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“At the Law School, we equip students with tools to make an impact wherever they go. From our clinics to the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights and Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, they have the opportunity to contribute locally, nationally and globally — all before graduation.”

— Richard A. Bierschbach  
Dean and John W. Reed Professor of Law





# Leading the way

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At Wayne State University Law School, we're as committed to what the law means for an individual or business as we are to what it means for a nation. Our graduates have gone on to become leaders in the courtroom and on the bench, in top law firms, in corporate C-suites, and with small businesses and nonprofits.

With roots that run deep in the history of the civil rights movement and as a hub for modern commerce, our Detroit location makes a strong impact on future jurists, no matter what areas of law they pursue. Students choose Wayne Law because we empower them with the skills to do anything — and the spirit to do the right thing.

## Admission inquiries

All inquiries regarding admission to Wayne State University Law School should be directed to:

Admissions Office  
471 W. Palmer Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: 313-577-3937  
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### Affordability

Wayne Law has been a **Best Value Law School** 10 years in a row and has the lowest tuition in Michigan.



### Global reach

Our network of **12,250+** alumni live and work in every major market in the United States and in **18** countries.



### Beyond the classroom

**Seven client clinics** and a robust externship program provide students with the practical experience needed to obtain meaningful employment upon graduation.



# Urban learning at Wayne Law

The Law School uses an innovative approach to train the next generation of lawyers, advocates and leaders. Our acclaimed programs allow future jurists to tailor their studies for various types of law. Wayne Law's civil rights, business and international programs set us apart as a community of advocates dedicated to exemplifying the ideal of justice for all.

Living and learning in Detroit also leaves a lasting impression on Wayne Law students. What's more, our instruction goes well beyond the classroom to offer real-world experiences and co-curricular activities such as Mock Trial and Moot Court.

Our students have direct access to opportunities at state and federal courts, government offices, multinational corporations, unions, and top law firms. Major corporate headquarters, world-class hospitals and some of the nation's fastest-growing businesses are within walking distance or a QLine ride from Wayne Law.

## DEGREE PROGRAMS

### J.D.

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 flexible part-time evening program.

### LL.M.

Lawyers who have already 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.

### Dual degree

In conjunction with other colleges of the university, the Law School offers dual degree programs that allow students to earn both a J.D. and a master's in various disciplines.

### Joint J.D./LL.M.

The joint J.D./LL.M. 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. (in three years) and an LL.M. (in one year).

### J.D.

Choose from one of our three J.D. programs:

- **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)

*Any required courses not completed in the first year must be taken in the evening during the second year.*

### LL.M.

The LL.M. program includes majors in corporate and finance law, labor and employment law, and taxation for domestic and international students seeking specialized legal knowledge and skills in those areas. It also provides a U.S. law major to 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 within 15 to 18 months, while part-time students generally require two or more years. LL.M. students majoring in corporate and finance law, labor and employment law, 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.

To learn more and apply to any of our LL.M. programs, visit [law.wayne.edu/llm](http://law.wayne.edu/llm).

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

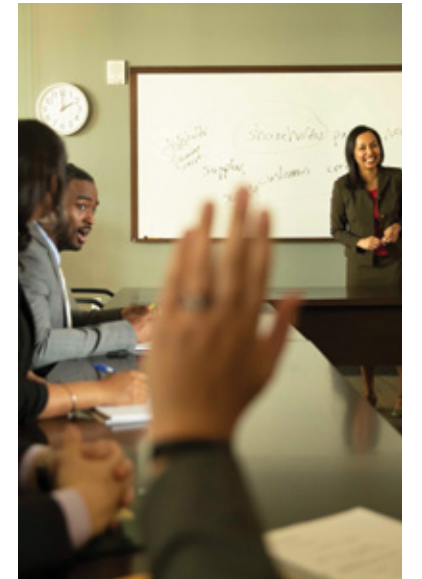


### Joint J.D./LL.M.

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. 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., a joint degree student should be able to complete the requirements for the LL.M. with only one additional semester of full-time study, although a student may extend that to complete the required LL.M. master's thesis or if the student decides to complete the remaining requirements on a part-time basis.

