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AT A GLANCE

Fall 2011 Admitted Applicant Statistics

Applications	3,355
Class Size (estimated)	260
Median LSAT	163
25%/75% LSAT	160-166
25%/75% GPA	3.27-3.73
Median GPA	3.5
Average Age	25
Student/Faculty Ratio	10:1

2010 Graduates

Students Employed at Graduation	70%
Students Employed within 9 months	92%
Average Starting Salary	\$90,933
Median Starting Salary	\$67,500
TX Bar Pass Rate (July 2010)	90.39%

Estimated Cost of Attendance for 2011-2012 *

	FULL-TIME (30 hours)	PART-TIME (26 hours) **
TX Resident		
Tuition & Fees	\$28,130	\$26,418
Non-Resident		
Tuition & Fees	\$38,805	\$35,670

* Estimated expenses computed by financial aid officers for 2011-2012. Tuition for 2012-2013 will be set in Spring 2012. UHLC is committed to keeping tuition competitive with other urban public schools.

** Estimate for part-time program is based on three semesters of coursework, Fall, Spring and Summer.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Selecting among nearly 200 U.S. law schools is a daunting task, but most students already know precisely what they want: an opportunity to earn their J.D. from the best school they can afford. From that perspective, the University of Houston Law Center belongs on your list of preferred schools.

Our innovative curriculum is energized by faculty who are not only respected legal scholars, but also outstanding teachers. Only eight public law schools have three or more nationally recognized programs, and the Law Center holds that distinction with its health law, intellectual property and part-time programs.

In an era where the cost of graduate education has skyrocketed, our Law Center remains a school where you can earn a J.D. of distinction at a relatively modest cost—especially if you are a resident of Texas. I encourage you to study all the facts and “do the math.” I think you will reach a conclusion shared by our high-achieving students and alumni: the University of Houston Law Center is a great place to earn your law degree.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond Nimmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Raymond T. Nimmer

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HOUSTON



A photograph of the Houston skyline featuring a prominent green skyscraper (The Green Tower) and other high-rise buildings under a clear blue sky. An elevated highway structure is visible in the foreground.

A GREAT PLACE TO EARN YOUR LAW DEGREE

» Houston has all the amenities and advantages that you would expect from the fourth largest city in the United States, but there are many things you might not expect. For example, Houston has the lowest cost of living among the nation's 23 largest metropolitan areas – which helps students stretch their budgets during law school. Houston has been recognized as a great place to build a career, with BusinessWeek naming the city as its “Top City for New College Grads,” and Forbes.com citing Houston as “the best city for young professionals.”

Houston is more than a great place to earn a law degree – it's also a great city in which to pursue a legal career. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor & Statistics, the Houston region was the nation's No. 1 job creator between 2005 and 2010 – and a vibrant legal community serves an economy that offers unparalleled career opportunities in many practice areas. If you're looking for a top law school set in a perfect urban setting, you will find it at the University of Houston Law Center.

FACULTY

A recent national study of U.S. law schools conducted by the University of St. Thomas School of Law measured the “collective scholarship” of tenured faculty. The Law Center ranked No. 51 in this objective assessment of scholarly impact based on the number of law journal citations over the past five years. The bottom line for Law Center students is easy to define: at the Law Center, you have the chance to learn the law from true experts in their fields of study.

For more information about the professors of the Law Center, click to www.law.uh.edu/faculty.

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LAW CENTER COURSES

The University of Houston Law Center offers one of the largest course selections in the country. Access to broad and deep curriculum prepares students for almost any legal discipline and allows concentrations on specific areas. In their second and third years of study, J.D. students have only three course requirements—Professional Responsibility, a skills training or advocacy course, and fulfilling the senior writing requirement through either a seminar or participation on one of our student-run journals. Students may customize their remaining coursework with a range of recommended and elective courses, seminars, and clinical experiences.

BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LAW

- >> Antitrust
- >> Bankruptcy
- >> Business Organizations
- >> Mergers & Acquisitions
- >> Products Liability
- >> Sales & Leasing
- >> Secured Financing
- >> Securities Regulation
- >> Sports Law
- >> Texas Consumer Law

CONSTITUTIONAL & CRIMINAL LAW

- >> Civil Rights
- >> Criminal Procedure
- >> Death Penalty Law
- >> First Amendment
- >> Supreme Court Term
- >> White Collar Crime
- >> Women & the Law

EMPLOYMENT & LABOR LAW

- >> Employment Discrimination
- >> Employment Welfare & Benefit Plans
- >> Labor Law
- >> Workers' Compensation

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

- >> Clean Air Act
- >> Energy Law & Policy
- >> International Energy Transactions
- >> International Environmental Law
- >> Oil & Gas
- >> Public Land & Resource Management
- >> Toxic Torts
- >> Wildlife Law

FAMILY LAW

- >> Children's Rights
- >> Domestic Violence
- >> Family Law
- >> Juvenile Law
- >> Marital Property Rights

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

- >> Administrative Law
- >> Disabilities & the Law
- >> Election Law
- >> Higher Education Law

HEALTH LAW

- >> Biotechnology & the Law
- >> Food & Drug Law
- >> Fraud & Abuse
- >> Genetics & the Law
- >> Health Law I: Bioethics & Quality Care
- >> Health Law II: Access, Regulation & Enterprise Health Legislation
- >> HIV & the Law
- >> Medical Malpractice Litigation
- >> Public Health Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INFORMATION LAW

