

# EXPERIENCE DEPAUL LAW.







The essential work of lawyers is to solve the most complex problems facing society today—not just in law, but also in business, technology, global affairs, public policy and health care. I believe that being a lawyer, especially now, is rewarding, impactful and honorable. As the most talented problem-solvers, lawyers improve the lives of individuals, organizations, families and communities and lead by example.

This is a great time to decide to go to law school, as the legal profession continues to change, along with the role of lawyers. To train effective lawyers for the future, legal education needs to prepare lawyers who have a broad and deep perspective on legal issues, which includes understanding of theory, policy and other disciplines, such as business and technology. Just as importantly, this perspective needs to be seamlessly integrated into an equally strong set of practical skills and deeply grounded ethical values.

DePaul College of Law is Chicago's law school: community-focused, urban-integrated and mission-driven. This translates into a distinctive experience for all of our students, highlighted by

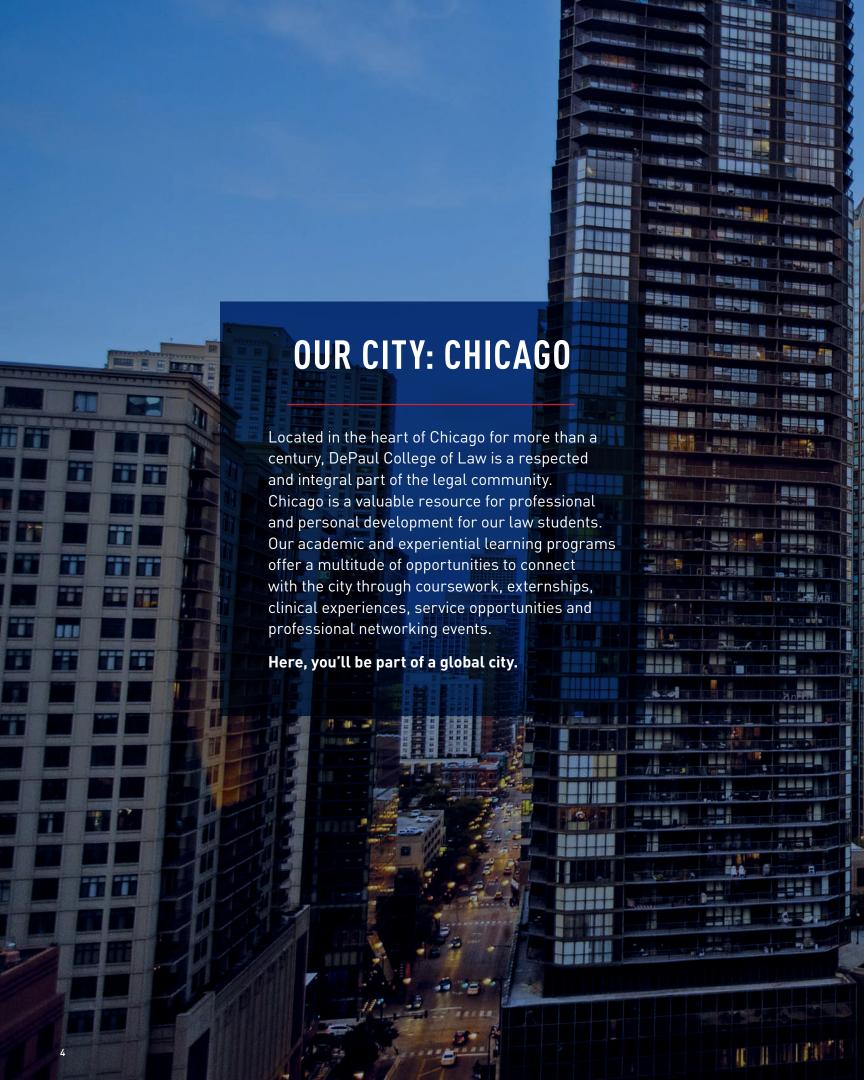
- connections throughout Chicago, with our alumni, strategic collaborations, bar organizations, and other professional opportunities (including externships, jobs and community service);
- individualized support for your success, through our teams in student affairs, academic success, law career services, bar passage, as well as our faculty experts and DePaul Docents (guides for your 1L year);
- a broad range of experiential learning opportunities to prepare you to be a talented problem-solver, from skills courses and practicums to externships and clinics;
- programs of excellence, with special offerings and mentorship in health law, intellectual property and information technology law, business and tax law, family law, public interest and public service law, and immigration and human rights law; and
- learning to advocate with purpose, through service and treating others with openness and respect in the Vincentian tradition.