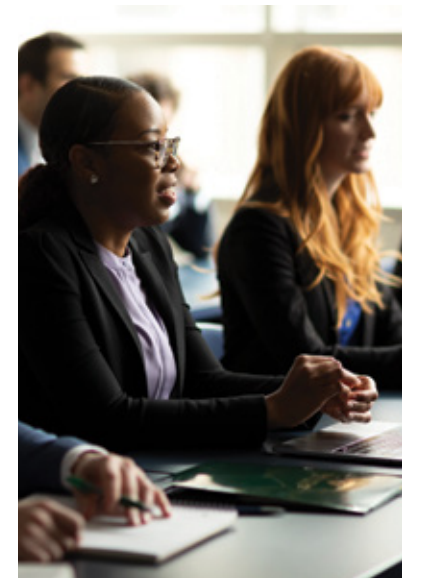


### Dual degree

Wayne Law students also have the option to earn a concurrent master's degree. Opportunities include:

- Business administration (M.B.A.)
- Criminal justice (M.S.) (In moratorium)
- Economics (M.A.)
- History (M.A.)
- Political science (M.A.)

For more information about dual degree programs, visit [law.wayne.edu/concurrent](http://law.wayne.edu/concurrent).






# The city is our campus



There's no place on earth like Detroit. And there's no campus on earth like Wayne State. We're located in Midtown, the city center and one of the country's fastest-growing neighborhoods. On campus, you'll find 200 acres of green space, walking paths and state-of-the-art facilities surrounded by renowned cultural institutions and industry-leading employers.

Every day, Wayne Law students and faculty participate in the reinvention of a great American city as they make the most of all that Detroit has to offer. At a time of transformative growth, there's never been more momentum on campus and in the city.

Our campus is one of the safest in the Midwest, and our safety measures have been lauded in local and national media. The Wayne State University Police Department – a fully commissioned force – patrols campus and the surrounding neighborhoods 24/7.



"I chose **Wayne Law** for its incredible scholarship opportunities and because I wanted to be somewhere that felt like home. I was also drawn to the school by the excellent reputation of its faculty, clinics, and alumni network."

Ryane Brown '24



## Our neighborhood

- Over 15,000 Midtown residents
- More than 2.3 million people work in Detroit
- Over 2.5 million annual visitors
- Ranked among nation's best places to live by *U.S. News & World Report*



## Our law school

- 105 students in our clinics worked for 16,077 hours in 2023-24
- Our Student Voluntary Pro Bono Program has contributed more than 13,000 hours of pro bono legal services in Detroit and beyond



# Beyond the classroom



At Wayne Law, we believe that substantive knowledge combined with real-world experience creates the best foundation for a successful and meaningful legal career.

That's why we are dedicated to offering students a robust experiential education.

We provide a number of hands-on opportunities to bridge the gap between the study of law and the practice of law. Through our experiential learning requirement, every student engages in at least one externship or clinic, gaining valuable real-world experience.

## Experiential learning

### Clinics

Today's employers are looking for candidates who excel in both legal theory and practice. More and more, they want to hire graduates who have already worked for legal practitioners on actual cases and have experienced firsthand the inner workings of the legal system.

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 clinics, student attorneys gain valuable litigation, transactional and problem-solving skills by representing individual or organizational clients.

#### Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic

Students work with indigent clients who are challenging their felony convictions or sentences in state or federal court, in cooperation with the State Appellate Defender Office.

#### Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic

Offers free legal services to Michigan residents seeking immigration relief and works alongside community organizations and partners that promote immigrant rights and social inclusion for noncitizens.

#### Business and Community Law Clinic

Offers free transactional legal services to qualifying small businesses, nonprofits, social enterprises and cooperatives in Metropolitan Detroit that aspire to create social impact and increase equity.