- >> Computer Law
- >> Copyright Law
- >> Entertainment Law
- >> Intellectual Property Survey
- >> Licensing & Technology Transfer
- >> Patent Prosecution
- >> Patent Remedies & Defense
- >> Trade Secrets
- >> Trademark & Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL LAW & ADMIRALTY

- >> Admiralty Law
- >> Comparative Law
- >> European Union Law
- >> Human Rights
- >> Immigration Law
- >> International Business Transactions
- >> International Trade
- >> Introduction to Chinese Law
- >> Jewish Law
- >> Latin American Comparative Law
- >> Law of International Organizations
- >> North American Free Trade Agreement
- >> U.S. Import Regulations

LAW & SOCIETY

- >> American Legal History Colloquium
- >> English Legal History
- >> Introduction to Jurisprudence
- >> Law & Economics
- >> Law & Literature
- >> Race Theory and the Law

LITIGATION, ADVOCACY AND RELATED COURSES

- >> Attorney Communication & Persuasion
- >> Appellate Advocacy
- >> Civil Trial Advocacy
- >> Criminal Trial Advocacy
- >> Conflicts of Law
- >> Legal Negotiations
- >> Pretrial Procedure
- >> Remedies
- >> Trial & Appellate Procedure



Our low student/faculty ratio of about 10:1 allows us to keep classes at a size where your professors will not only know your name, but also recognize the best way to help you grasp legal theory and its practical applications.

PRACTICE SKILLS TRAINING

- >> Advanced Legal Research
- >> Civil Clinic
- >> Consumer Law Clinic
- >> Criminal Clinic
- >> Environmental Clinic
- >> Externship Clinic
- >> Health Law Clinic
- >> Immigration Clinic
- >> Innocence Investigations
- >> Judicial Internship
- >> Juvenile Defense Clinic
- >> Mediation Clinic
- >> Transactional Clinic

PROCEDURE & PRACTICE

- >> Arbitration
- >> Federal Pretrial Procedure
- >> Mass Tort Litigation
- >> Personal & Professional Ethics
- >> Professional Responsibility
- >> Texas Civil Procedure

REAL PROPERTY, TRUSTS & ESTATES

- >> Construction Law
- >> Land Use & Finance
- >> Landlord & Tenant
- >> Modern Real Estate Transactions
- >> Trusts & Wills

TAXATION

- >> Corporate Tax
- >> Estate Planning
- >> Federal Income Tax
- >> International Tax
- >> Real Estate Tax
- >> State & Local Tax
- >> Tax Ethics
- >> Tax Fraud & Money Laundering
- >> Tax Policy

** These preceding courses represent only a partial listing, and not all courses are offered during every semester.*

Students may also augment their legal education by enrolling in select courses from other graduate departments at the University of Houston. Counseling on individual degree plans is available from the faculty and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

LAW CENTER COURSES



THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

The road to a successful career in law begins with the first-year curriculum. Our first-year curriculum combines a solid foundation in legal theory with practical elements such as an introduction to the interpretation of statutes and regulations. The 1L curriculum also provides substantial coverage of law practice skills and strategies in the context of litigation and transactional work. These significantly enhance the first-year experience.

The J.D. program at the Law Center includes 90 semester hours, with the first 31 devoted to core subjects in the first year of study. This core curriculum introduces students to the study of law and includes “traditional” first-year subjects. Law Center professors take a modern approach to their teaching and incorporate practical skills into classroom plans that reinforce the lessons of legal theory.

Full-time students are divided into three sections of about 70 students, and part-time students comprise a fourth section of about 60 students. The emphasis is on “collaboration” rather than competition, and these sections represent a core strength of the Law Center experience. In addition to serving as a support network to help students through the rigors of academic study, these sections typically foster friendships that extend far beyond graduation.



Our 1L curriculum includes an emphasis on practical lawyering skills.

FULL-TIME PROGRAM

First Year

Fall Semester	Hours
Contracts	4
Procedure I	4
Torts	4
Lawyering Skills and Strategies	3
Total	15

Spring Semester	Hours
Constitutional Law	4
Criminal Law	3
Property	4
Statutory Interpretation & Regulation	3
Lawyering Skills and Strategies	2
Total	16

Note: The order of classes is subject to change.

PART-TIME PROGRAM

First Year

Fall Semester	Hours
Property	4
Procedure I	4
Lawyering Skills and Strategies	3
Total	11

Spring Semester	Hours
Contracts	4
Torts	4
Lawyering Skills and Strategies	2
Total	10

Summer Semester	Hours
Criminal Law	3
Statutory Interpretation & Regulation	3
Total	6

Fall Semester	Hours
Constitutional Law	4
Electives	6
Total	10

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Eight “centers of excellence” distinguish the University of Houston Law Center, which is one of only eight public law schools with three or more “Top 10” programs. Each of these special programs add depth to our curriculum and create educational opportunities that other law schools simply cannot match.

INSTITUTE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INFORMATION LAW

Interested in intellectual property issues? The Law Center features one of the nation’s strongest IP programs, with courses taught by recognized leaders in the field. We are also home to the nationally ranked **Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law**, which coordinates study, research, and writing on patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and information law. Houston is one of the nation’s largest markets for the IPIL disciplines, and the Law Center’s strong presence in the region yields significant research opportunities for faculty and students alike. The Houston region is a hotbed for lawyers specializing in IPIL issues, and the Law Center’s **Intellectual Property Student Organization (IPSO)** frequently taps these practitioners for lectures and presentations in a variety of non-class settings for enrichment of the discourse and instruction in intellectual property and information law. These efforts also extend to leading practitioners in other locations. Each year, the IPIL Institute hosts a National Conference to develop, debate, and deploy commentary and policy proposals concerning intellectual property and information law. Topics for past conferences have included **Patents, Copyright, Trademark & Trade Secret, Information & E-commerce**, and **Cyber Law**. In 2011, the conference focused on “Trademark: Today and Tomorrow” by exploring current trends and future directions in an area of intellectual property law that holds increasing importance in a globalized economy.

