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Accreditation
Wayne State University Law School has been approved by the American Bar Association since 1936 and a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1946. The Law School’s chapter of the Order of the Coif, the national honor society dedicated to the highest standards of legal scholarship, was chartered in 1984.

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At Wayne Law, we equip students with tools to make an impact wherever they go. From our client clinics to the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights and the Levin Center at Wayne Law, they have the opportunity to contribute locally, nationally and globally — all before graduation."

— Richard A. Bierschbach
Dean and Professor of Law

Richard A. Bierschbach was named dean of Wayne Law in May 2017. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is an expert in criminal law and procedure.

5 reasons to start your future at Wayne Law:

1. **Financing a legal education:** We invest in our students from the beginning, last year awarding more than $7 million in scholarships. The National Jurist and preLaw magazine recognized Wayne Law as a Best Value Law School for the past four years.

2. **Advocacy:** Through co-curricular programs like Moot Court and Mock Trial, students learn critical written, oral and trial courtroom advocacy skills. Our Jessup International Law Moot Court team became one of the top 16 teams in the world in 2018.

3. **Faculty:** You’ll learn from faculty who make a difference, like Assistant Professor Blanche Cook, a nationally known expert on the prosecution of sex traffickers.

4. **Clinics and externships:** Wayne Law is among the top law schools in the nation for practical training, according to preLaw magazine. With six clinics to choose from and extensive externship opportunities, our students receive hands-on training through experiential learning opportunities.

5. **Detroit’s historic resurgence:** Wayne Law is located in the heart of Midtown Detroit, a city infused with opportunity and alive with transformative change. Within two square miles lies the largest concentration of cultural, educational and medical institutions in Southeast Michigan.

Dual degree programs

The Law School offers, in conjunction with other colleges of the university, six dual degree programs that allow students to earn both a J.D. degree and a master’s in one of the following disciplines:

- Business administration (M.B.A.)
- Criminal justice (M.S.)
- Dispute resolution (M.A.D.R.)
- Economics (M.A.)
- History (M.A.)
- Political science (M.A.)

For more information about dual degree programs, visit law.wayne.edu/dualdegree.
The J.D. degree

Wayne Law offers three program options for the first year of study to meet the various needs of a diverse student body. They include a full-time day program, a combined day and evening program, and a part-time evening program.

- **Full-time day program** — students take all courses during the day, completing 30 credit hours in their first year, 15 hours each semester
- **Combined day/evening program** — students take three courses at night, as well as one or two day courses each semester, completing 22 to 30 credit hours in their first year, 11 to 15 hours each semester
- **Part-time evening program** — students take three courses at night, completing 16 credit hours in their first year, eight hours each semester

First-year students learn fundamental legal theory, as well as how to identify and analyze legal issues, through introductory courses including:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Research and Writing
- Property
- Torts

### 2018 first-year class

| CLASS SIZE | 128 |
| AGE RANGE | 20-45 |
| MEDIAN LSAT | 75/50/25 percentile 161/158/155 |
| MEDIAN GPA | 75/50/25 percentile 3.69/3.50/3.25 |
| GENDER | 51% female 48% male |
| MINORITY | 21% |
| UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED | 41 |

Arthur Neef
Law Library

A comprehensive, service-oriented law library should be a top priority when considering law school. As a student at Wayne Law, you will have ready access to an outstanding law library and four additional libraries that form the University Library System.

Highlights of the law library include:

- Extensive print and digital resources that provide a solid foundation for research, scholarship and learning
- Professional J.D./M.L.S. reference librarians on site and Ask-A-Librarian web-based research assistance
- Wireless access to the internet and web resources throughout the Law School complex
- A computer lab reserved for Wayne Law students, with scanning and printing capabilities
- Spacious study areas, including 14 group-study rooms that Wayne Law students may reserve online

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“When I was applying to law schools, I was worried I would just become a name or a number. At Wayne Law, they carefully reviewed the entirety of my application and got to know who I was beyond my GPA and LSAT. The admissions staff was integral in helping me decide that this was the best law school to help me achieve my goals and make an impact on the legal field.”

— Kaitlyn York
Class of 2020
For students interested in how the law meshes with legislative investigations and oversight, the Levin Center offers an opportunity to explore that interaction through coursework, research, conferences and more.”

— Carl Levin
Former U.S. Senator; Chair, Levin Center at Wayne Law; Distinguished Legislator in Residence, Wayne Law

Levin Center at Wayne Law

The Levin Center at Wayne Law educates future attorneys, business leaders, legislators and public servants on their roles overseeing public and private institutions and using oversight as an instrument of change. Through academic programming, training and research, the center promotes an understanding of how effective legislative oversight can lead to significant and meaningful changes in public policy.