#### Community Advocacy Clinic

In collaboration with different community groups, coalitions or public interest legal organizations each semester students strategize and pursue non-litigation strategies to address pressing legal issues. In Fall 2023 students collaborated with the civilian oversight board for the Detroit Police Department to research current policing practices and related issues relevant to Detroit. In Winter 2024 students worked with local community members to research and present on how the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act can support the work of community members.

#### Disability Law Clinic

Addresses the unique legal needs of metro Detroit residents with disabilities, helping them obtain the support, services and accommodations they need to live independent and productive lives in the community.

#### Immigration Appellate Advocacy Clinic

This clinic allows students to represent an immigrant before the Board of Immigration Appeals and file an appellate brief with the Board, honing advanced legal research, writing and lawyering skills.

#### Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic

A medical-legal partnership between the Law School and Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute that offers students training on real-life legal issues while providing an invaluable service to low-income cancer patients receiving treatment at the Institute.

### Experiential Learning

#### Warrior Housing Corps

The Warrior Housing Corps is an innovative approach to engaging students in addressing the housing crisis that extends across America. Students engage in direct representation of Detroit community members facing eviction. Students are also part of a learning community that seeks to engage in dialogue about housing in Detroit and develop advocacy strategies to address housing issues.



Wayne Law's Business and Community Law Clinic students formed interdisciplinary teams with students from the School of Social Work and Mike Ilitch School of Business to advocate for economic and social justice for clients in Detroit.

### Externships

Externships offer firsthand, in-the-field experience, supporting the work of attorney supervisors and judges. A classroom component taught by an expert in the field includes reflective exercises and discussions with student colleagues, providing each extern with rich, real-world exposure to various legal careers. Wayne Law's externship offerings are as varied as they are robust, including everything from judicial externships in federal courts to providing holistic services alongside social work counterparts to work in corporate counsel offices.

#### Corporate Counsel Externship

Develop the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as a commercial or business lawyer by being placed in the corporate counsel office of for-profit and nonprofit businesses in and around Detroit.

#### Holistic Defense Externship

Engage in a unique interdisciplinary partnership with the School of Social Work in which J.D. and M.S.W. students are trained and work collaboratively at holistic defense organizations, addressing clients' legal and social support needs.

#### Judicial Externship

Work in judicial chambers and learn about the roles and responsibilities of judges and judicial clerks, judicial decision-making, and effective advocacy.

#### Public Service Externship

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of public service attorneys, and strategic and ethical issues in public interest law.

### Co-curricular programs

Wayne Law students gain an edge through a number of co-curricular programs designed to sharpen minds and heighten capabilities:

- Jaffe Transactional Law Competition
- Jessup International Law Moot Court
- *Journal of Business Law*
- *The Journal of Law in Society*
- Mock Trial
- Moot Court
- *Wayne Law Review*

### Professional skills and simulation courses

Professional skills and 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 professors as well as experienced practitioners.

### NFL Contract Negotiation Competition

The Wayne Law National Football League Contract Negotiation Competition is an exciting opportunity for all students – including 1Ls – to exercise their skills in the context of an NFL contract negotiation. Students represent either an NFL player or an NFL team and work to agree on a contract for their client. Practicing attorneys serve as judges and provide feedback to help students improve their lawyering skills. The competition is entering its seventh year in fall 2024.





## Program for International Legal Studies

The Program for International Legal Studies offers students the opportunity to explore international law through classes, summer internships abroad and co-curricular activities. 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 range of global topics.

### Summer programs

#### International Public Interest Law Fellowship

These fully funded internships allow students to travel abroad and work for government agencies and nongovernmental organizations during the summer.

#### Tata Motors internship

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

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.

Wayne Law's Jessup International Law Moot Court team has won the Midwest regional five times over the last nine years. In 2018, it placed among the top 16 schools globally, and in 2021, it finished in the top 50 schools in the world.

#### 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.

#### Hogan Lovells internship in Mexico City

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



Wayne Law Student TK Khan ('24) (4th from left) made a significant impact during his summer 2024 internship with Jamaicans for Justice in Kingston, Jamaica.



Blythe Collins ('24) explores the grandeur of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, while attending the Hague Academy of International Law as a Freeman Fellow.



