why #Southwestern?
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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LONGEST-RUNNING 2-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY
est. 1975

EARN YOUR J.D. IN 2 YEARS

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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 pursue a concentration or create a focus area (entertainment, business, international, public interest, or criminal law)

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

With faculty and staff that truly support and care for their students, SCALE is one of the best programs in the country. While a 2-year program may seem daunting, it is very manageable while still allowing room for students to pursue their interest with electives, externships, and the honors programs. Nothing is cut short with SCALE. If you want to become a great attorney in a fraction of the time, SCALE is a choice you won’t regret."

JONATHON PERLISS
’20, Accelerated Two-Year Program
Trial Advocacy Honors Program Member
LAW SCHOOL
THAT FITS YOU

2020 BEST
LAW SCHOOLS
THE PRINCETON REVIEW

Natalie R.
3L Full-Time Day
Future Attorney

www.swlaw.edu/jd-programs
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.

“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

9:1
STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

13K
ALUMNI NETWORK

46%
DIVERSITY

56
FULL-TIME PROFESSORS

84
ADJUNCT PROFESSORS
WHAT IF LAW SCHOOL CAME TO YOU?

PART-TIME PROGRAM WITH DISTANCE OPTIONS

www.swlaw.edu/parttime
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
- Eligibility 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 at Southwestern)
*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.
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. By allowing students to engage in the institutions’ unique curricula, the collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern, as well as the genuine desire to prepare graduates for fulfilling careers that will make a positive difference in society.

Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice
Southwestern Law School 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.
Each of our five optional J.D. concentrations has required courses, designated upper-division electives, and externship opportunities.

**ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW**
- **Externship Examples**
  - CBS Corporation
  - Directors Guild of America
  - Paramount Pictures
  - SAG-AFTRA
  - Warner Bros.
  - William Morris Endeavor
- **Clinic Opportunities**
  - Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I & II

**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

**CRIMINAL LAW & ADVOCACY**
- **Externship Examples**
  - California Court of Appeal
  - California Superior Court
  - Federal Public Defender
  - Los Angeles County District Attorney
  - Los Angeles County Public Defender
- **Clinic Opportunities**
  - Appellate Litigation Clinic
  - Children’s Rights Clinic
  - Street Law Clinic

**TECHNOLOGY LAW & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
- **Externship Examples**
  - AT&T Ent. Group & Directv
  - GDC Technology
  - LeadsMarket
  - Ralphs Grocery Company
  - TechStyle Fashion Group
  - WASH

**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
  - Children’s Rights Clinic
  - Street Law Clinic

www.swlaw.edu/concentrations
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!
Max L.
1L Accelerated Two-Year Program
Future Entertainment Attorney

TOP 10 FOR ENTERTAINMENT

BY THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER EIGHT YEARS IN A ROW:
2012 - 2019
ACADEMIC SUCCESS/BAR PREP

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.

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.

BAR PREPARATION

Southwestern’s innovative Bar Readiness Curriculum ensures students are well prepared for the rigors of the bar exam. As students near graduation and through bar preparation after graduation, our extensive Bison Bar Pass programming supports students with workshops and access to a vast collection of bar study materials. Students receive individual attention including customized study schedules, feedback on written practice assignments, coaching with a bar prep expert, and mock bar exam opportunities.

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

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,
Mayor Pro Tempore of West Hollywood
WE WANT YOU

1LT Alixandra P.
1L Full-Time Day
Future Employment
Law Attorney

www.swlaw.edu/military
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, including paid positions. Southwestern students participate in approximately 350 externships each year—in the public as well as the private sector. About three-quarters of our students complete at least one externship, and more than a quarter complete two. Part-time students who work can take advantage of limited-commitment or remote externships to accommodate their schedules.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM
In partnership with public interest firms and government agencies, students have the opportunity to apply practical lawyering skills through service and pro bono initiatives sponsored by the Public Service Program. Almost immediately after joining Southwestern, students have opportunities to engage in direct legal services, advocacy, and community education in a wide variety of settings ensuring equal access to justice for all communities.

JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS
Launched in 2020, the Pregerson Fellowship is Southwestern’s premier summer funding program for students who intend to dedicate their legal careers to working on behalf of underrepresented and underserved communities. Sponsored by the Rodan Family Foundation in honor of the late Judge Harry Pregerson, the fellowship award includes a boot camp with specialized training, career coaching, and an annual recognition event.

PRACTICA
Southwestern’s Amicus Project Practicum and Immigration Appeals Practicum allow students to gain invaluable educational experiences through real-life practice, under the close supervision of faculty and practitioners.

A SAMPLING OF EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Entertainment
CBS Corporation
CMG Worldwide
Escape Artists
Motion Picture Association of America
Paramount Pictures
SAG-AFTRA
Universal Music Group
Warner Bros.
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
AT&T Ent. Group & Directv
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

And Select Law Firms
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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**STUDENT-LED CLINICS**

Student-led clinics include the Los Angeles County Small Claims Court Clinic and The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic. These two clinics do not include a classroom component.

**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.

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

**The clinic will not be offered during the 2020-2021 academic year.

www.swlaw.edu/clinics
Encompassing nearly two city blocks, Southwestern’s campus includes the extraordinary Bullocks Wilshire landmark, elegant dining facilities, indoor and outdoor student lounges, the second-largest California academic law library, three state-of-the-art courtrooms, and a 10,000 square-foot fitness center.

Southwestern’s on-campus housing, The Residences at 7th, is move-in ready and includes:
- Full energy star kitchen
- In-unit washer and dryer
- 42” high definition television
- Basic cable and hard-wired and wireless internet
- Air conditioning system, heating, and ventilation
- 24-hour security officer on premises

Peer mentors help students navigate their first year of law school by directing them to academic and social resources and helping each student create a great law school experience.

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

Southwestern presents wellness events throughout the year, including stress-management and fitness programs. The Dean of Students Office and on-campus licensed psychotherapist are also available to counsel students who have personal issues that may affect their academic success or general well-being.
Armenian Law Students Association
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
BISONG A Capella Group
Black Law Students Association
Cannabis Law Club
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 Law Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Labor & Employment Law Association
Latino Law Students Association
Mass Incarceration Law Society
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
MOOT COURT HONORS PROGRAM
The Moot Court Honors 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. Most recently, a NHP team competed in the ABA National Negotiation Competition and was named the National Champion by a unanimous vote. NHP is ideal for students interested in litigation, entertainment, business, or almost any practice area.

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.

Journals

SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW
Students ranked in the top 10%, as well as students in the top 30% 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. Law 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.
Celeste S.
3L Full-Time Day
Future District Attorney

More Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholarships than any other L.A. law school
Diversity at #SWLAW

A REFLECTION OF THE WORLD AROUND US

GREATEST RESOURCES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS IN SOCAL BY THE PRINCETON REVIEW

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL’S 2018 DIVERSITY MATTERS JUSTICE AWARD AND 2017 DIVERSITY MATTERS AWARD

1st
PRELAW MAGAZINE’S BEST LAW SCHOOL FOR HISPANICS

LATINA TRIAL COURT JUDGE IN THE NATION

ARmenian-American district attorney in the U.S.

Female african-American judge in California
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 25 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
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 California attorney. He has served as a plaintiffs’ counsel in numerous mass torts and major disaster cases, including train crashes, pharmaceuticals, and defective product cases.

Hon. Deborah Brazil ’96
“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.”

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 frequently speaks about high-profile cases, women in the law, and representing celebrity clients including Kim Kardashian.
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 OCI (on-campus interview programs), the Fall Firm Reception, and the Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day. Students have year-round access to an extensive listing of current job openings via Symplicity, as well as innovative career-building programs and resources. Active employers include law firms and business organizations; local, state, and federal government agencies; local and national public interest organizations; and local, state, and federal judiciaries.