All my best,

Jennifer Rosato Perea

Dean and Professor of Law

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## **OUR ACCOMPLISHED AND DEDICATED FACULTY**

DePaul College of Law's faculty are specialists in their fields. They not only care about their students, but also the law's impact on society at large. They prepare our students by honing their critical-thinking skills and providing them with opportunities to learn in context through experiential learning.

Our faculty make an impact in the broader legal community through important contributions, such as receiving funding from the MacArthur Foundation for immigration initiatives, testifying before Congress on patent law reform, and training international and national professionals on the protection of cultural property.

DePaul College of Law faculty also serve as advisors and mentors to their students, providing guidance and expertise in their fields.



The impact of DePaul College of Law extends beyond the accomplishments of its faculty and reaches throughout its academic programs, which is especially reflected in our Programs of Excellence. These programs build on the traditional strengths of the law school and are deeply integrated with the City of Chicago. They also facilitate collaborations across DePaul University and provide myriad opportunities for our students in growing fields of practice.

#### **BUSINESS LAW & TAX LAW**

Choose to complete a Certificate in Business
Law or take advantage of expansive experiential
learning opportunities, including our Business Law
Clinic, innovative Third Year in Practice program,
and joint degrees, such as the JD/MBA and JD/
Masters in International and European Business
Law. The Business Law and Tax Law Program is
deeply integrated with the City of Chicago through
collaborations such as student-based experiences in
entrepreneurial hubs 1871 and 2112.

#### **FAMILY LAW**

Explore a broad range of legal and policy issues in the private and public sectors that affect families. Choose coursework and practical training on a broad range of topics in contemporary family law, including marriage and divorce, child advocacy, juvenile justice, domestic violence and elder law.

#### **HEALTH LAW**

#### Ranked #23 by U.S. News & World Report (2019)

Study all areas of health law practice, including corporate, regulatory and policy issues, through access to theoretical and practical courses developed in consultation with practitioners. The Health Law program is one of only a dozen programs in the nation that is accredited by the Compliance Certification Board (CCB).

#### **IMMIGRATION LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

Received a \$250,000 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation grant [2019]

Locally, work alongside experienced faculty in the Asylum and Refugee Law Clinic and the Immigration Law Clinic. DePaul College of Law's Technical Assistance Project assists over 30 immigrant-serving, community-based organizations by providing legal services and staff resources, and assistance with the development of legal service capacity. Globally, through the International Human Rights Law Practicum and the Advanced International Human Rights Law Practicum, work directly to promote international human rights.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW

#### Ranked #32 by U.S. News & World Report (2019)

Cover an extensive range of patent, copyright, trademark and information technology issues, including specialty areas such as art and museum law, entertainment law and cyberlaw.

#### **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE**

Prepare to practice in diverse fields, including criminal law, immigration, domestic violence, housing and civil rights. Through the Pro Bono and Community Service Initiative (PBCSI), specialized legal writing courses, clinics and DePaul Journal of Social Justice, DePaul College of Law is dedicated to training students to become lawyers who consider service to the community an integral part of their professional commitment, regardless where their career path takes them.