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

### 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:

- University of Maribor in Slovenia
- National Taiwan University in Taipei
- Maastricht University in the Netherlands



# Centers and research

We are home to the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights and the Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy at Wayne Law. These acclaimed institutions are embedded in the fabric of the Law School, further cementing our commitment to advocacy and legal governance while inspiring the next generation of lawyers, legislators and leaders. Those same principles are grounded in the classroom with our internationally sought faculty. These top legal minds bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their curriculum, empowering students to reach new heights.



DAMON J. KEITH  
CENTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS



## Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights



The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law honors the life and legacy of Judge 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. The center is also home to the Damon J. Keith Collection of African American Legal History.

### Detroit Equity Action Lab

Nearly \$6 million in funding has been awarded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Ford Foundation for the Detroit Equity Action Lab (DEAL), an initiative of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. The DEAL promotes equity and justice by bringing together a multiracial, intergenerational group of leaders and innovators working in the many dimensions of racial equity in the greater Detroit area.

The DEAL develops leaders who work to end structural racism. It equips leaders with tools to disrupt racism and create equitable alternatives in policies, institutions and culture throughout Detroit.

The DEAL strives for racial equity, which centers the humanity and dignity of all people, especially Black, Indigenous and people of color. It begins with acknowledging those historically and systemically harmed by a racial hierarchy that perpetuates white supremacy and anti-Blackness. Racial equity demands that our communities have the power to replace racist policies, institutions and culture with a collective commitment toward co-liberation.

The program focuses on racial equity from a personal to structural lens. It believes that the transformation of movements is dependent on the transformation of the people in them. The DEAL recognizes that co-liberation toward racial equity is as much about personal journeys as it is about addressing oppressive systems. With that understanding, the program encourages fellows to find and connect to anti-racism movement ancestors as a means of personal and movement transformation.

The DEAL has mobilized more than eight cohorts and reached more than 200 individuals and 150 organizations.

Learn more at [law.wayne.edu/keithcenter](http://law.wayne.edu/keithcenter).

“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  
Former Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

1922-2019

### Public interest and social justice law opportunities

- Broad range of public interest and social justice law courses, including Re-Imagining Development in Detroit: Institutions, Law and Society; Movement Lawyering; and Detroit Equity Action Lab: A Collaborative Study of Structural Racism
- Law clinics — Asylum and Immigration, Business and Community, Community Advocacy, Disability Law, Immigration Appellate Advocacy, and Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer
- Externships — Public Service and Holistic Defense
- 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

The Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy 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, research, and commentary, the center promotes an understanding of how effective legislative oversight can lead to significant and meaningful changes in public policy.



## Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy



In collaboration with The Lugar Center and the Project on Government Oversight, the Levin Center has trained congressional staff and clerks, as well as legislators and staff at the state level, on the art and practice of bipartisan oversight.

### Center programs

- Summer internship program (includes stipend) that places Wayne Law students on congressional oversight committees as legal clerks, where they are overseen by experienced attorneys and produce meaningful work for the committee's investigations.
- Regular paid Research Assistant opportunities for students to conduct research, write research reports, and support the Center's extensive programming.
- 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.

“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; Distinguished Legislator in Residence, Wayne Law

1934-2021



Learn more at [levin-center.org](http://levin-center.org).



# You belong here

We are proud to admit students who will excel academically, meet high standards of professional integrity and become dedicated members of the legal community, and we take seriously our role in empowering a diverse student body to thrive. As a Wayne Law student, you will be among dedicated faculty, staff and alumni who are there for each obstacle and every triumph.

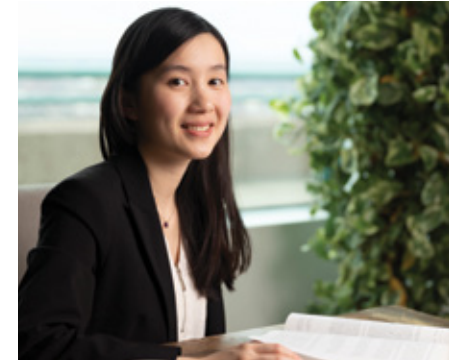
Take the next step and apply today.