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

- **Public Service Graduate Program** — providing selected new graduates with short-term 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

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**NOTE:** Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession

**EXAMPLE:**
- First Year: Civil Procedure I and II, Contracts I and II, Criminal Law, Elective
- Second Year: Business Associations, Constitutional Law I and II, Evidence
- Third Year: Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Experiential Requirement, Upper-Division Writing Requirement

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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 DAY2 AND SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING2

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**EXAMPLE:**
- Second Year: Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies, Community Property
- Third Year: MBE: Skills and Strategies, Remedies
- Fourth Year: Wills and Trusts

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Part-Time Programs - Required Courses*

**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

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**EXAMPLE:**
- First Year Evening: Contracts I and II, Criminal Law, Foundations of Law and Practice
- Second Year: Civil Procedure I and II, Constitutional Law I and II
- Third Year: Property
- Fourth Year: Constitutional Criminal Procedure

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SCALE Two-Year Accelerated Program

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

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1 Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession

2 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills

3 Spring semester

4 If not taken as an elective in first year (required for graduation)

5 Students must take a minimum of six credit hours of coursework that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the Experiential Requirement

6 The bulk of the course is completed in the prior period but culminates in the designated period

7 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills

8 Units for the Independent Study Paper satisfy two units of the six-unit Summer Session

9 Two units, if needed to meet the 87 unit requirement

10 During periods 7 and 8 for students who did not take a required Fall elective
COURSES

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Alternative Dispute Resolution
International Litigation and Arbitration
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

BUSINESS LAW
Accounting for Lawyers
Agency and Partnership
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Business Associations
Cannabis Law
Cyberlaw
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Employment-Based
Immigration Law
Entertainment Business
Affairs Negotiation
Federal Corporate Taxation
Gambling Law
Insurance Law
International Business
Transactions
Labor Law
Mergers and Acquisitions:
Law, Strategy, and Finance
Products Liability
Representing Entrepreneurs
(Capstone)
Securities Regulation
Strategic Alliances
Video Game Agreements

CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND FAMILY LAW
Children and the Law
Children’s Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Community Property
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
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice
Children’s Rights Clinic
Civil Pretrial Practice
Communication Tools for New Lawyers
Community Lawyering Clinic
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
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Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation
Courtroom Procedure 101
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Criminal Law Practice
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Business Contracts
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Entertainment and Media Law
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Litigation
European Union - Understanding Brexit
Fashion Law
Financing and Distributing Independent Films
Information Privacy Law
Intellectual Property Licensing in the Tech Industry
Intellectual Property Licensing:
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International and Comparative Copyright Law
International Art Law
International Comparative Intellectual Property Law
International Entertainment Law
International Sports Law
Law and Literature Seminar
Mass Media Law
Media as an International Right
Motion Picture Production Law
Music for Film and Television
Music Industry Contracts
Music Publishing Industry
Music Touring Law
Negotiating and Drafting International Entertainment Contracts
Sports Law
Technologies of Telecommunications
Law and Policy
Television Production Law
Trademark Law
Unscripted Television Production Law
Video Game Agreements
Video Game Law
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiation

EXPERIENTIAL COURSES
Advanced Legal Writing
Advanced Research: Practice Ready
Alternative Dispute Resolution
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INTERNSHIPS
Labor Law
Negotiating and Drafting
Entertainment Honors Program
Negotiating and Drafting
International Entertainment Contracts
Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Public Interest Law Practice
Representing Entrepreneurs
(Capstone)
Selected Problems in Evidence
Lab

CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE
Advanced Criminal Procedure
Antitrust Law
California Evidence and Sentencing Law
Cannabis Law
Communication Tools for New Lawyers
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Criminal Law
Criminal Law in Action
Criminal Law Seminar:
Contemporary Issues
Criminal Law Seminar:
Sex Crimes
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Criminal Procedure
Crimmigration Law Seminar
Evidence
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Restorative Justice
Securities Regulation
Selected Problems in Evidence
Lab
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Youth at Risk
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 Media
Ligation
Entertainment and the Arts
Legal Clinics I and II
Entertainment Law
Entertainment Litigation
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International Protection of Human Rights Seminar
International Sports Law
Media as an International Human Right
National Security Law
Public International Law

Jurisprudence and Legal History
American Legal History
Federal Indian Law
Law and Literature Seminar
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar
Law and Rhetoric
Legal Arguments about Moral and Political Issues Seminar
Legislation
Trial of Jesus Seminar

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Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Negotiation
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Trial Practice
Legal Profession
MBE: Skills and Strategies

Moot Court Honors Program
Music Industry Contracts
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Practical Legal Research
Public Interest Law Practice
Refining Your Legal Writing Skills
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Selected Problems in Evidence Lab
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Remedies
Torts
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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