## JD CURRICULUM

#### FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE, READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

As a lawyer, you will face a unique set of challenges every day, from negotiating complex agreements to successfully arguing motions in court. That is why DePaul College of Law offers theoretical instruction that will prepare you to tackle cutting edge legal problems, along with creative approaches to practical skills training. In the classroom and in the field, DePaul's comprehensive curriculum prepares you for legal practice.

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Juris Doctor (JD) students must complete 86 credit hours to graduate from the College of Law. Full-time day program students are expected to complete the requirements for the JD degree in three years, and evening program students should complete their degree in four years. Upon completion of the first year, students may transfer between day and evening programs. Evening program students who transfer to the full-time day program will need to complete some required courses in the evening of their second year. After completion of the first 29 credits, registration for both day and evening courses is open to all students. Courses required for graduation are:

- · Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Torts
- Civil Procedure
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Applied Legal Skills
- Legal Analysis
- Research and Communication (LARC) I, II and III
- · Legal Profession
- Preparing to Practice I and II
- Six (6) credits of approved experiential education courses
- Advanced legal writing course (legal drafting, senior research seminar or independent study)

#### **LEGAL WRITING**

Our Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication (LARC) program begins with a rigorous three-semester sequence of classes and culminates in one of our advanced upper-level legal writing courses. Our writing curriculum introduces students to every facet of the legal reasoning process through research exercises and written assignments. Our legal writing courses also have dedicated teaching assistants, which means more personalized attention.

#### **Specialized First-Year Legal Writing Sections**

- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Public Interest Law

#### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Our Academic Success Program (ASP) shows students how to develop the skills to excel in their first year of law school and beyond. ASP helps develop the skills to prepare students effectively for law school classes, written assignments and exams. ASP also helps students learn to manage the demands of their law school experience. The Applied Legal Skills (ALS) course in the fall and workshops in the spring for first-year students, individual meetings with ASP Mentors/ALS Teaching Assistants, practice exam sessions, and an ASP study aid library are available.

#### **BAR PASSAGE**

Our Bar Passage Program introduces students to the bar exam and guides them through bar exam preparation. Preparation begins with developing strong academic skills and selecting a balance of upper-level, bar-tested courses. As students approach graduation, the Bar Passage Program offers workshops and several credit-bearing courses that provide students with opportunities to develop and practice their bar exam skills using bar exam questions and simulated exams. After graduation, alumni receive bar preparation support all the way through the exam through faculty mentors and the Demon Bar program.

#### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Arts and Museum Law
Business Law
Criminal Law
Family Law
Health Care Compliance
Health Law
Information Technology, Cybersecurity
& Data Privacy Law
Intellectual Property
International and Comparative Law
Patent Law
Public Interest Law
Tax Law

#### SAMPLE JD CURRICULUM

#### Find the program that fits you best

DePaul College of Law's full-time day and part-time evening programs give you flexibility and options in planning your legal education. In addition to the core JD curriculum, you can choose from a variety of certificates and joint degrees in a number of concentrations. Whether you pursue a traditional JD track or a joint degree program, DePaul College of Law prepares you to succeed.

#### **FULL-TIME DAY PROGRAM**

#### Length

3 years

#### Core Required Curriculum

Autumn 1L (sample)
Civil Procedure (4 credits)
Contracts (4 credits)
Tort Law (4 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research
& Communication I (2 credits)
Preparing to Practice I (P/F)

### **Spring 1L** (sample) Constitutional Law (4 credits)

Criminal Law (3 credits)
Property (4 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research
& Communication II (3 credits)
Applied Legal Skills (1 credit)
Preparing to Practice II (P/F)

#### Advanced & Elective Curriculum

#### Autumn 2L - Spring 3L

Legal Profession (3 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research &
Communication III (3 credits)
Advanced legal writing seminar, drafting,
or independent study (3 credits)
Experiential education courses (6 credits)
Electives (42 credits)