Student life

At Wayne Law, we know that a healthy student culture requires support beyond the classroom. In addition to countless programs on hot-button issues, the Law School hosts workshops throughout the year and has a robust bar preparation and academic success program.



Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging

Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging are woven into Wayne State University's mission and strategic plan. We value all people and understand that their unique experiences, talents and perspectives make us a stronger organization and better individuals. We work every day to make this campus an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and feels a sense of community and belonging.

Snapshot: Student organizations

When it comes to peer support, we offer more than 30 student organizations that host social events, sponsor renowned speakers, volunteer in the community and collaborate on projects of public interest. Student organizations also play a vital role in Wayne Law's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. For a complete list of student organizations, visit [law.wayne.edu/students/organizations](http://law.wayne.edu/students/organizations).

Black Law Students Association

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) articulates and upholds the needs and goals of Black law students and effectuates change in the legal community.

Wayne OutLaw

Wayne OutLaw is dedicated to advancing justice in and through the legal profession for the LGBTQIA+ community in all its diversity.

Non-Traditional and Parent Law Student Association

The Non-Traditional and Parent Law Student Association's purpose is to support students who have taken a non-traditional path to law school and/or are juggling the incredible loads of both law school and parenting through professional mentorship.

Women's Law Caucus

The Women's Law Caucus offers a venue for networking, professional development and mentorship to women in the Wayne Law community through social and philanthropic activities.

Criminal Law Society

As advocates for a sense of public justice, the Criminal Law Society promotes student interest in all things criminal law.

Wayne Law Diversity Coalition

This coalition connects Wayne Law's multicultural and ally organizations in their unified mission to support law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds and promote diversity in both the Law School and the legal field.

Wayne Intellectual Property Student Association

The Intellectual Property Student Association brings together a community of law students and professional lawyers who share an interest in intellectual property for career advice and networking events.

Wayne Law Hockey

A co-ed ice hockey team that includes current Wayne Law students and alumni, and other WSU affiliates who enjoy staying active and engaging in friendly competition outside of the classroom.

Exceptional employment success

Wayne Law's Office of Career Success works with students from day one helping them to prepare for a successful career. Each year, Wayne Law offers a prestigious on-campus interview program, hosts a public interest fair, and connects students directly with prominent law firms, public interest organizations, government, business and industry, and judicial employers – all of which help students achieve their career goals. In fact, Wayne Law's postgraduate employment rate was an impressive 93% for the Class of 2023.\*

Individualized student assistance

Each student's career journey is unique. To ensure that students find their career path, students are assigned a career advisor from the moment they enroll as a student, with advisors remaining on hand to review application materials, conduct mock interviews, send targeted job postings, or simply offer advice about the legal profession. At the same time, Wayne Law offers programming designed to foster student career success, ensuring that by the time they graduate, they have the tools to succeed.

Commitment to bar success

Wayne Law is at the forefront in offering exceptional bar preparation resources as part of our commitment to students' success on the bar examination. Wayne Law has partnered with JD Advising to provide students with an exceptional, full-scale, comprehensive bar preparation program designed to bolster students' success on the bar examination at no cost to students. This program offers an individualized approach and is part of Wayne Law's full, integrated institutional bar preparation program.



A powerful network

Around the world, our graduates are leaders in the courtroom and on the bench, in top law firms, in corporate C-suites, and with small businesses and nonprofits. Our network is more than 12,250 strong, with alumni living and working in every major market in the United States and in 18 countries. You'll find support no matter where you go or what area of law you pursue.



\*Analysis based on the number of graduates working in full-time, long-term jobs for which bar admission is required or a JD is an advantage divided by the total number of graduates. For more information see [law.wayne.edu/aba](http://law.wayne.edu/aba).



### Take the next step

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 or a phone call with an admissions counselor. To do so, please email [lawinquire@wayne.edu](mailto:lawinquire@wayne.edu) or call **313-577-3937**.