HEALTH LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE

The Law Center offers one of the nation’s top programs in health law, and many of its courses are coordinated through the **Health Law & Policy Institute**. Established in 1978, the Institute has worked to advance the understanding of health law issues and to provide guidance for significant policy decisions affecting every element of health care. The Institute leads a twofold existence. On the Law Center campus, it directs curriculum, teaching, research, publications, and conference activities relating to health law and policy activities. Beyond the university, the Institute is known for its associations with academic and health institutions locally, across the United States, and around the world. An advisory board of **leading academicians, practitioners, elected officials, community leaders**, and **health care executives** assists in these collaborations. The Institute’s concentrations are as varied as the scope of topics in health care, one of the fastest growing areas of the economy. Topics of ongoing study include biotechnology, empirical assessments of health care laws, electronic medical records, human experimentation, food and drug law, genetics, managed care, patient safety and medical error, reproductive health, disability discrimination, hospital liability, health care finance, end-of-life issues, HIV, corporate transactions, and health care fraud and abuse. **Dr. William Winslade** directs the Institute with co-directors **Barbara Evans** and **Jessica Lind Mantel**.

CENTER FOR CONSUMER LAW

The Center for Consumer Law, under the direction of **Associate Dean Richard Alderman**, plays an influential role in the advancement and understanding of consumer law. In keeping with the Law Center's heritage of direct involvement with the Houston community, the **Center for Consumer Law** hosts two "People's Law School" sessions every year. The Houston Chronicle noted that it was "wildly impressed" with the free legal services available at these sessions, with half-day courses offered on everything from trusts and wills to family law and bankruptcy. To date, more than 100,000 people have attended the "**People's Law School**." Dean Alderman is recognized throughout the nation for his work as "The People's Lawyer," and he writes newspaper columns and appears on television to help explain the law. The special programs coordinated through the Center include a **Texas Consumer Complaint Center**, which has helped thousands of consumers. This outreach effort has grown substantially since it was established in 2006, and it is now recognized as an important statewide information resource for advice and assistance. The Center has also established a considerable profile not only in the United States but also worldwide. Every biennium, professors and adjunct professors travel to the Law Center for an important conference geared to helping improve the way that consumer law is taught at leading colleges here and abroad.

CENTER FOR CHILDREN, LAW & POLICY

The Center for Children, Law & Policy pursues legal and interdisciplinary scholarship, advocacy, and teaching to advance the interests of children through public policy. Under the direction of professors **Ellen Marrus** and **Laura Oren**, this innovative center has coordinated a number of important symposia and lectures that bring together professionals from a variety of disciplines to closely examine important issues relating to children's rights. Recent events have centered on children's issues and feminist jurisprudence; indigent defense; funding for children's defense; and a 40-year retrospective on a pivotal Supreme Court case that strongly influenced juvenile jurisprudence in the United States. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Center for Children, Law & Policy convened the **nation's first interdisciplinary conference** on young evacuees – and took important steps to help policymakers understand how the legal system should respond to the needs of children who are displaced during and after natural disasters. The outcomes of this groundbreaking conference are summarized in "**Children, Law and Disasters: What We Learned from Katrina and the Hurricanes of 2005**," published through American Bar Association Publishing (2009). The Center for Children, Law & Policy also coordinates the activities of the Southwest Juvenile Defender Center, an affiliate of the National Juvenile Defender Center that serves juvenile defenders, mental health professionals, educators, legislators, and other juvenile justice professionals.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

Houston is the acknowledged Energy Capital of the World – which makes it the perfect home for the **Center for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources**. A recent national survey by Vermont Law School cited the Law Center for the strength of its EENR curriculum, naming it No. 1 among law schools for the number of courses offered and topics covered. EENR Center, under the direction of Professor Tracy Hester, provides a forum for education and discussion of the most important issues of the day, such as climate change, air pollution, clean coal, and renewable energy. EENR Center sponsors the **Environmental & Energy Law & Policy Journal**, the nation's first law review dedicated to the intersection of environmental and energy law. The EELPJ hosts an annual symposium on a topic at the intersection of energy and environmental law, and the event provides a balanced and timely forum for discussion among academics, industry, citizens and policymakers. Law Center students have many opportunities to network and attend programs related to energy, resources, and the environment in the Houston area, and they benefit from membership in the **University of Houston Environment and Energy Law Society**. EENR Center is a component of the new Strategic Energy Alliance at the University of Houston, and it also plays an important role coordinating the EENR LL.M. program that attracts top lawyers from the United States and throughout the world.

