

LAW | FREDRIC G. LEVIN COLLEGE OF

A renowned faculty, comprehensive Juris Doctor curriculum, certificate programs, innovative centers and institutes, expanding global curriculum and competitive tuition make the University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law the first choice for many students who desire a law degree.

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Since its establishment in 1909, the College of Law has been educating leaders in law, business, education and government. The college is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Enrollment is approximately 1000, including about 100 students in the Graduate Tax and Comparative Law programs.

The college is housed in Holland and Bruton-Geer halls and is named for alumnus Fredric G. Levin of Pensacola, a prominent trial lawyer who made possible a \$20 million endowment to support excellence in legal education, which provided for construction on an expanded law library, the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, and two new classroom towers which were completed in 2005. As a result of this construction, the college has one of the largest academic law libraries in the southeastern United States, housing more than 609,000 volumes and extensive computer and audio-visual resources in a new, state-of-the-art facility.

The college's curricular strengths include tax law, business law, estates and trusts, environmental law, dispute resolution, international law, intellectual property law, criminal law, family and children's law and an emphasis in developing the highest standards of professional conduct. After completing first-year requirements, students can tailor their course load to fit their interests and career plans. The three-year curriculum develops students' analytical ability, knowledge of the theory and practice of law, communications skills, and understanding of the codes of professional responsibility and ethics central to the practice of law.

Students experience a variety of teaching methods, including the traditional case and Socratic methods, as well as the problem method, simulations, role-playing, videotaping, computer-assisted instruction and interaction with actual clients. Because Florida is home to many prominent and skilled attorneys and judges, a number are actively involved in teaching and practical skills training of UF law students. Additionally, because writing skills are critical to success in the legal profession, these skills are also developed through required courses and a nationally acclaimed legal drafting program.

Through programs offered on campus and abroad, students gain international experience for the competitive job market. Dozens of co-curricular and extracurricular organizations support a rich and diverse student life, and through programs offered on campus and abroad, students gain international experience for the competitive job market.

More Info (<http://www.law.ufl.edu/>)

Academic Policies

Admission

Admission to the College of Law is determined by the applicant's potential for success in law school, the legal profession and other law-related careers. An applicant's credentials are measured against others applying to the same class.

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a qualified institution and have an acceptable grade point average and a satisfactory score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The median LSAT score and undergraduate grade point average for the most recent entering class is 158 and 3.50 (4.00 scale), respectively.

More Info (<http://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/>)

Financial Aid

Financial aid for law study is available through the College of Law and federal sources. The law school offers a number of merit-based scholarships and merit/need-based scholarships and grants.

More Info (<https://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/costs-and-financial-aid/>)

Financial Aid Office

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Programs of Study

Pre-Law

The best pre-law program is a diversified course of study. Beginning law students are expected to possess effective written and oral communication skills as well as critical thinking abilities.

More Info (<http://www.law.ufl.edu/programs/>)

For specific information about pre-law study, law school and the legal profession, refer to the *Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools*, which can be ordered from Law Services during LSAT registration, purchased at most bookstores or accessed from the Law School Admission Council.

More Info (<http://www.lsac.org/>)

Combination Degrees

The Fredric G. Levin College of Law offers a joint-degree program that sets the standard among top-tier public law schools for its flexibility, coverage of study areas, high academic reputation and overall value. Qualified students combine legal studies with graduate coursework in another college to earn two degrees at the same time. Among the most popular are JD/Accounting, JD/MBA, JD/Mass Communications.

More Info (<https://www.law.ufl.edu/academics/degree-programs/joint-degree-programs/>)

Candidates must take the LSAT and the GRE, MCAT or GMAT, and gain admission separately to the College of Law and the Graduate School. Application deadlines vary; refer to law school admissions (<http://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/>) and graduate admissions (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/prospectivegraduate.html>).

Certificate Programs

Specialization is a growing trend in today's complex legal environment, and graduates with knowledge in specific practice areas are in high demand. UF Law offers interested students the opportunity to develop expertise and marketability by earning a certificate in criminal justice, environmental and land use law, estates and trusts practice, family law, intellectual property law or international and comparative law.

Graduate Taxation Program

The graduate taxation program, which offers the LLM in Taxation, LLM in International Taxation and SJD in Taxation, is widely and consistently regarded as one of the nation's top programs. The environmental law program, also highly rated, offers the nation's first LLM in the closely-related fields of environmental and land use law. The college's strong international programs and LLM in Comparative Law for foreign lawyers expand the school's curriculum and strengthen its ties with legal entities and scholars around the globe.

Clinics, Centers, and Institutes

Clinical programs, including Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinics and Criminal Clinics, allow students to represent clients within an academic framework with a substantial classroom component. Students also can take advantage of such practical experience programs as *pro bono* work for organizations and government agencies, summer internships and externships.

Multiple centers and institutes offer students unique, real-world perspectives and work experiences. At the same time they are partnering with legal firms and other institutions throughout the country and world to help shape the legal profession.

Centers

- Center for Governmental Responsibility
 - Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations
 - Center on Children and Families
 - Center for Estate and Elder Law Planning
 - Criminal Justice Center
 - Center for International Financial Crimes Studies
 - Institute for Dispute Resolution
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