Want to really experience Wayne Law? Tours can be scheduled by emailing [lawinquire@wayne.edu](mailto:lawinquire@wayne.edu). If you'd prefer to visit solo, visit [go.wayne.edu/virtual-tour-law](http://go.wayne.edu/virtual-tour-law).

## Applying

### First-year applicants

We accept applications for admission starting Sept. 15. 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 once the Admissions office has received all of the following:

- The free Law School online application with an electronic signature, which is accessible at [law.wayne.edu/apply](http://law.wayne.edu/apply).
- A personal statement that enables the admissions committee to gain a better sense of who the applicant is and what they will bring to Wayne Law.
- A résumé detailing the applicant's education, work history and community service — written in reverse chronological order — is required.
- The JD-CAS report, which will include the applicant's LSAT score(s), if applicable, 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 LSAC. Applicants educated outside of the United States, its territories or Canada must make use of a credential evaluation service. We prefer use of the JD-CAS, but we will also accept evaluations from organizations that are members of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or the Association of International Credential Evaluators.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can comment on the applicant's intellectual abilities and academic performance. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to LSAC Law Services. An academic letter of recommendation is required from a college professor who taught at least one of your classes for any applicant who graduated from their undergraduate institution in 2022 or later. An employer may submit recommendation letters for applicants who graduated in 2020 or earlier.

To learn more or apply to one of our LL.M. programs, visit [law.wayne.edu/llm](http://law.wayne.edu/llm).

### 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 is essential to the successful study of law.

### 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 admission decisions:

1. An applicant's academic achievement and potential, as shown by their standardized test score and undergraduate GPA.
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, 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 statement.

### 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.

For transfer/guest applicants, visit [law.wayne.edu/apply](http://law.wayne.edu/apply) or call the Admissions office at **313-577-3937**.

### LSAT/GRE

If you haven't taken the LSAT or GRE, please be sure to do so.

For more information about LSAT dates, deadlines and preparation, visit the Law School Admissions Council at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org).

For more information about the GRE and preparation, visit [ets.org](http://ets.org). Please have GRE scores sent to Wayne Law using school code 0185.

### 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.

### Deadlines:

**March 15**  
Priority scholarship

**Aug. 1**  
First-year J.D.

### Accreditation inquiries

American Bar Association  
Section of Legal Education  
and Admissions to the Bar  
321 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: **312-988-6738**  
Fax: **312-988-5681**  
[americanbar.org/legaled](http://americanbar.org/legaled)

For more information, please call **313-577-3937** or email [lawinquire@wayne.edu](mailto:lawinquire@wayne.edu).

Apply at [law.wayne.edu/apply](http://law.wayne.edu/apply).



2024-25  
tuition and fees  
per credit hour

Resident tuition: \$1,239.58

Non-resident tuition:  
\$1,359.87

Student service fee\*:  
\$64.07

*\*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.*

### Scholarships

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 \$8.4 million.

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

When you submit your admission application and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you're automatically considered for Wayne Law's scholarship program. No separate application form is required.

The Scholarships office can be reached at [313-577-3996](tel:313-577-3996) or [waynelawscholarship@wayne.edu](mailto:waynelawscholarship@wayne.edu).

### Financial aid

Wayne Law students who want to be considered for financial aid must complete the FAFSA every year at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

Starting on October 1, the Department will release the 2025-26 FAFSA form for testing with a limited set of students and institutions. The Department will make the application available to all students on or before December 1. 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.





## Upperclass J.D./LL.M. courses and seminars

Wayne Law offers a wide range of courses that prepare graduates for an evolving legal environment. Our faculty's extensive knowledge and experience allow the Law School the flexibility to adapt courses and programming to shifting legal trends. From health law, public interest law and international law to corporate law, environmental law and more, you'll find what you're looking for at Wayne Law.

Visit [law.wayne.edu/courses](http://law.wayne.edu/courses) for more information about our diverse programs and specializations.