#### Total Credits

#### 86 credits

#### **EVENING PROGRAM**

4 years\*

## Autumn 1L (sample) Civil Procedure (4 credits) Tort Law (4 credits) Applied Legal Skills (1 credit) Preparing to Practice I (P/F)

Spring 1L (sample)
Constitutional Law (4 credits)
Contracts (4 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research
& Communication I (2 credits)
Preparing to Practice II (P/F)

Autumn 2L (sample)
Criminal Law (3 credits)
Property (4 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research
& Communication II (3 credits)

#### Spring 2L - Spring 4L

Legal Profession (3 credits)
Legal Analysis, Research &
Communication III (3 credits)
Advanced legal writing seminar, drafting,
or independent study (3 credits)
Experiential education courses (6 credits)
Electives (42 credits)

#### 86 credits

\*Upon completion of the first year, students may transfer between the day and evening programs. Evening students who transfer to the full-time day program will need to complete some required courses in the evening of their second year. After completion of the first 29 credit hours, registration for both day and evening advanced and elective courses is open to all students.





## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

#### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE MAKES PRACTICING LAWYERS.

At DePaul College of Law, your legal education is more than just studying cases and statutes in the classroom. It's about mastering professional skills and gaining the confidence you need to enter the legal profession.

## 9 LEGAL CLINICS

- Asylum and Refugee Clinic
- Business Law Clinic
- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic
- Criminal Appeals Clinic
- Croak Community Legal Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Misdemeanor Clinic
- Technology/Intellectual Property Clinic (TIP Clinic®)

38 EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION COURSES

15 MOOT COURT/MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS

## 200 YEARLY EXTERNSHIP

#### **Business Law**

- Holland & Knight
- Levy Restaurants, Office of General Counsel

#### **Family Law**

- Berger Schatz
- Law Offices of Jean Conde, PC

#### **Health Law**

- American Medical Association
- Mt. Sinai Hospital

#### Immigration & International Law

- Department of Homeland Security
- National Immigrant Justice Center

#### **Intellectual Property Law**

- The Field Museum of Natural History
- Global IP Law Group

#### **Public Interest Law**

- Legal Assistance Foundation
- Center for Disability and Elder Law

#### THIRD YEAR IN PRACTICE

Our Third Year in Practice program (3YP) allows a select number of students to spend most of the third year of law school engaging in an intensive practice-based experience. This unique third-year experience combines DePaul College of Law's clinical, simulation and professional skills courses with an intensive externship, supported by a focused seminar and mentorship. Detailed information about 3YP is available at **go.depaul.edu/3YP**.

## **JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

DePaul College of Law offers JD/LLM degrees in Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law, and Taxation. Students are permitted to simultaneously apply nine credit hours of qualifying courses toward both degrees, and may complete the JD/LLM in three years with summer enrollment.

JD/MBA with the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business

JD/MA in International Studies with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

JD/MS in Computer Science with the College of Computing and Digital Media

JD/MS in Public Service Management with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

JD/Master in International & European Business Law with Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid, Spain)

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

At DePaul College of Law, we appreciate the importance of students acquiring a global disposition, a perspective that will enable them to be the most effective problem-solvers in a world that is increasingly and inevitably interconnected.

#### **SELECTED COURSES AND PROGRAMS**

- International law courses, including International Law
   Policy, International Business Transactions, International
   Criminal Law, International Taxation, and International
   Trade Law
- Study abroad programs in Madrid, Spain; Berlin, Germany; San Jose, Costa Rica; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Havana, Cuba
- International exchange programs (semester or yearlong programs) in Vienna, Austria, and Madrid, Spain
- International experiential learning opportunities, including International Human Rights Law Practicum
- International Joint Degree Program, JD/Master in International & European Business Law (JD-MIEBL) in Madrid, Spain