Center programs

- Academic courses at Wayne Law about the legislative process, oversight, the role of taxation in individual and institutional behavior, and financial regulation.
- Internship program that places students in positions where they can observe and participate in oversight activities. Past opportunities in Washington, D.C. include:
  - Office of the Minority Staff of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
  - Office of the Minority Staff of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
  - Office of the Majority Staff of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
  - Office of the Minority Staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
- National symposia on topics such as congressional oversight of the intelligence community, corporate taxation reforms, regulating bank misconduct and financial risks, and government ethics.
- Research to advance the role of the federal, state, local and tribal governments in overseeing public and private institutions.

Professor Robert M. Ackerman is director of the Levin Center at Wayne Law. He previously served as dean of the Law School from 2008-12. Visit law.wayne.edu/levincenter to learn more about the Levin Center at Wayne Law.
The Keith Center honors the life and legacy of Judge Damon J. Keith by carrying out his vision for civil rights in one of the most culturally rich and diverse cities in the United States.

The center affords students the opportunity to take an academic concentration in civil rights and social justice law. The program emphasizes practical skills and real-world experience through courses, advanced writing, clinics and externships, and pro bono service.

Detroit Equity Action Lab

Nearly $4 million in funding has been awarded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the Detroit Equity Action Lab (DEAL), an initiative of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law.

The lab promotes racial equity and justice by bringing together a multi-racial, intergenerational group of leaders and innovators working in the many dimensions of racial equity to address issues of structural racism in the greater Detroit area. To further this mission, DEAL has mobilized three cohorts, creating a network of more than 80 individuals representing 75 organizations.

Public interest, social justice law opportunities

- Broad range of public interest and social justice law courses, including Re-Imagining Development in Detroit: Institutions, Law and Society, and Detroit Equity Action Lab: A Collaborative Study of Structural Racism
- Law clinics – Asylum and Immigration, Business and Community, Disability Law, and Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer
- Public Interest Law Fellowships
- Student Voluntary Pro Bono Program
- The Journal of Law in Society
- Damon J. Keith Scholars Program
- Damon J. Keith Collection of African American Legal History
- Keith Students for Civil Rights
- Civil rights and social justice programs and events

Professor Peter J. Hammer is director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. Hammer is a well-known expert on international public health law, community development, and law and economics.

Visit keithcenter.wayne.edu to learn more about the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law.

"It is my hope that students entering the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law view the center as a way of committing to the struggle for freedom and as a means for ensuring that those four words etched on the United States Supreme Court – equal justice under law – be realized."

— Damon J. Keith, LL.M. ’56
Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Program for International Legal Studies

International law cuts across all aspects of a Wayne Law education. One-third of the faculty teaches and writes on international subjects, and faculty members enjoy worldwide reputations as innovative and prolific scholars. Classes are available on a remarkable range of global topics. Wayne Law’s Jessup International Law Moot Court team has won the Midwest regional five of the past six years and in 2018 finished in the top 16 schools in the world.

The Program for International Legal Studies offers students the opportunity to explore international law through classes, summer internships abroad and co-curricular activities. It hosts an annual lecture series that brings renowned international law experts to campus. The program also hosts conferences on critical issues in international law. Another addressed the future of the Arab Spring and its implications for the United States. The most recent was about the status of treaties in American law.

The Program for International Legal Studies also sponsors opportunities for students to work on international legal issues firsthand.

International Public Interest Law Fellowships

These fully funded internships allow students to travel abroad and work for governmental and nongovernmental organizations during the summer after their first or second years. The partner nongovernmental organizations engage in advocacy on a broad range of issues including environment, human rights, law reform and women’s rights. Our partners have been in Africa, the Caribbean, Central Asia, India and Latin America.

Tata Motors internship in India

This internship in India funds students to work in the general counsel’s office at Tata Motors, one of the world’s largest auto manufacturers. Tata interns spend the summer gaining insight into multinational transactions and exposure to one of the world’s most vibrant and fastest-growing economies.

Freeman Fellowship in The Hague

Students are funded to attend the prestigious Hague Academy of International Law, the academic arm of the International Court of Justice, and study public or private international law. Courses are given by the world’s leading international lawyers.

WilmerHale International Arbitration Group in London

Students work as paid interns in the international arbitration practice group of WilmerHale in London. These lawyers are among the world’s leaders in their field, handling some of the most high-profile and complex matters in international commercial arbitration. This experience will be of lasting value to those interested in careers in arbitration, commercial law, federal litigation and international business transactions.

Hogan Lovells BSTL internship in Mexico City

Students work as paid interns in the Mexico City office of Hogan Lovells, one of the leading international firms. The practice concerns all aspects of economic activity in Mexico, including foreign investment in the petroleum and telecommunications sectors.

Additional opportunities for global study:

- Courses at Windsor Law, just across the border in Canada
- Jessup International Law Moot Court team
- International Law Students Association
- Student editing positions with the Michigan International Lawyer, published by the International Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan
- Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic

Study abroad

Students can study for a semester abroad at one of several law schools with which Wayne Law has exchange agreements. These include China University of Political Science and Law, Northwest University of Politics and Law in China, Taibei National University in Taipei, Maastricht University in the Netherlands, and the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. Participants in study abroad programs pay regular tuition to Wayne State, with no additional fees charged for coursework by the host universities.