## Upper-level elective courses

### Business law

Accounting for Lawyers  
 Advanced Legal Writing: Legal Drafting  
 Advanced Sales and Leases under the UCC  
 Antitrust  
 Antitrust and Trade Regulations: Current Issues  
 Automotive Law  
 Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights  
 Business and Community Law Clinic  
 Business and Community Law Clinic (Advanced)  
 Business Planning  
 Contract Drafting  
 Corporate Counsel Externship: Colloquium  
 Corporate Counsel Externship: Practicum  
 Corporate Finance  
 Corporations  
 Developing the Commercial Real Estate Project  
 Food and Drug Law  
 International and Comparative Business Law: Doing Business in China  
 International Business Transactions  
 International Trade Law  
 Mergers and Acquisitions  
 Real Estate Financing  
 Secured Transactions  
 Securities Litigation  
 Securities Regulation  
 Transactional Law Competition

### Clinics and externships

Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic  
 Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic  
 Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic (Advanced)  
 Business and Community Law Clinic  
 Business and Community Law Clinic (Advanced)  
 Community Advocacy Clinic  
 Corporate Counsel Externship: Colloquium  
 Corporate Counsel Externship: Practicum  
 Disability Law Clinic  
 Disability Law (Advanced)  
 Holistic Defense Externship: Practicum  
 Holistic Defense Externship: Colloquium  
 Immigration Appellate Advocacy Clinic  
 Judicial Externship: Colloquium  
 Judicial Externship: Practicum  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic (Advanced)

Public Service Externship: Colloquium  
 Public Service Externship: Practicum

### Constitutional law and government

Access to Justice  
 Administrative Law  
 American Indian Law  
 Citizenship  
 Constitutional Law II  
 Constitutional Litigation  
 Education Law  
 Firearms Law and the Second Amendment  
 Immigration and Nationality Law  
 Law, Authority and Resistance  
 Law of Elections and Political Organizations  
 Law of the First Amendment: Freedom of Speech  
 Legal Change  
 Legislation  
 Local Government Law  
 National Security Law  
 Religious Liberty in the United States  
 State Constitutionalism  
 The Regulatory State  
 United States Foreign Relations Law

### Consumer and personal injury law

Advanced Torts  
 Automotive Law  
 Consumer Law  
 Food and Drug Law  
 Insurance Law  
 No-Fault Insurance Law

### Criminal law and procedure

Advanced Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure  
 Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic  
 Criminal Pretrial Advocacy  
 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication  
 Criminal Procedure: Investigation  
 Public Service Externship: Colloquium

Public Service Externship: Practicum

### Environmental law

Energy Law  
 Environmental Law  
 Water Law

### Family law and estates

Child Abuse and Neglect  
 Child, Family and State  
 Elder Law  
 Estate, Gift and Inheritance Taxation  
 Family Law  
 Juvenile Delinquency  
 Law and Literature  
 Sex, Sexuality and the Law in Contemporary U.S.A.  
 Trusts and Decedents' Estates

### Health law

Bioethics and the Law  
 Disability Law  
 Health Care Organizations and Finance  
 Health Care Quality, Licensing and Liability  
 Health Law: Advanced Topics  
 International Organizations and Public Health  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic (Advanced)  
 Public Health Law

### Intellectual property law and technology law

Copyright Law  
 Introduction to Contemporary Patent Law  
 Introduction to Intellectual Property  
 Law in Cyberspace  
 Patent Enforcement  
 Patent Law  
 Trademarks and Unfair Competition

### Interdisciplinary legal studies and legal theory

Access to Justice  
 Asian Pacific American History and the Law: Perspectives on APA Civil Rights and Civil Wrongs  
 Bioethics and the Law  
 Detroit Equity Action Lab: A Collaborative Study of Structural Racism  
 Jurisprudence  
 Law and Economics  
 Law and Literature  
 Law, Authority and Resistance  
 Public Health Law  
 Race and the Law  
 Race and the Law: Advanced Topics  
 Reimagining Development in Detroit: Institutions, Law and Society  
 The Regulatory State