PROGRAM ON LAW & COMPUTATION

The Law Center's newest program is designed to bring together a spectrum of specializations united by a heavy reliance on computation and the law. These technologies include statistics, finance, decision theory, game theory, economic analysis of law, networks, computational linguistics, data mining, artificial intelligence, visualization and others whose capabilities have been enhanced by modern developments in computation. Under the direction of Professor **Seth J. Chandler**, the Program on Law and Computation will essentially deal with the many ways in which computers and software technologies change the way law is perceived and studied. While many scholars are doing this type of research, and other law schools offer courses in individual disciplines, the Law Center plans to concentrate efforts and become the primary center for studying these changes by providing opportunities for its students and a platform for scholars from around the world.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Under the direction of professors **Sandra Guerra Thompson** and **Adam Gershowitz**, the Criminal Justice Institute aims to enhance the practice of criminal law at the local, national, and international levels. The Institute brings together nationally-recognized scholars, top criminal law practitioners, judges, and students through a variety of programs designed to enhance the study and practice of criminal law. Included under the Institute umbrella are widely recognized programs such as the **Texas Innocence Network**, which focuses exclusively on investigating claims of actual innocence raised by inmates in Texas or elsewhere; the Criminal Prosecution and Criminal Defense Clinics; and the Criminal Trial Advocacy training program. The Institute offers opportunities for educational and practice programs, conferences, and symposia. One of the newest offerings is a "**Criminal Law at the Cutting Edge**" speakers' series that has hosted top names in the field, including Stephanos Bibas of the University of Pennsylvania, Corinna Barrett Lain of the University of Richmond, Deborah W. Denno of Fordham University, and Wayne A. Logan of Florida State University.

INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION LAW & GOVERNANCE

Under the direction of **Professor Michael A. Olivas**, the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance provides a unique service to colleges and universities worldwide. Its primary aims are to provide information and publications to colleges and universities related to the field of higher education law and to serve as a focal point for discussion and thoughtful analysis of higher education legal issues. The Institute provides information, research, and analysis for those involved in managing the higher education enterprise internationally through **publications, conferences, and the maintenance of a database** of individuals and institutions. The Institute works to create dialogue and cooperation among academic institutions in the United States, and it also has interests in higher education in industrialized nations and those in the developing countries of the Third World. The analytic study of postsecondary institutions, with special emphasis on the legal issues that affect colleges and universities, constitute the core work of the Institute. Audiences that benefit from these activities include **affiliated scholars across the globe** whose research is in law and higher education as a field of study, and who have either spent time in residence, or have participated in Institute activities; and representatives of governmental agencies and legislative staff concerned with higher education.

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

ADVOCACY

Blakely Advocacy Institute



Trial advocacy and dispute resolution skills are central to the practice of law – and the Law Center’s advocacy program is recognized as one of the broadest and best in the nation. All Law Center first-year students complete one round of a moot court tournament under the Law Center’s Legal Research & Writing program, and they can elect to continue into the championship rounds of the John Black Moot Court Tournament. Upper division students are eligible to join the Law Center’s highly successful mock trial and moot court interscholastic teams, which continue to fill the trophy cases of the Blakely Advocacy Institute with their impressive wins. Recent top performances include:

Texas Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition, First Place **June 2011**

Texas Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition, Best Speaker **June 2011**

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, National Champions **March 2011**

NYU Immigration Law Moot Court Competition, Best Respondent’s Brief **February 2011**

ABA Arbitration Competition, Regional Champions **November 2010**

Some of the most experienced and acclaimed trial and appellate lawyers in the nation assist our acclaimed advocacy faculty in teaching a wide variety of programs and courses, including Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Pretrial Litigation, and a range of courses covering all aspects of the alternative dispute resolution techniques of mediation, negotiation, and arbitration.

With the support of Andrews Kurth LLP, the Law Center proudly hosts the Moot Court National Championship, a tournament that attracts the top teams in the nation for the chance to win an undisputed national title. The Law Center also hosts Jeffrey S. Abrams National Mediator Competition, and it is preparing to launch the Andrews Kurth International Commercial Arbitrator Competition in conjunction with NAFTA 2022 Committee, the North American Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

More information on the Law Center’s advocacy programs is available at www.law.uh.edu/blakely.

Recent Public Interest Fellowship Placement:

- » Anti-Defamation League – Marvin Nathan Fellowship
- » Boat People
- » Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance
- » Child Advocates
- » Children’s Assessment Center
- » Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- » Federal Bureau of Investigation
- » Federal Public Defender
- » Fort Bend County District Attorney’s Office
- » Galveston Bay Foundation
- » Harris County District Attorney’s Office
- » Internal Revenue Service
- » Justice for Children
- » Lone Star Legal Aid
- » Montgomery County Women’s Center
- » Social Security Administration
- » State Counsel for Offenders
- » Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts
- » Texas Army National Guard
- » Texas Defender Service
- » The Texas Innocence Network
- » U.S. Attorney’s Office
- » U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- » U.S. Department of Homeland Security, ICE
- » University of Houston System Office of General Counsel

INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Law Center is firmly committed to providing our upper-division students with opportunities to participate in externships with non-profit organizations and government agencies and judicial internships with federal appellate and district courts as well as state appellate and trial courts. A wealth of opportunities are available in the Houston area, but Law Center students have earned credit for work performed in other areas of the country and abroad, too.

The Office of Career Development also administers a Public Interest Fellowship Program that gives students and recent graduates the opportunity to build legal skills, hone their portfolio of accomplishments, and contribute to the community. Recent placements are listed on the left.

The Law Center’s newest externship initiative is the Apprenticeship/Externship Program (AEP) which matches rising third-year students with small law firms during the summer. Students work for academic credit for six weeks while attending the required externship class.

Additional information on these opportunities can be found at www.law.uh.edu/clinic/extern.html.



