LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

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Law School and Campus

Loyola Law School was founded in 1920 and is one of California’s largest law schools. Having graduated more than 16,000 men and women, Loyola has had a profound effect on the legal profession and on American history. Known best for producing many of our nation’s most exciting and influential attorneys, Loyola instills in its graduates a deep commitment to public service and ethical practice while emphasizing the philosophical, analytical, and professional skills essential to the lawyering process.

The Law School, a division of Loyola Marymount University (LMU), includes nearly 1,300 full-time day and part-time evening students, nearly 140 full-time and adjunct faculty, and 110 administrative and technical staff. Housed on a modern, innovative campus, including eight buildings, a spacious parking facility, green lawns, and athletic courts, Loyola encompasses an entire city block in downtown Los Angeles. The academic and social spaces are dedicated solely to the law school community—the environment is warm and welcoming. World-renowned architect Frank Gehry has received national and international recognition for the campus design.

The cornerstone of the campus, the William M. Rains Law Library, is one of the largest private law libraries in the western United States, providing extensive research capabilities with a collection of over 600,000 volumes and the latest advances in information technology.

Our central location, just minutes away from many courts, major law firms, and public interest agencies, provides excellent opportunities for our students. Students also have easy access to LA Live, an entertainment and sports venue that includes the Staples Center, Nokia Theatre, Grammy Museum, a movie theater, and restaurants.

Juris Doctor

The Juris Doctor prepares students to be effective lawyers and judges in any jurisdiction in the United States. Loyola recognizes that a quality education must do more than simply prepare a student to file a lawsuit or draft a contract. The program is designed to teach students to think and reason critically. The faculty strives to instill in students a respect and appreciation for the law and a desire to improve the society in which we live. The Juris Doctor is offered in both a full-time, three-year day division and a part-time, four-year evening division.

JD/MBA

Loyola Law School and the Graduate Program of the College of Business Administration of Loyola Marymount University offer a dual-degree program in law and business. Graduates of the program receive the Juris Doctor degree (JD) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA). A graduate certificate in International Business can also be earned with the MBA.

The dual-degree program provides for the achievement of both degrees in four years instead of the five normally required to complete the degree programs separately. The program is only open to full-time day students. Students may receive up to 12 units of business classes toward the 87 units required to earn a JD, and may be allowed to count up to 12 units of law classes toward the 54 units required to earn an MBA.

Applicants must apply and be accepted separately to the Law School and the MBA program. Applicants must also apply and be accepted to the JD/MBA program. Applications for the JD/MBA program may be submitted after the first year of law school. Interested applicants should contact the LMU College of Business Administration to request an application for the MBA program and the Law School Office of Admissions to request an application for the JD/MBA program.

Master of Laws in Taxation and JD/Tax LLM

Loyola also offers the Master of Laws (LLM) degree in Taxation. This degree distinguishes tax specialists by its advanced legal theory, tax policy, and scholarship. Students may earn both the JD degree and the LLM in Taxation in three years (rather than the four years typically required to complete the degree programs separately) by completing an intensive summer tax session and by taking advanced tax courses that count for double credit toward both the Juris Doctor and the LLM in Taxation.

Faculty

The faculty is composed of scholars who publish innovative theories, influencing the development and direction of the legal profession. They draft hundreds of scholarly articles and books, advise law firms and agencies on recent developments, and lecture at universities around the world. They also include seasoned attorneys with extensive and varied practice experience as United States Supreme Court clerks, public interest lawyers, agency chiefs, and law firm partners. But most importantly, the Loyola faculty are exceptional teachers who maintain an open door policy to encourage free and continuous interaction with their students.

Curriculum

The curriculum is designed to provide the knowledge and skills that will enable students to become excellent practicing lawyers. The curriculum integrates traditional instruction in legal doctrine and theory with a special commitment to the development of legal skills.

The Law School has a wide variety of course offerings and seminars in business/corporate law, commercial law, constitutional and civil rights law, criminal law, environmental law, entertainment/sports law, health care law, intellectual property law, international law, law and social policy, litigation and legal skills, public interest law, and tax law.

Innovative Programs, Centers, and Clinics

Loyola demonstrates its commitment to public service by requiring all students to donate 40 hours to working in the public interest sector. The Public Interest Law Department coordinates public interest activities, counsels students about law practice and fellowships, and administers five public service programs. The law school also houses several clinical programs, among them the Disability Rights Legal Center, the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, and the Center for...
Conflict Resolution. Students have many opportunities through these programs to work with clients, practice their skills, and receive individualized feedback from faculty members and directors.

As part of our new Advocacy Institute, students can earn a certificate in civil litigation and advocacy or criminal justice advocacy. Our excellent trial advocacy programs also allow upper-division students to compete in noted trial competitions. Loyola students have won numerous awards at international and national trial advocacy and moot court competitions in recent years. Students interested in spending the summer abroad may attend one of our international programs in Costa Rica, China, Cyprus, Italy, or London.

Other opportunities include the Entertainment Law Practicum which allows students to get hands-on experience through field placements at television networks, major movie studios, record companies, talent agencies, and entertainment law firms. Loyola’s Business Law Practicum offers an innovative approach to educating business lawyers with practical, real-world training. Through the Immigration Justice Practicum students cover substantive immigration law issues in a fall semester class and work in the spring semester for an organization that handles immigration issues. Finally, our externship program exposes students to many other areas of practice as they work for government offices, public interest organizations, or private corporations.

Admission and Financial Aid/Scholarships

Admission to the law school is based on a comprehensive evaluation that includes LSAT performance, undergraduate academic record, the personal statement, and letters of recommendation. Professional experience, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and qualities such as motivation, maturity, and focus are also closely evaluated. A prospective student may also submit a résumé.

Applications for admission are accepted on a rolling basis. The committee begins reading complete files in December. Deadlines are February 1 for the day program and April 15 for the evening program. Early applicants have greater prospects for gaining admission and receiving scholarship awards.

All admitted students are considered for our scholarship programs. The committee uses the merits of the file to evaluate the admitted student’s potential to contribute to our community. In addition to the general scholarship program, Loyola offers the Public Interest Scholars Program for students interested in having a career in public service. For graduates working at public interest organizations or with government agencies, a Loan Repayment Assistance Program is also available. Entering students can work with our dedicated financial aid staff to find other sources (primarily loans) to help fund their educational and personal expenses.

Career Services

The Office of Career Services offers a wealth of services, programs, and resources to students and alumni. A large professional staff counsels and assists students and graduates in the job development process. Hundreds of national, international, and regional employers recruit from Loyola annually. Graduates are employed by the nation’s most prestigious private and public legal organizations. Overall placement figures are consistently strong—recent classes have employment rates (within nine months of graduation) above 90 percent.
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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

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