Professor Gregory Fox serves as director of the Program for International Legal Studies. Fox is a widely cited authority on international law and international organizations and a leader in a variety of academic and professional organizations.

International and comparative law courses are listed on page 6 of this publication. For more information on the program, visit law.wayne.edu/international or call 313-577-0110.
Master of Laws (LL.M.) program

Lawyers who already have earned a J.D. from an accredited U.S. law school or an equivalent degree in another country (usually an LL.B.) may undertake advanced legal studies through Wayne Law’s master of laws program. The LL.M. program includes majors in corporate/finance law, labor/employment law and taxation for domestic and international students seeking specialized legal knowledge and skills that will equip them to undertake elite practice in those areas. It also provides a major in U.S. law for international students with an LL.B. or other foreign law degree who seek a general understanding of the U.S. legal system to enhance their practice.

The curriculum includes day and evening courses taught by nationally recognized faculty and expert practitioners. Most classes include both upper-level J.D. students and LL.M. students. Each LL.M. major has required and elective courses, with some credits available for approved courses in other university departments or schools such as business, economics, finance, industrial relations and political science. Each major requires at least 24 credits of coursework.

Full-time students can complete their LL.M. coursework in one year, while part-time students generally require two or more years. LL.M. students majoring in corporate/finance, labor/employment or tax law complete a two- or three-credit master’s thesis, written and researched in collaboration with a faculty advisor, as the capstone course. U.S. law students are not required to complete a master’s thesis.

Joint J.D./LL.M. program

The joint J.D./LL.M. degree program allows students to earn both a J.D. and LL.M. in only seven semesters, rather than the eight semesters that would usually be required for a full-time student to complete both a J.D. degree (in three years) and an LL.M. degree (in one year). Wayne Law offers LL.M. degrees as part of the joint program in corporate and finance law, labor and employment law, and taxation.

Interested students may apply to the joint program after completing their first year but before entering their third year (or upon completion of equivalent credits for part-time students). Joint degree students will earn their J.D. degree typically upon completion of their third year of full-time study (or upon completion of equivalent credits, if part-time). Upon completion of the J.D. degree, a joint degree student should be able to complete the requirements for the LL.M. degree with only one additional semester of full-time study, although a student may extend that in order to complete the required LL.M. master’s thesis or if the student decides to complete the remaining requirements on a part-time basis.
The externship program at Wayne Law opened up a multitude of doors for me. I was fortunate enough to work for a prosperous publicly traded company and under the chief judge at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. These experiences not only provided me with a plethora of knowledge, experience and networking opportunities but also allowed me to impact the community in a positive way. Participating in the externship program is one of the best decisions I made at Wayne Law.”

— Charles Hayden
Class of 2019

Experiential learning

At Wayne Law, we recognize that substantive knowledge combined with hands-on practical experience creates the best foundation for a successful and meaningful legal career. Through externships and client clinics, we offer a number of opportunities to gain practical legal experience to bridge the gap between the study of law and the practice of law.

Under our experiential education requirement, every Wayne Law student participates in at least six credits of professional skills coursework, including at least one externship or client clinic.

Client clinics

Under the supervision of our expert faculty, clinic students have responsibility as first chair in a variety of settings that directly impact the legal and economic landscape in Michigan and beyond. In these six clinics, student attorneys gain valuable litigation, transactional and problem-solving skills by representing individual or organizational clients:

- Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic
- Business and Community Law Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
- Disability Law Clinic
- Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic
- Patent Procurement Clinic

Externships

Externships provide firsthand, in-the-field experience, supporting the work of attorney mentors and judges. A classroom component taught by an expert in the field combined with reflective exercises and discussions with student colleagues provide each extern with rich, real-world exposure to various legal careers. Wayne Law offers the Free Legal Aid Clinic and four externship programs:

- Corporate Counsel
- Criminal Justice
- Judicial
- Public Interest

In each program, externs work at least 150 hours in one of many approved field placements and complete a complementary colloquium.

Professional skills

Professional skills/simulation courses provide an excellent vehicle to build upon substantive coursework through application in a practice setting. Each skills course includes opportunities to engage in exercises requiring the judgment, analytic reasoning and application of law in a practice context and to receive individualized feedback. The faculty for skills courses include full-time faculty as well as experienced practitioners. These courses include substantive skills instruction along with multiple opportunities for students to test their lawyering skills and receive feedback from faculty.
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**Social Security Disability Insurance/SSI.**

insurance coverage, guardianship/conservatorship, (e.g. disability civil rights, special education, health and administrative matters related to their disabilities provides free legal aid to people with disabilities in civil

independent and productive lives in the community. It

provides support, services and accommodations they need to live

naturalization.

**Business and Community Law Clinic**

Students provide legal services to qualifying community-based businesses, for-profit and nonprofit organizations that aspire to create social good and impact to revitalize Detroit and Michigan. Under the supervision of faculty, students assume primary responsibility and work directly with organizational clients to address their transactional legal needs.

**Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic**

Students prepare a criminal appellate brief on behalf of a client incarcerated in a Michigan prison following a felony conviction. They review the trial transcript and exhibits, identify appealable issues, interview and counsel their clients, and present mock oral arguments to a panel of criminal appellate practitioners. Students also work on appeals of plea-based convictions.

**Disability Law Clinic**

This clinic addresses the unique legal needs of Detroit-area residents with disabilities, helping them obtain the support, services and accommodations they need to live independent and productive lives in the community. It provides free legal aid to people with disabilities in civil and administrative matters related to their disabilities (e.g. disability civil rights, special education, health insurance coverage, guardianship/conservatorship, Social Security Disability Insurance/SSI).

**Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic**

A medical-legal partnership between Wayne Law and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, this clinic affords students an opportunity to assist low-income cancer patients receiving treatment at Karmanos with issues involving insurance, housing, employment, long-term planning and public benefits.

**Patent Procurement Clinic**

Students draft patent applications, meet with clients and prosecute patents. Each student performs a patentability search, drafts a patent application for a client under the guidance of a patent attorney and performs patent prosecution tasks. This clinic is a legal partnership between Wayne Law and Brooks Kushman.

**Corporate Counsel Externship**

Corporate counsel externs develop knowledge and skills needed to succeed as commercial and business lawyers by being placed in the corporate counsel offices of for-profit and nonprofit businesses in and around Detroit. These placements offer opportunities for students to encounter business clients and to experience the role of lawyers in such matters as business contracts, mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, securities laws, and compliance with governmental regulation of business and industry.

**Criminal Justice Externship**

Criminal justice externs learn about the roles and responsibilities of criminal prosecutors and defenders, the judicial process in criminal cases, and strategic and ethical issues in criminal law. Through their fieldwork, criminal justice externs develop advocacy and law practice management skills, the ability to recognize and resolve strategic and ethical dilemmas, and the ability to learn from experience.

**Free Legal Aid Clinic**

The Free Legal Aid Clinic is a student-run, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, legal aid organization established by Wayne Law students in 1965. While students work under the supervision of experienced legal aid attorneys from Lakeshore Legal Aid and the Elder Law and Advocacy Center, they are responsible for both their clients and cases. Students are assigned to handle cases in both elder and family law, getting the opportunity to represent their clients in court under the Michigan student practice rule. Students have had the opportunity to argue motions, present settlement agreements and be first chair on full bench trials, gaining valuable litigation skills.

**Judicial Externship**

Judicial externs learn about the roles and responsibilities of judges and judicial clerks, judicial decision-making, and effective advocacy. Judicial externs develop skills in analysis, oral communication, research, writing and law practice management.

**Public Interest Externship**

Public interest externs learn about the roles and responsibilities of public interest lawyers, strategic and ethical dimensions of public interest practice, and effective advocacy. Public interest externs develop skills in interviewing and counseling, legal drafting, oral communication, and law practice management. Placements range from legal services organizations to federal government offices, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
Co-curricular programs

Jessup International Law Moot Court
Wayne Law competes in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, which simulates a case before the International Court of Justice (World Court). Jessup is the largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the world. For 2017-18, 680 law schools competed from more than 100 countries and jurisdictions across the globe. Wayne Law’s Jessup team comprises five second- and third-year students and has won the Midwest championship five of the past six years. In 2018, Wayne Law’s team became one of the top 16 teams in the world.

Journal of Business Law
The Journal of Business Law is a scholarly, peer-reviewed journal operated and edited by students at Wayne Law. It is published annually and contains articles contributed by law professors and practicing attorneys, along with student notes and comments on topics ranging from corporate governance, securities regulation and capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, tax law, venture capitalism, bankruptcy, and commercial law, among others. Students are invited to join the journal based upon their performance in a writing competition.

Mock Trial
The Mock Trial organization trains law students in trial courtroom advocacy. Mock Trial, supported by a formal course, Mock Trial Workshop, sponsors an intramural trial competition in both the fall and winter semesters. Pairs of students participate in a minimum of two trials per semester at the Frank Murphy Courthouse in Detroit. The program is open to upperclass students who have passed a tryout.

Moot Court
Wayne Law’s Moot Court program trains students in written and oral advocacy skills. The strongest advocates from our rising second- and third-year classes are selected for the program. Students complete coursework in appellate advocacy and compete in regional, national and international competitions. In preparation for competition, students receive intensive training from alumni, who serve as coaches and guest judges.

The Journal of Law in Society
Students at Wayne Law established The Journal of Law in Society in 1997 to provide for the scholarly evaluation of the law in relation to various segments of society. The journal is the scholarly arm of the Law School’s Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. It addresses social policy issues in a legal context and combines legal theory with social reality. It is published twice each academic year and hosts an annual academic symposium. Students are invited to join the journal based upon their performance in a writing competition.

Transactional Law Competition
Wayne Law’s Transactional Law Competition course helps students develop drafting, negotiation and counseling skills. Two-member teams represent a buyer and a seller in a complex acquisition and draft and revise acquisition agreements. Near the end of the fall semester, the teams come together for multiple rounds of live negotiations and are judged by practicing transactional attorneys.