#### **CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

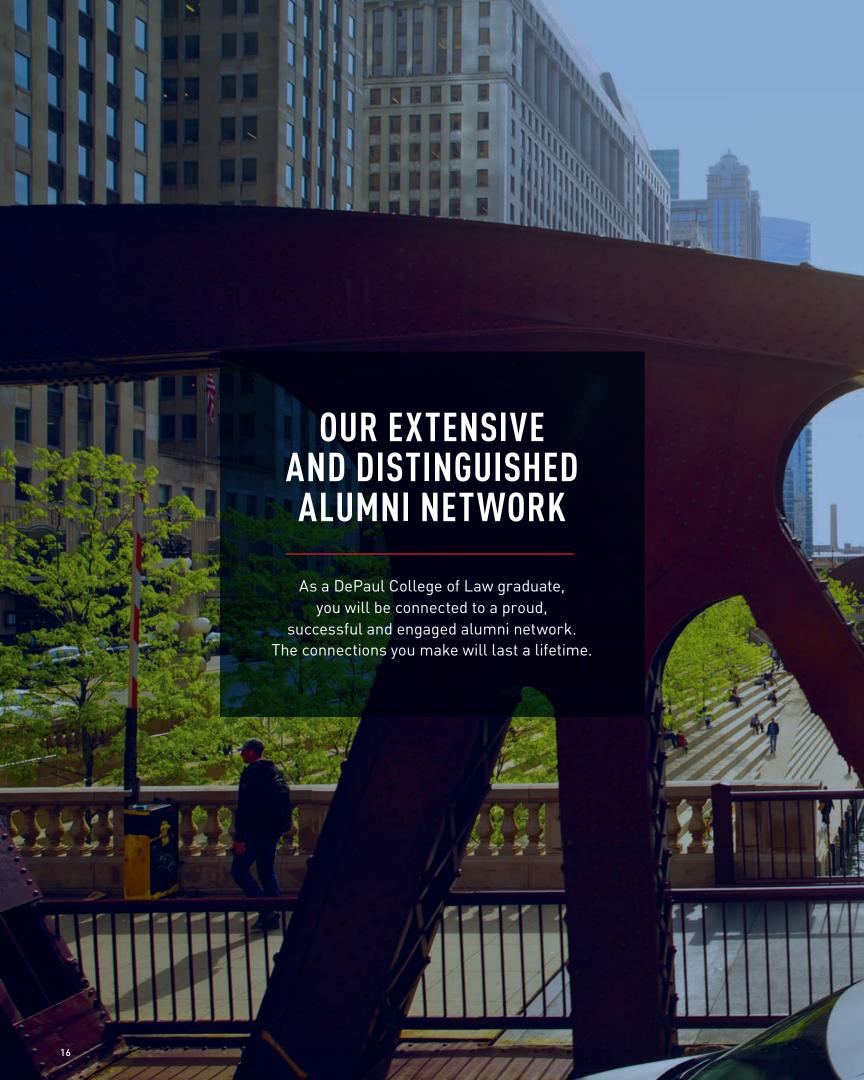
- International Human Rights Law Institute
- Center for Art, Museum & Cultural Heritage Law















#### **REPORTED EMPLOYMENT TYPE, CLASS OF 2018\***

84.6% of DePaul College of Law graduates seeking employment reported being employed as of 10 months after graduation.



#### ORGANIZATIONS RECRUITING DEPAUL COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENTS\*\*\*

Allstate Insurance

Alvarez & Marsal

American Bar Association

Andersen Tax Banner & Witcoff Berger Schatz

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Center for Disability & Elder Law

Chapman and Cutler Chicago Legal Clinic Chicago Transit Authority

City of Chicago

CNA

Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Deloitte

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth

Drinker Biddle

ΕY

Faegre Baker Daniels GE Transportation Global IP Law Group Grant Thornton

Hanley Flight & Zimmerman Harter Secrest & Emery

HeplerBroom

Husch Blackwell

Hinshaw & Culbertson
Holland & Knight

Ice Miller

Internal Revenue Service

Jenner & Block Johnson Law Jones Day K&L Gates

Katten Muchin Rosenman

Kirkland & Ellis Kopon Airdo KPMG

Lake County Public Defender

Lavelle Law

Leydig Voit & Mayer

Lifespan Center for Legal Services Marshall, Gerstein & Borun

Mayer Brown McDonald Hopkins

McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

McGuireWoods

Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office National Immigrant Justice Center