### International and comparative law

Conflict of Laws  
 International and Comparative Business Law: Doing Business in China  
 International Business Transactions  
 International Commercial Arbitration  
 International Finance: Transactions, Regulation and Policy  
 International Law  
 International Legal Research  
 International Litigation  
 International Prosecution of State Actors  
 International Protection of Human Rights  
 International Trade Law  
 International Women's Human Rights  
 Islamic Law  
 Law, Authority and Resistance  
 Law of Armed Conflict

### Labor and employment law

Advanced Topics in Work Law  
 Employee Benefits Law  
 Employment Discrimination  
 Employment Law  
 Labor Law  
 Labor Law in the Public Sector  
 National Labor Relations Act: Current Problems  
 Sports and Inequality  
 Sports and the Law  
 Workers' Compensation Law

### Litigation and alternative dispute resolution

Advanced Legal Writing: Appellate Advocacy  
 Advanced Torts  
 Alternative Dispute Resolution  
 Conflict of Laws  
 Criminal Pretrial Advocacy  
 Effective Oral Communication for Lawyers  
 Equitable Remedies  
 Ethics of the Lawyering Experience  
 Evidence  
 Federal Courts and the Federal System  
 International Commercial Arbitration  
 Interviewing and Counseling  
 Mock Trial  
 Mock Trial Workshop  
 Moot Court  
 Negotiation  
 Peacemaking in State Courts  
 Practicum in Dispute Resolution  
 Pretrial Advocacy  
 Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession  
 Trial Advocacy

### Property and real estate

Animal Law  
 Developing the Commercial Real Estate Project  
 Land Use  
 Real Estate Financing

Reimagining Development in Detroit: Institutions, Law and Society  
 Urban Housing and Community Development Seminar

### Public interest law

Access to Justice Seminar  
 Antitrust  
 Appeal and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic  
 Asian Pacific American History and the Law: Perspectives on APA Civil Rights and Civil Wrongs  
 Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic  
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Child Abuse and Neglect  
 Child, Family and State  
 Citizenship  
 Community Advocacy Clinic  
 Consumer Law  
 Criminal Pretrial Advocacy  
 Detroit Equity Action Lab: A Collaborative Study of Structural Racism  
 Education Law  
 Environmental Law  
 Ethics of the Lawyering Experience  
 International Protection of Human Rights  
 International Women's Human Rights  
 Judicial Externship: Colloquium  
 Judicial Externship: Practicum  
 Land Use  
 Law of Elections and Political Organizations  
 Law of the First Amendment: Freedom of Speech  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic  
 Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic (Advanced)  
 Legal Change  
 Legislation  
 Local Government Law  
 Movement Lawyering  
 Public Health Law  
 Public Service Externship: Colloquium  
 Public Service Externship: Practicum  
 Race and the Law  
 Race and the Law: Advanced Topics  
 Reimagining Development in Detroit: Institutions, Law and Society  
 State Constitutionalism  
 Teaching Law in High School  
 The Regulatory State  
 Urban Housing and Community Development  
 Water Law

### Tax law

Accounting for Lawyers  
 Business Planning  
 Consumption-Based Taxation

Employee Benefits Law  
 Estate, Gift and Inheritance Taxation  
 International Aspects of U.S. Taxation  
 State and Local Taxation  
 Taxation  
 Taxation of Corporations  
 Taxation of Corporations: Acquisitions and Restructuring  
 Taxation of Partnerships  
 Tax-Exempt Organizations

*Course offerings may vary from year to year. While many courses are offered in a rotation of a two- or three-year cycle, it cannot be guaranteed that all courses will be offered during a student's time at the Law School.*

## About this publication

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## **WE ARE ALL BORN TO SUCCEED.**

Sometimes all we have is the strength inside. The kind of strength that keeps you moving forward when you'd rather turn back. The strength to do the right thing when it's easier to do nothing at all. To do good and then ask, "How can I do better?" The strength to never settle for the way things are, but to strive for the way things ought to be. And know that to get where you want to go, you might have to make your own path. At Wayne State University Law School, we take that strength and make it stronger. Because being strong isn't strong enough. You need to be Warrior Strong.

## **WARRIOR STRONG**