Wayne Law Review
The Wayne Law Review has been published since 1954. Two of the three annual issues include articles of general academic and professional interest authored by legal scholars, as well as notes written by student members. A third issue features an annual survey of developments in Michigan law and is widely read by members of the Michigan legal community. Students apply to the Wayne Law Review through a writing competition process.

The Legal Research and Writing faculty go above and beyond for their students. Whether they’re assisting us with our briefs or talking us through a question, they are always willing to help. They are extremely knowledgeable and will ensure that you have all the resources you need to succeed.”

— Taylor Hilton
Class of 2020
Faculty

Many law schools market their faculty as being the best of the best. At Wayne Law, we have concrete evidence of our faculty’s success in their numerous books, articles, prominent cases, expert blogs and regular comments in local, national and international news sources. They bring a rare wealth of experience and knowledge to the classroom. And their first priority is always you, the student. Our faculty members are not only educators, but also mentors, friends and colleagues. They will challenge you to raise your expectations and reach heights you never thought possible.

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Law school is demanding and requires most of a student’s concentration and resources. Fortunately, Wayne Law offers a solid support network. Student Affairs is a one-stop resource dedicated to assisting you with your academic, professional, and personal needs. The office offers academic program planning, health and wellness initiatives, and assistance with Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, character and fitness, dual degree options, group workshops, and student life. All students are encouraged to visit Student Affairs upon arrival at the Law School.

In addition to the resources offered by Student Affairs, you also can take advantage of encouragement and assistance from peers and advisors through a number of student organizations. More than 30 student organizations add to the quality of life at the Law School by organizing social events, sponsoring speakers and debates on topics of current interest, volunteering their time to public service, and collaborating to produce programs with area practitioners.

Student organizations

- American Bar Association, Law Student Division
- American Civil Liberties Union, Student Chapter
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Catholic Law Students Association
- Criminal Law Society
- Entrepreneurship and Business Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Professionals
- Free Legal Aid Clinic
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- If/When/How
- International Law Students Association
- Italian-American Law Student Association
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Team
- Jewish Law Student Association
- The Journal of Law In Society
- Keith Students for Civil Rights
- Law Students for Life
- Levin Center Students at Wayne Law
- Medical and Health Law Society
- Mock Trial
- Moot Court
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association Board of Governors
- Wayne Intellectual Property Student Association
- Wayne Law Review
- Wayne Law Veterans Association
- Wayne Outlaws (LGBT)
- WSU Journal of Business Law
- Women’s Law Caucus

“Joining the Wayne Law Student Board of Governors was one of the best decisions I made in law school. SBG not only allowed me to take an active role in ensuring the student body’s voice is heard among the Law School faculty and staff, but also the opportunity to foster lasting relationships with individuals along the way. Representing Wayne Law students as a member of SBG continues to be a rewarding and educational experience for me.”

— Peter Grace
2018-19 SBG President
Class of 2019
Being a student at Wayne Law allows you to live, learn and work in the heart of Detroit. We are a part of a larger community of young, energetic professionals who are revitalizing the city. From attending class in Midtown in the morning, taking the QLine downtown to an internship in the afternoon, and getting dinner and drinks in Corktown at night, we live and breathe Detroit every day.”

— Amanda McSween
Class of 2020

Wayne Law: In the Heart of Midtown Detroit

Midtown Detroit is a hub for innovation, opportunity and entrepreneurship. Within the neighborhood’s two square miles lies the largest concentration of cultural, educational and medical institutions in Southeast Michigan — not to mention two radio stations, a symphony orchestra, nine theatres, five museums and more than 30 restaurants.

Wayne Law is in the heart of Midtown, and at a time of transformative growth, there’s never been more momentum on campus and in the city.

A major benefit for Wayne Law students is the campus location in Detroit’s vibrant legal market. Our students have direct access to externship, internship and employment opportunities at state and federal courts, government offices, multinational corporations, unions, and major law firms. Major corporate headquarters, world-class hospitals and some of the nation’s fastest-growing businesses are within walking distance from Wayne Law.

Wayne Law and Detroit have always been interconnected. The newly opened QLine allows for quick, convenient travel between campus, the vibrant New Center neighborhood and downtown, where you can take in a Lions, Pistons, Tigers or Red Wings game; walk the riverfront; or experience everything from ice skating to music festivals.

Our campus is one of the safest in the Midwest, and our safety measures have been lauded in local and national media. The WSU Police Department — a fully commissioned force — patrols campus and the surrounding neighborhoods 24/7, working closely with other law enforcement agencies, businesses and residents to keep Midtown safe. Peace of mind is one of the many reasons why students, families, organizations and retailers are moving into Midtown every day.

Visit law.wayne.edu/detroit for more information about Detroit.
Visit the WSU Office of Housing and Residential Life online at housing.wayne.edu, call 313-577-2116 or email housing@wayne.edu for more information about on-campus living.

