topics vary from year to year. Course descriptions are available online at www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/courses.

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J.D. APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

Application Components

- Application Fee*
- LSAC Credential Assembly Service Report*
- Law School Admissions Test Score*
- Transcripts*
- Letters of Recommendation*
- Personal Statement*
- Resumé
- Diversity Statement

*Required. An interview is also required for SCALE applicants.
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Financial Aid

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- ② FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) is the only required application.
- ③ Southwestern's FAFSA school code is **G01295** (G zero 1295).



TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS TUITION

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL TUITION
Full-time	\$27,658	\$27,658	\$55,316
Part-time	\$18,447	\$18,447	\$36,894*

*Not including required Summer Sessions.

SCALE PROGRAM TUITION

	PER PERIOD	PERIODS PER YEAR	SUMMER	TOTAL TUITION
Year 1	\$19,428	4	n/a	\$77,712
Year 2	\$19,428	4	\$7,372*	\$85,084

*SCALE II students are charged for the first four (4) summer units taken.

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