CLINICS

Law Center students benefit from an outstanding slate of clinical programs that provide direct experience in practical applications of the law. Our clinical programs seek to accomplish three goals: to train students to be competent, professional and ethical advocates, to serve the greater Houston community by providing top-quality legal representation to indigent clients, and to support the courts and legislature and to develop policies that improve the community.

>> *The Law Center's Immigration Clinic assisted on an important U.S. Supreme Court case which the court decided 9-0 in favor of the clinic's client in the case *Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder*. The clinic first accepted the case in 2006, and the victory in June 2010 represents years of work by clinic students.*

>> Detailed information for each clinic can be found at www.law.uh.edu/clinic/homepage.html.

CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC students work directly with clients and handle all aspects of case management, interviews, document preparation, and court proceedings. The types of cases handled include bankruptcy, divorce, domestic violence, juvenile cases, landlord-tenant, estate planning and probate.

CONSUMER LAW CLINIC mixes theory and hands-on experience as students represent clients in Justice Court, County Court, and District Court. The clinic handles cases relating to deceptive trade practices, credit and debt collection problems and other consumer issues.

CRIMINAL PRACTICE CLINIC students help prosecute misdemeanor cases at the Harris County District Attorney's Office and occasionally assist with felony case work.

IMMIGRATION CLINIC cases include asylum applications on behalf of victims of torture and persecution and in representing victims of human trafficking and crime or children who are fleeing civil war, genocide or political repression.

TRANSACTIONAL CLINIC students assist small businesses and non-profit organizations with legal matters ranging from lease agreements to employment policies. Clinic students provide legal advice that complements and enhances the clients' business strategies.

MEDIATION CLINIC/EXTERNSHIP students mediate consumer issues, landlord/tenant disputes and breach of contract cases for Justice Courts in Harris County. Students also serve as mediators in small claims court.

It's easy to make the most of law school when you have a variety of high-quality options available to you. From our outstanding dual-degree programs to our widely cited student-run journals, the Law Center offers its students a compelling mix of educational opportunities.

DUAL DEGREES

The Law Center is among the national leaders in the number of dual degree programs offered. Our innovative programs allow students to earn two degrees in less time than it would take to complete the degrees separately. Students interested in pursuing dual degree options must apply to, and earn acceptances from, both programs within one calendar year. If one of the approved dual degree programs does not fulfill student's educational goals, we also allow students to earn credit in other graduate programs with prior course approval.

Dual degree programs include:

- >> **JD/MBA with the University of Houston Bauer College of Business**
- >> **JD/MD with Baylor College of Medicine**
- >> **JD/MA in History with University of Houston**
- >> **JD/Ph.D. in Medical Humanities with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston**
- >> **JD/MSW with University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work**
- >> **JD/MPH with The University of Texas Health Science Center**



Employers value the legal research and writing experience that students gain through participation in a law journal.

JOURNALS

After completing the first year of study, Law Center students can gain valuable writing experience while working on one of the school's acclaimed student-run journals. First-year grades and demonstrated proficiency in legal writing are the critical criteria that lead to membership in these journals and membership is offered during the summer after the first year.

ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY LAW & POLICY JOURNAL is dedicated to issues at the intersection of environmental and energy law. Students on the EELPJ board also coordinate an annual symposium on a major topic, with related articles collected in a special issue of the journal.

HOUSTON BUSINESS AND TAX LAW JOURNAL ranks as a "Top 10" journal in its specialty area. The HBTLJ focuses on a wide range of law, including Corporate, Securities, Bankruptcy, Antitrust, Intellectual Property, Employment, Labor, Mergers/Acquisitions, and Tax.

JOURNAL OF CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL LAW is published by Law Center students on behalf of the Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

HOUSTON JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY builds on the strength of the Law Center's highly ranked health law program with a widely respected scholarly publication focusing on emerging issues in the field.

HOUSTON JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW assembles articles written by practicing professionals, educators, and students on a broad range of topics in international and comparative law, including international business, finance, torts, crime, and human rights.

HOUSTON LAW REVIEW, widely cited as one of the nation's top journals, publishes a varied body of legal scholarship to serve the professional and academic communities.

DIVERSITY

The Law Center is recognized as one of the most diverse campuses in the United States, with minorities accounting for 37% of our most recent incoming class of J.D. students.





DIVERSITY

Our students reflect a diversity of backgrounds, with first-year students in 2011 holding undergraduate degrees in 56 different majors awarded by 96 different schools. Our Class of 2014 speaks 34 different languages and includes former Teach for America Corps members, more than a dozen NCAA student athletes, musicians, dancers, poets, and several members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Many of these 1Ls earned advanced degrees and professional recognition in other disciplines before entering law school. They range in age from 21 to 47, and nearly half of them worked before applying to law school.

The diversity of our campus adds an important dimension to our curriculum. Many of our students worked before applying to law school, and their professional experience and perspectives add energy to our campus and our classrooms.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	898		
Black/African-American	72	Full-time students	80%
Asian/Pacific Islander	92	Part-time students	20%
Caucasian	622	Minorities	29%
Hispanic/Mexican-American	88	Female	44%
Native American	4	Male	56%
Foreign National	13		
Unknown	7		

Current Student Organizations

- The Advocates
- Aggie Law Society
- American Bar Association
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Asian Law Students Association
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- The Association of Women in Law
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate & Taxation Law Society
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International
- Cullen Senate
- Energy and Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Organization
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Organization
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- The Honor Court
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Intellectual Property Student Organization
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Lex Judaica
- Law-Horns at the UH Law Center
- Law Student Assistance Program of Houston
- Military Law Society
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Order of The Barons
- OutLaw: Students for GLBT Concerns
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity-Hutcheson Inn
- Public Interest Law Organization
- St. Thomas More Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association

STUDENT LIFE

Law school should involve more than court reporters and case histories. As incoming first-year classes get to know their sections of about 70 students, these smaller groups typically develop deep-rooted connections in a range of social and recreational settings. From flag football and paintball tournaments to activities at the nearby Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, Law Center students have ready alternatives to help balance the demands of their studies.