Nixon Peabody

Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Patterson & Sheridan Paul Hastings

Perkins Coie
Reed Smith

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Schiff Hardin

Schiller DuCanto & Fleck

Sidley Austin Stradley Ronon

Swanson, Martin & Bell Taft Stettinius Hollister Thompson Coburn U.S. Air Force JAG Corps U.S. Army JAG Corps

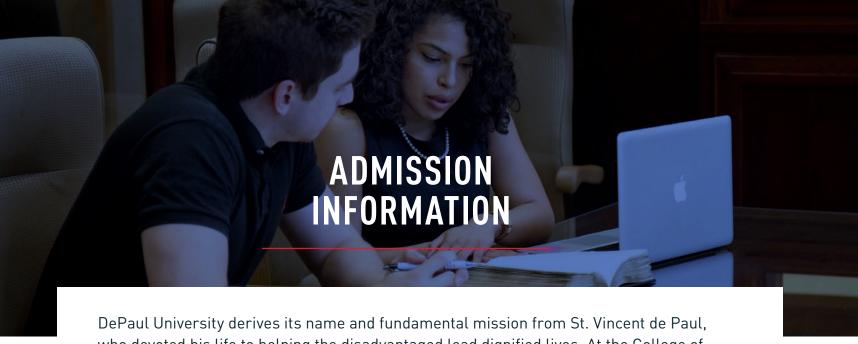
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Marine Corps U.S. Navy JAG Corps Wiedner & McAuliffe Winston & Strawn Zurich North America

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The above list includes employers who participated in DePaul College of Law recruiting programs in 2016 and/or 2017. This is not an exhaustive list.



DePaul University derives its name and fundamental mission from St. Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to helping the disadvantaged lead dignified lives. At the College of Law, we seek diversity in students' special talents, qualities, interests, and socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Having students with different interests, goals, life experiences and backgrounds is critical in order to ensure the robust exchange of ideas that is called for in training lawyers and potential leaders. Toward this end, we seek a student body that exhibits outstanding academic and professional promise with varied backgrounds and experience. DePaul College of Law also is committed to improving the legal community by educating students who will serve the public and legal profession in ways that enhance the social, economic, cultural and ethical values in the broader community.

#### **ELECTRONIC APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applicants to the College of Law must submit all materials electronically through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS). We only accept applications submitted through LSAC. You can access the LSAC Electronic Application and corresponding application instructions at law.depaul.edu or LSAC.org.

Applicants in need of a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process should contact the Office of Law Admissions at (312) 362-6831 or email lawinfo@depaul.edu with their request.

There is no application fee for the JD program.

#### **ADMISSION POLICY**

Admission to DePaul College of Law is competitive. We consider numerous factors in evaluating each applicant, including undergraduate academic performance, Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores, advanced degrees and graduate standardized test scores, professional work experience, writing ability, potential for leadership, professional and academic recommendations, and a student's special talents, qualities, interests, and socioeconomic and

cultural background. No single factor is dispositive when determining admission. Personal qualities that demonstrate intellectual depth, high ideals and diligence also are considered, as are economic, societal or educational obstacles that have been successfully overcome.

Diversity in background and experience among the members of each entering class is a continuing objective. Having a diverse student body allows us to encourage and foster the exchange of different ideas. In addition, a candidate's prior relations with the DePaul University community and her or his potential for furthering DePaul's institutional goals are considered.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and early application is highly recommended, especially for those who desire merit scholarship and financial aid consideration.