On-campus living

Do you want to avoid a commute? Walk to class? Live among other law students? As a Wayne Law student, you can live right on campus in any of our furnished or unfurnished apartments in the Towers Residential Suites or in the new Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments. On-campus accommodations are located in the heart of campus just a short walk from the Law School, Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center, Student Center, and a number of restaurants.

Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments:
- One-bedroom, two-bedroom and four-bedroom units
- Furnished units, including a full kitchen, common space and individual bedrooms with full-size beds
- Each floor has multiple lounge areas, including study space, hangout areas, game rooms and a dance studio
- Two community rooms
- First-floor retail space
- Three courtyard areas — one open and two fenced in
- New Campus Health Center located on first floor

Off-campus living

Metro Detroit is a vibrant, exciting place to live. Many Wayne Law students choose to live off campus in the thriving Midtown area surrounding the school or a little farther away in one of Detroit’s historic neighborhoods or appealing suburbs.

Midtown is one of the fastest-developing areas in Detroit, with a wide variety of housing options including new condo units, restored lofts and apartments. All are within walking distance of the area’s museums, galleries, theatres, shops and restaurants. A few miles away from campus, downtown Detroit and the historic Corktown and Woodbridge neighborhoods have their own distinct flavors.

Several suburbs a short drive from Wayne Law are also great places to live. Just up Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak and Ferndale are known for their unique shops, restaurants and night spots. A little further north, Birmingham also has a thriving shopping and entertainment area. Each of these communities has tree-lined streets, family centered neighborhoods and a great quality of life with homes, apartments, condos and lofts providing a variety of housing options. To the east, the Grosse Pointe communities offer beautiful living near the water. Canton and Dearborn, west of campus, are pleasant communities with scenic parks and many events and activities to enjoy.

For more information about living in Detroit and its surrounding communities, visit:
- apartmentlist.com/mi/detroit
- cocrdir.wordpress.com/current-properties
- centralparkdetroit.com
- downtownroyaloak.org
- hotpads.com/detroit-mi/apartments-for-rent
- liveinwoodbridge.com
- studio1apartments.com
- trulia.com/MI/Detroit
- zillow.com/detroit-mi/apartments
- zumper.com

Live off campus and experience all the metro Detroit area has to offer. For more information, check out the websites listed below, email the Wayne Law Admissions Office at lawinquire@wayne.edu or call 313-577-3937.
Wayne Law Career Services has exceeded all my expectations. The staff did a tremendous job aiding me with my resume and job applications and was there any time I needed help. The career advisors were absolutely amazing during on-campus interviews and helped me manage scheduling conflicts and provided insight whenever I spoke with them. Thanks to Career Services, it is no surprise that myself, and so many other students in my class, were placed in summer positions at great firms.”

— Nick Voran
Class of 2019
The best part about Wayne Law

for me was some of the professors
and the other progressive-minded
students who are now my colleagues
in the struggle. Internships and
clinics were also very important.
That’s where I met a lot of my
mentors and actually how I was
first able to work at Legal Aid and
Defender of Detroit and eventually
found the Sugar Law Center.”

— Tony Paris ’07
Lead Attorney, Sugar Law Center
for Economic and Social Justice,
Detroit

At Wayne Law, I had the advantage
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— Hon. Debra Nance ’99
Judge, 46th District Court,
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Here’s a sampling of our highly accomplished
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Wayne Law prepared them for their legal careers.

Visit law.wayne.edu/alumni to learn more about
our alumni community.

Alumni network

They say you’re only as good as the company you
keep. As a graduate of Wayne Law, you’ll be in great
company. Specifically, you’ll join a vast alumni network
made up of prominent judges, justices, law firm
partners, government officials, law school deans and
past presidents of the State Bar of Michigan — just to
name a few. Our more than 11,000 living alumni are
leaders in the legal community and work in a variety
of settings in every state of the nation and more than
dozens foreign countries.

Wayne Law alumni have a great deal of pride in their
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— Dr. Ernest Chihood’86
Lawyer, Physician in metro Detroit and
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Funding your education

Scholarships

Scholarships for incoming students

In addition to having the lowest tuition of any law school in the state, Wayne Law offers generous scholarships to incoming students, last year awarding more than $7 million.

A wide range of scholarships is available, including those that offer up to full tuition.

When you submit your admission application, you’re automatically considered for Wayne Law’s scholarship program. No separate application form is required for these scholarships.

Scholarships for continuing students

Wayne Law offers limited scholarship opportunities for continuing students. For more information about these scholarships, visit law.wayne.edu/scholarships or call the scholarship office at 313-577-3996.

Financial aid

Wayne Law students who want to be considered for financial aid must complete the FAFSA every year at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA becomes available Oct. 1 for the following academic year. Federal government rules require the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal student loans and the federal work-study program.

When you file the FAFSA, be sure to list the WSU federal code, 002329, in the school release section so that your information is electronically transmitted to the Wayne State University Office of Student Financial Aid. You don’t need to wait to file the FAFSA until you know the decision on admission, and parent information is not required for J.D. or LL.M. students.