More than 30 student organizations contribute to the diversity and vitality of our campus, and many coordinate guest speakers, social events, and specialized networking and career activities. Student organizations run the gamut from politics to public service.



From orientation through graduation, Student Services staff devote themselves to making the journey through law school as easy as possible.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of Student Services exists for a single reason: to help Law Center students achieve their educational goals while keeping other pressures in check. This is the one-stop shop for answers to challenges ranging from counseling and registration services to financial aid.

Resources for new students include the Academic Enrichment Program which helps incoming law students transition into law school by providing section tutors to help with course materials and to augment study and test-taking skills. Tutorials are open to all first-year students approved for the program.

The Law Center also offers the 1-L Mentoring Program that helps new students acclimate to legal study and life at law school. The program pairs first-year students with faculty and upper-class law students who serve as mentors and share perspectives on everything from course selections to career goals.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

It's a simple fact that housing dollars go further in Houston than in virtually any other major metropolitan area in the United States. Law students can select from a wide range of affordable and easily accessible apartments and rental properties located close to campus.



Graduate and Professional student housing is available across the street from the Law Center at Calhoun Lofts. Click to www.uh.edu/calhounlofts.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Justin Dart, Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES can arrange auxiliary aids, exam assistance, transcription services, and library services for students with special needs. With early notice, the Office of Student Services will work with students to approve and secure accommodations for special needs. Click to www.uh.edu/csd

STUDENT HEALTH AND INSURANCE

The UH Health Center provides a range of medical services and health counseling and can refer students to acute-care health facilities when necessary. Health and accident insurance is recommended for all students and required for all international students. Click to www.uh.edu/admin/hc

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Professional counselors are available to assist students with personal issues ranging from stress related disorders to alcohol or drug dependency. Click to www.caps.uh.edu

CHILD CARE

The UH Child Care Center enrolls children of students, faculty, and staff. Children ages 3 months to 5 years are eligible. Click to www.uh.edu/clc

CAMPUS RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Campus Recreation and Wellness Center at the University of Houston is located a few blocks from the Law Center. This amazing facility offers everything from a three-story rock-climbing wall to a world-class natatorium featuring 50-meter lap lanes, facilities for platform and springboard diving, and an outdoor leisure pool. A full range of exercise classes are available, along with multiple settings for indoor sports ranging from soccer to basketball to martial arts. Click to www.uh.edu/recreation

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The quality of your legal education is an important determinant of career success. The Law Center ranks No. 37 among U.S. law schools in the percentage of graduates hired by the nation's largest law firms, and No. 34 for the number of graduates on the "Best Lawyers in America" lists as published by Super Lawyers.

Our commitment to student success includes providing tools and strategies for effective job searches. Professionals in the Office of Career Development manage everything from résumé preparation to scheduling interviews with prospective employers.

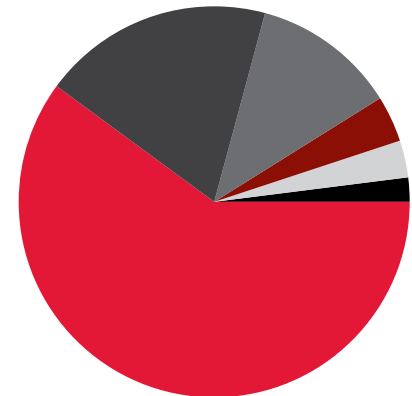
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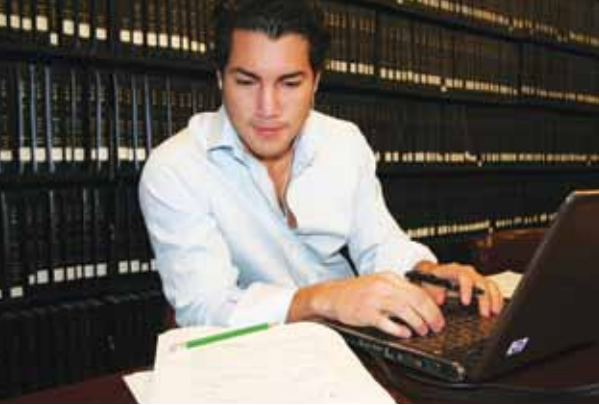
2010 GRADUATING CLASS

Average Starting Salary	\$90,933
Median Starting Salary	\$67,500
Employed at Graduation	70%
Employed Within 9 Months	92%

Texas Bar passage rate
July 2010 90.39%

■ Private Practice	58%
■ Business	23%
■ Government	9%
■ Judicial	4%
■ Public Interest	4%
■ Academic	2%





Career counselors invest time getting to know Law Center students so they can successfully assist them in finding jobs that meet their professional and personal goals.