For first-year applicants with no previous law school credit, admission is granted only for the autumn semester. First-year applicants should ensure that their application and all necessary documents are on file in the Office of Law Admissions prior to the suggested application deadline.

Prospective students who have, or will have, received their baccalaureate degrees from accredited institutions prior to July of the year for which admission is sought are eligible to apply. In no event will anyone who has yet to receive a baccalaureate degree be permitted to enroll in the College of Law. No specific fields of study are prescribed at the baccalaureate level.

It is the policy of DePaul University that no person shall be the object of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, family relationship status, physical or mental disability, military status, genetic information or other status protected by local, state, or federal law in its employment or its educational settings.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation is required for all applicants. Additional letters are welcome. Recommendations from an applicant's college professors are particularly useful. Recommendations also may be submitted by employers or colleagues who are in positions to make critical and informed appraisals of an applicant's qualifications.

#### **Personal Statement**

The required personal statement should not exceed two pages and may provide the admissions committee with information regarding such matters as intellectual interests and pursuits; personal, family or educational background; experiences and talents of special interest; reasons for applying to law school as they may relate to personal goals and professional expectations; or any other factors that will assist the committee's evaluation of the applicant's candidacy for admission. Applicants also may describe, either within the personal statement or as an addendum, how their admission would contribute to the diversity of the College of Law.

#### Résumé

A current résumé is strongly recommended and should not exceed two pages. It should include a complete employment record and identify honors, scholarships and commendations received; membership in any scholastic, honorary and professional associations; as well as community, volunteer and extracurricular activities.

## Law School Admission Test (LSAT) / Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

All applicants must take the LSAT. DePaul College of Law will accept LSAT scores taken within five years prior to the date of application. In addition, all applicants must register with CAS through LSAC and submit transcripts for all undergraduate academic work.

#### **JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Those seeking a joint degree with a program outside of the law school first must apply and be accepted for admission to the College of Law. Admission is made to the appropriate joint degree program only after completion of the first-year core curriculum in the College of Law with above average academic achievement. A separate application may be required for each program and should be submitted during the first year of law school. In addition, an entrance exam, such as the GRE or GMAT, may be required depending on the requirements of the program to which the applicant is applying.

#### INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicants who have earned degrees or received diplomas from foreign institutions must submit all materials required of first-time JD applicants. In addition, international applicants should submit their foreign transcripts through LSAC's CAS. Foreign transcripts received will be authenticated and analyzed. We will also accept detailed evaluation reports from any member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). Applicants who were educated in foreign countries, at institutions where English is not the primary language, must also register for the TOEFL (TOEFL.org) or IELTS (IELTS.org).

#### TRANSFER APPLICANT INFORMATION

DePaul College of Law welcomes applications from students who will have completed, within the preceding two years, at least one year of study at another ABA-accredited law school. Transfer applicants may apply for admission to the day and evening programs during the autumn and spring semesters. Transfer applicants admitted to the College of Law may receive up to 30 hours of credit toward the JD degree.

Transfer applicants are required to submit the following: transfer student application form available on LSAC's website, one letter of recommendation from a law school professor, personal statement, current LSAC CAS report, a letter of good standing indicating eligibility to return from all previously attended law schools, and law school transcripts from all previously attended law schools. In evaluating transfer applicants, the admissions committee will consider the applicant's undergraduate academic record, LSAT score, law school grades, personal statement, letter of recommendation and other information requested in the application.



GET THERE, START HERE.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS.

Discover the possibilities through DePaul College of Law's hands-on learning opportunities, innovative programs, distinguished alumni network, and accomplished scholars and dedicated teachers, all integrated into the heart of Chicago.

Interested in learning more? Register online for an Open House at law.depaul.edu/admission/visit.

Apply to DePaul College of Law at go.depaul.edu/jdapply.

If you have any questions about admission requirements or application procedures, we'll be happy to answer them. Just call or email us or visit our website for more information.

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