Visit law.financialaid.wayne.edu for more information about financial aid programs and resources.

The evening program at Wayne Law has allowed me to pursue an affordable, high-quality legal education while I continue to work full time. The professors and staff understand that most evening students have significant commitments outside of law school. When outside obligations have conflicted with classes, my professors were more than willing to work with me to resolve the issue. This has made attending law school a very positive and enjoyable experience.”

— Hyunjin “Gene” Cho
Class of 2019
**Admission information**

The following information is intended to help answer any questions you may have about applying to Wayne Law. However, the best way to learn about the Law School is by scheduling a visit to campus. To do so, email us at lawinfo@wayne.edu or call 313-577-3937.

**Admission requirements**

The Law School has no requirements with respect to the content of an applicant’s undergraduate education, but the Admissions Committee will take into account the nature of college work completed as well as the grades achieved. Proficiency in English language, both written and oral, and in analytical skills are essential to the successful study of law.

**Instructions to apply for admission to the J.D. program**

**First-year applicants**

We accept applications for admission starting Oct. 1. To receive priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, all application materials for first-year admission must be received in the Admissions office by March 15. The applicant’s file will be considered complete when the admissions office has received all of the following:

- The free Law School online application with an electronic signature, accessible at [law.wayne.edu/apply](http://law.wayne.edu/apply).
- The JD-CAS report, which will include the applicant’s LSAT score(s) and copies of transcripts from U.S. undergraduate universities and colleges the applicant has attended. The applicant must direct each U.S. undergraduate institution attended to send a transcript to JD-CAS. Applicants educated outside the U.S., its territories or Canada must make use of a credential evaluation service. We prefer use of the JD-CAS, but we also will accept evaluations from organizations that are members of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators.
- A personal statement, written by an applicant using their own words, conveying information not in the application that the applicant feels the Admissions Committee would find helpful in assessing the candidate.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals such as college professors or others who can comment on the applicant’s intellectual abilities and academic performance. An employer may submit recommendation letters for applicants who have been out of school for a number of years. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to LSAC Law Services. It is strongly encouraged that at least one letter be academic in nature.
- A resume detailing your education, work history and community service — written in reverse chronological order — is required.

**Admission policy**

At Wayne Law, we use a holistic approach in evaluating applicants. Every application is thoroughly read by an admissions professional and members of the Faculty Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee considers positively the following factors in reaching admissions decisions:

1. An applicant’s academic achievement and potential, as shown by their LSAT score and grade point average.
2. An applicant’s demonstrated capacity to overcome or persevere against:
   - (a) socioeconomic disadvantage, whether the applicant would be the first generation of their family to attend or graduate from college or a professional program and whether they were employed or raising a family while attending school.
   - (b) substantial obstacles such as family or personal adversity, attendance at a priority school (elementary, middle or high school), and prejudice or discrimination.
3. Any special circumstances suggesting that the applicant’s LSAT score or academic record doesn’t accurately reflect their current academic potential, such as the age of the applicant’s GPA, a marked improvement in grades shown in the later years of college, or other special circumstances the candidate conveys in their personal statement or elsewhere in the application.
4. Other factors that foster a diverse and engaged law school environment, such as geographic residence (including in the city of Detroit), work and volunteer experience, leadership qualities, commitment to community and public service, communication skills, multilingual proficiency, and experience of life in a foreign country or on a Native American tribal reservation.

The admissions policy may be read in its entirety at [law.wayne.edu/apply](http://law.wayne.edu/apply). Applicants are encouraged to discuss any or all of these factors in their personal statements.

**Reduced program**

The first-year day program curriculum is mandatory, but, under special circumstances including child care responsibilities, significant health care concerns or as part of an ADA accommodation, students may be permitted to take a slightly reduced course load. The applicant must submit a written request prior to registration to the assistant dean of admissions setting forth the personal circumstance justifying the request for admission as a reduced-load student.

**Reconsideration**

An applicant may request reconsideration of an adverse admissions decision by writing a letter to the assistant dean of admissions stating specific reason(s) why reconsideration is merited. The application then will be reconsidered by the Admissions Committee. Applicants who have successfully petitioned for reconsideration are those who have submitted updated information such as new test scores or additional grades.

**Transfer applicants**

A transfer applicant must have completed all of the first-year day or evening courses required by their ABA-accredited law school. Transfer students are admitted to the fall term only.

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**Apply online at law.wayne.edu/apply**

**2018-19 TUITION AND FEES PER CREDIT HOUR**

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* Other fees, such as the registration fee, also apply. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by action of the WSU Board of Governors.

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**Telephone:** 313-577-3422  **Fax:** 313-577-5765  **Email:** [lawinfo@wayne.edu](mailto:lawinfo@wayne.edu)

2019 ADMISSIONS BULLETIN
Residency classification

Students who wish to appeal a non-resident classification may obtain the current rules and regulations regarding the residency policy at wayne.edu/tuition/in-state.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Ohio/Ontario Good Neighbor Policy

Law School students who are residents of Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa and Williams counties in Ohio and the province of Ontario, Canada, pay resident tuition.