The Law Center Office of Career Development provides a number of programs to assist law students in planning for their legal careers. These services and programs include:

- >> **FIRST YEAR INITIATIVE (FYI)** introduces first-year students to legal employment. This program includes presentations on résumé writing, networking, and first-year summer employment options.
- >> **MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM** pairs law students with our counselors to practice interviewing techniques.
- >> **LEGAL EXCURSIONS** gives students the chance to learn about the culture of various legal environments by visiting law firms, government agencies, and courts.
- >> **OUR “DAY IN THE LIFE”** panel discussions feature attorneys from diverse practice areas who discuss their careers.
- >> **FALL AND SPRING ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW (OCI)** programs attract over 100 prospective employers to campus to place students in summer clerkships and permanent positions after graduation.
- >> **JOB FAIRS** expose students to potential employers from around the nation. UH Law Center participates in 10 job fairs each year.

EMPLOYERS OF OUR RECENT GRADUATES INCLUDE:

Andrews Kurth LLP
Baker Botts LLP
Baker McKenzie LLP
Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
Blakely Sokoloff Taylor Zafman LLP
Duke Energy
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
Harris County District Attorney’s Office
Haynes & Boone, LLP
Internal Revenue Service
Jones Day
Latham & Watkins, LLP
King & Spaulding LLP
Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP
Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C.
Susman Godfrey, LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP
Texas Attorney General’s Office
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas Supreme Court
U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Vinson & Elkins LLP
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

ADMISSIONS

As the cost of legal education continues to climb at all U.S. schools, the University of Houston Law Center clearly stands out for its special combination of advantages. Compared to other top-tier schools, our tuition remains relatively low, especially for Texas residents, and we offer an unmatched curriculum in key areas of the law. And, our home is Houston – one of the largest legal markets in the nation.

2011 ADMITTED APPLICANT STATISTICS

Applications	3355
Class Size (estimated)	260
Median LSAT	163
25%/75% LSAT	160/166
25%/75% GPA	3.27/3.73
Median GPA	3.41
Average Age	25
% Female	42%
% Minority	32%
Student/Faculty Ratio	10:1





ADMISSION TO THE J.D. PROGRAM

FULL-TIME PROGRAM PART-TIME PROGRAM

Day classes,
Monday—Friday,
between 9:00 a.m.
and 5:00 p.m.

Generally three
years to complete
degree

15 hours per
semester

Employment is
limited to no more
than 15 hours per
week during first
year, and no more
than 20 hours per
week during
remaining years.

Evening classes,
Monday—Thursday,
between 6:00 p.m.
and 9:00 p.m.

Generally four
years to complete
degree

6-10 hours per
semester

No limit on
employment
while enrolled
part-time.

The J.D. program is a 90 hour curriculum culminating in the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. Students at UHLC have two options for pursuing their degree: the full-time day program or the part-time evening program. The full-time program is designed for students who plan to devote nearly all of their time to the study of law while the part-time program is designed for students who plan to work during law school. Applicants must designate in their application which program they are applying to. Both programs begin in the fall semester, and spring/summer admission is not offered.

Classes for full-time, first-year students are offered during the day, Monday through Friday. Classes for part-time, first-year students are offered primarily during the evening, Monday through Thursday. After the first year, all students can choose from a wide variety of upper-division electives, including day and evening courses. The courses required in the first-year curriculum are the same for full-time and part-time students, and classes are taught by the same professors.

The ABA prohibits full-time students from working more than 15 hours per week during the first year and prohibits working more than 20 hours per week during the second and third years. Please consider this mandate when determining which program fits your needs.

>> For answers to “frequently asked questions,” visit www.law.uh.edu/admissions/FAQ.

Deadlines

	APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE	CAS RECEIPT DEADLINE
FULL-TIME		
Early Decision	Nov 15, 2011	Dec 15, 2011
Regular Decision	Feb 15, 2012	Mar 15, 2012
PART-TIME		
Early Decision	Nov 15, 2011	Dec 15, 2011
Regular Decision	May 15, 2012	Jun 15, 2012

Note: It is university policy, consistent with Texas statutes, that no single criterion can be utilized as the sole determiner of admission status, nor can fixed weights be applied to any one criterion during the admission process; consequently, both the mandatory and optional attachments prove extremely important in the decision-making process.

Registration information for the LSAT and CAS can be found at www.lsac.org. A link to our online application form and application instructions is available at www.law.uh.edu/admissions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

To be eligible for admission to the J.D. program, all applicants must:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
- Have a recent score on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT);
- Register with the LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

Your application must include the following, which should be submitted electronically:

- Completed application form;
- Non-refundable \$70 application fee;
- A personal statement of up to three pages, double-spaced. The personal statement is extremely valuable in the selection process. Because we do not grant personal interviews, this is your opportunity to tell the Admissions Committee more about yourself. It is, in essence, your personal interview on paper. You may write your personal statement on any subject;
- Résumé or a list of civic and extracurricular activities, honors, and work experience;
- Optional statement to explain or highlight elements in your application that are not readily apparent. You may write an optional statement regarding your diversity, disadvantaged background, socioeconomic status, grade trends, substantial discrepancy between your performance on standardized tests and your actual level of academic achievement, or any other information you believe is relevant to the Admissions Committee that has not been previously included in your personal statement. Please limit this statement to no more than one page.
- Immigration documents (for international applicants requiring a student visa).

Your application file must also include a complete CAS report which must include:

- Recent LSAT score, not older than June 2006;
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended;
- At least 2 letters of recommendation (but no more than 3). The most useful letters of recommendation are those from employers, professors, or colleagues with whom you have had close working relationships.

Please note that no application will be reviewed without the CAS report. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that his/her CAS report is complete; your CAS report will not become complete until you have a valid LSAT score, transcripts from all undergraduate institutions, and two letters of recommendation. You may review your CAS report status by accessing your LSAC online account. For more information on registering for the LSAT or CAS, please visit www.lsac.org.



There's a simple reason why Law Center students graduate with a lower indebtedness: low tuition and Houston's low cost-of living.

BUDGET

The Law Center has one of the lowest tuition rates among top schools in the nation, particularly for Texas residents. Relatively low tuition, coupled with Houston's affordable cost of living, allows our students to graduate with an average indebtedness of \$65,802—a figure below the national average. This sample budget addresses the estimated costs of attending the Law Center for the 2011-2012 academic year.

	FULL-TIME (30 HOURS)	PART-TIME (26 HOURS)**
TUITION & FEES*		
Texas Residents	\$ 28,130	\$ 26,418
Non-Residents	\$ 38,805	\$ 35,670

* This is an approximation of 2011-2012 tuition and fees. Rates for 2012-2013 will be set in Spring 2012.

** Figures for part-time program are based upon three semesters of coursework; Fall, Spring, and Summer.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Every applicant accepted for admission is automatically considered for available merit scholarships, and no additional application is required. Dean's Scholarships ranging between \$5,000 and \$15,000 are offered to highly qualified students in each incoming class. These scholarships vary in number and are renewed when requisite grades are maintained. Additionally, the UH Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) administers a variety of need-based financial aid programs. Applicants should begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. The code for the University of Houston is 003652. For current information on tuition and fees, sample budgets, and need-based financial aid, visit www.law.uh.edu/FinancialAid.

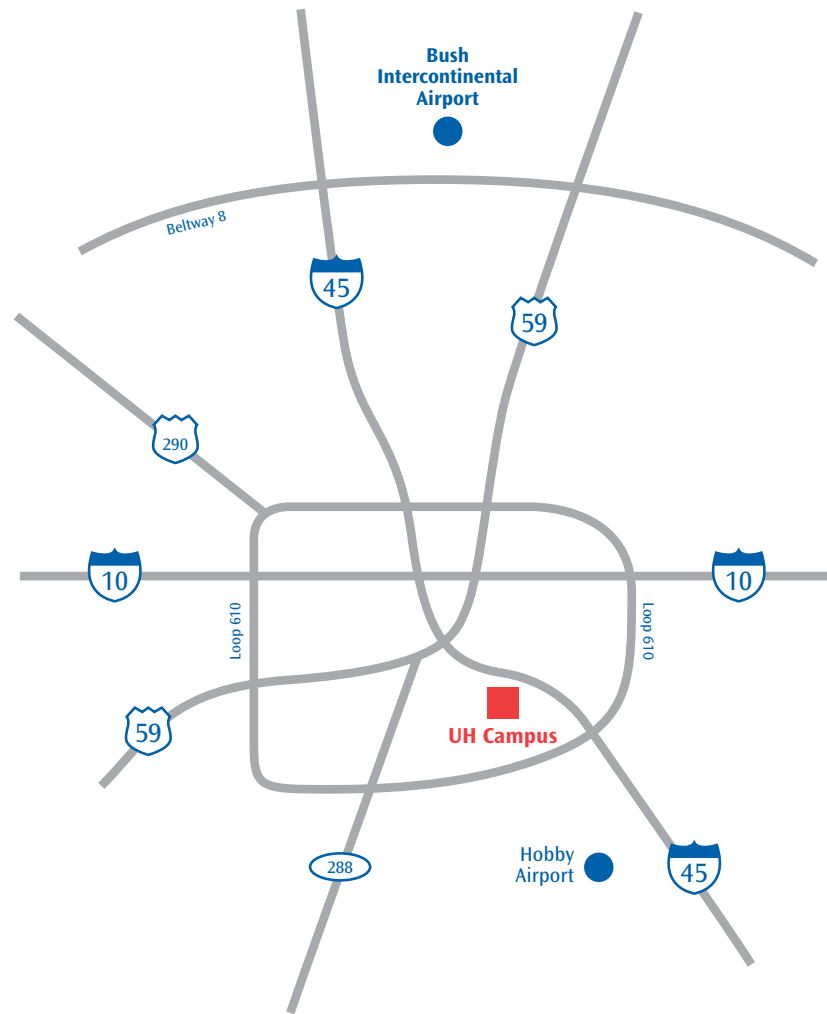
VISIT THE LAW CENTER

The Office of Admissions

encourages all applicants to visit the UH Law Center for a tour, to visit a first-year class, or to meet with a member of the admissions staff. Visits are best scheduled when classes are in session and should be arranged in advance.

The Office of Admissions offers various informational sessions, open houses, and other events for prospective and admitted applicants throughout the year. Event dates, times, and locations are available at www.law.uh.edu/admissions.

Student-led tours, class visits, and appointments with admissions staff can be scheduled by calling [713.743.2280](tel:713.743.2280) or by sending an e-mail to lawadmissions@uh.edu.



UH LAW CENTER

Directions

From North

To reach the Law Center from Bush Intercontinental Airport, take I-45 South through downtown. Take the Spur 5 exit and follow it to the first stop light (University Drive). Turn right, and proceed past the Campus Wellness Center to the stop light (Calhoun). Turn right, and proceed past Calhoun Lofts to the last entrance on your left. Turn into Parking Lot **19B**.

From South

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Parking

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