Tentative Law School calendar

Academic year 2019-20

**Fall term 2019**

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<td>Monday, Aug. 19 to Saturday, Aug. 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orientation and Legal Writing Program begins</td>
<td>Monday, Aug. 19</td>
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<td>Law classes begin for all law students</td>
<td>Monday, Aug. 26</td>
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<td>Late registration for fall term 2019</td>
<td>Wednesday, Aug. 28 to Saturday, Aug. 31</td>
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<td>Labor Day recess</td>
<td>Monday, Sept. 2</td>
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<td>Last day to add/drop courses for tuition refund</td>
<td>Monday, Sept. 9</td>
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<td>Instructor approval required to withdraw from classes beginning this date</td>
<td>Tuesday, Sept. 10</td>
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<td>Last day for filing degree application for December 2019 graduation</td>
<td>Friday, Sept. 27</td>
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<td>Deadline to file Election of Pass-No Credit Grading forms</td>
<td>Monday, Oct. 7</td>
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<td>Deadline to file Upperclass Writing Requirement Certificate A forms</td>
<td>Monday, Oct. 21</td>
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<td>Priority registration for winter term 2020</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov. 6 (tentative) to Saturday, Dec. 28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classes end</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov. 27</td>
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<tr>
<td>Review and reading period</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov. 28 to Wednesday, Dec. 4</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving recess</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov. 28 to Saturday, Nov. 30</td>
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<td>Law School examination period</td>
<td>Thursday, Dec. 5 to Wednesday, Dec. 11</td>
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<td>Holiday recess</td>
<td>Wednesday, Dec. 18 to Wednesday, Jan. 1</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Jan. 7</td>
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<td>Upperclass Writing Requirement Certificate B forms due by this date</td>
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**Winter term 2020**

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<td>Saturday, Jan. 18</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – university holiday</td>
<td>Monday, Jan. 20</td>
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<td>Last day for filing degree application for May 2020 graduation</td>
<td>Friday, Feb. 7</td>
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<td>Deadline to file Election of Pass-No Credit Grading forms</td>
<td>Friday, Feb. 21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deadline to file Upperclass Writing Requirement Certificate A forms</td>
<td>Monday, Feb. 17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Priority registration for spring/summer term 2020</td>
<td>To be determined to Saturday, Aug. 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classes begin</td>
<td>Monday, March 16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Priority registration for fall term 2020</td>
<td>To be determined to Saturday, Aug. 17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Law School and university spring recess</td>
<td>Monday, March 9 to Saturday, March 14</td>
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<td>Classes resume</td>
<td>Monday, March 16</td>
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<td>Law School examination period</td>
<td>Thursday, April 23 to Wednesday, May 8</td>
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<td>Open registration for spring/summer term 2020</td>
<td>Monday, May 4 to Saturday, May 16</td>
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<td>Law School term ends</td>
<td>Wednesday, May 6</td>
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<td>Open registration for spring/summer term 2020</td>
<td>Monday, May 4 to Saturday, May 16</td>
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<td>Classes begin</td>
<td>Monday, May 18</td>
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<td>Late registration for summer term 2020</td>
<td>Monday, May 18 to Friday, June 20</td>
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<td>Last day to add 6 ½ week and 10 week courses and last day to drop 6 ½ week courses and receive tuition cancellation</td>
<td>Friday, June 25</td>
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<td>Memorial Day</td>
<td>Monday, May 25</td>
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<td>Day scheduled as Monday*</td>
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<td>Last day for filing degree application for August 2020 graduation</td>
<td>Friday, June 5</td>
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<td>Classes end**</td>
<td>Wednesday, July 1</td>
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<td>Independence Day recess</td>
<td>Friday, July 3</td>
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*To make up for class days lost because of the observance of holidays, substitute class days are scheduled.

**Classes meeting Monday/Wednesday/Thursday and Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday will end July 1. All other classes will end June 30.

Wayne student applicants for the summer term

A student from another ABA-accredited law school may take one or two summer courses at Wayne Law provided the student is in good standing and receives permission from their “home” law school. Application should be made by submitting the Law School summer guest application form. The application deadline is May 15 for the summer term.

LL.M. applicants

To apply to any of our four LL.M. programs, complete an online application at wayne.edu/llmapply. An overview can be found by visiting law.wayne.edu/llm. Information about tuition, scholarships and financial aid can be found at law.financialaid.wayne.edu.

Specific questions should be addressed to llmprogram@wayne.edu or 313-577-3437.

LSAT

If you haven’t already taken the LSAT, please be sure to do so. For more information about LSAT dates, deadlines and preparation, visit the Law School Admissions Council at lsac.org or contact the Wayne Law Admissions Office at lawinquire@wayne.edu or 313-577-3937.

Official LSAT Prep – Personalized and 100% free.

Build the skills and confidence to succeed on test day. khanacademy.org/prep/lsat
Law School Directory

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