Congratulations on your acceptance to UHLC. We hope this short guide will help you prepare for your entrance into law school and the legal profession. We look forward to getting to know you better over the next few months and years. Please contact me or any of the admissions staff if you have any questions or concerns about starting law school or moving to Houston.

Welcome to the UHLC community!

Jamie West Dillon
Assistant Dean for Admissions

Important Dates

March 6  Admitted Student Preview Day
April 1  Priority deadline for financial aid
April 11  Admitted Student Preview Day
April 15  Enrollment fee due (unless acceptance letter gives a later date)*
June 1  Registration Commitment Form due (form sent via email in May)**
July 1  Bacterial meningitis vaccination forms due (for students under 22)***
July 23  Admitted Student Preview Day
August 14 & 15  New Student Orientation (mandatory for all incoming students)
August 24  First day of classes
October 1  Declaration of Intent due for 1Ls who plan to take the Texas Bar Exam****

* To save your seat in the incoming class, you will need to pay the $200 non-refundable enrollment fee by the date in your acceptance letter. The fee can be paid by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) at law.uh.edu/admissions/payments.

** Around the end of May, we will email the Registration Commitment Form, which our office uses in lieu of a second payment. Completion of this form shows your intent to enroll at the Law Center. You must return this form by the deadline in order to retain your seat in the class and to allow the registrar’s office to register you for classes. (Applicants who are accepted during the summer will return the enrollment fee and Registration Commitment Form at the same time.)

*** For more information, visit law.uh.edu/admissions/admitted-students-imm.asp

**** Information will be sent to entering students mid-summer. ble.state.tx.us

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Entering Class of 2014 - Class Profile

The 2014 incoming class included 231 students divided among three full-time sections and one part-time section. We have enjoyed getting to know this dynamic group of students. Here are a few interesting facts about our current 1Ls.

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This information represents class statistics as of October 5, 2014.

Ninety-eight (98) universities were represented.

The top feeder schools were:
1. The University of Texas at Austin
2. Texas A&M University
3. University of Houston
4. Baylor University
5. Rice University;
6. Texas Christian University
7. Sam Houston State University;
8. The University of Texas at Dallas
9. Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge;
   Southern Methodist University;
   McGill University; Texas Tech University;
   Trinity University; The University of Texas at San Antonio

Fifty-seven (57) majors were represented.

The top majors were:
1. Political Science
2. English
3. History
4. Psychology
5. Economics; Finance
6. Liberal Arts
7. Communications
8. Philosophy
9. Accounting

Prior to law school, 26 students had earned other graduate degrees, including one M.D., one Ph.D., and four MBAs. Members of the entering class have studied and worked all over the globe and collectively speak at least 23 languages.

Financial Aid

There are two types of financial aid — merit-based and need-based. Merit aid is awarded by the Office of Admissions based on application materials and consists of our Dean’s Scholarship program and a handful of privately-funded merit scholarships. If you are awarded a scholarship, notification will be mailed prior to the April 15th enrollment fee deadline, though additional scholarships may be awarded during the summer as funds become available.

Need-based aid is awarded by the main campus financial aid office based on the FAFSA, and awarding generally begins in mid- to late April. There are a limited number of need-based scholarships and grants available for law students, so most need-based aid comes in the form of student loans. For additional information on financial aid, you can speak with Laura Neal at 713-743-2269 or lneal@central.uh.edu.

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* Estimated expenses computed by financial aid officers for 2014-2015. Tuition may increase for 2015-2016 although UHLC is committed to keeping tuition competitive with other urban public schools. Tuition will be set in Spring 2015.

** Estimate for part-time program is based on three semesters of coursework: fall, spring, and summer.

“At UHLC, faculty members set high expectations but provide the support and availability to ensure that all students can be successful. Even in my larger first-year courses, I have always felt that my professors were accessible and gladly willing to help with any confusion. Their commitment to our success consistently shines through and undoubtedly makes a difference in our academic growth.”

— ROCIO RUIZ ’17
Former Member, Teach for America Corps
Member, Hispanic Law Students Association
B.A., Political Science and Spanish, Agnes Scott College
First Year

The registrar assigns all incoming students to a class section (Sections A, B, and C for full-time and Section E for part-time), and all first-year classes are taken with other students in that section. Students are also assigned individual study carrels, which are housed together by section. Students spend an entire academic year together, and as a result, the 1L sections form an important and lasting community. Relationships that begin with study groups, happy hours, and intramural teams develop into life-long friendships and a strong career network.

Fall semester class schedules and section assignments are sent by email in mid-July. The exact order of classes is subject to change; however, the table below will give you an idea of what to expect. During the 1L year, full-time classes are generally scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and part-time classes are generally scheduled between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There are typically no classes between noon and 1:00 p.m., leaving that time available for extracurricular programming and making it easier for students to be involved in campus life. Some programs are also held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow part-time students to attend.

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Brief course descriptions are available online for all the 1L classes listed above [law.uh.edu/admissions/admitted-students-first-year-classes.asp](http://law.uh.edu/admissions/admitted-students-first-year-classes.asp)

1L Mentor Groups

All first-year students are assigned to a mentor group with a professor and an upper-level student. The mentor groups are small and include students from the same 1L section. Groups meet periodically during the year to provide support during the transition into law school. Mentors give advice on various topics such as adjusting to law school, preparing for final exams, getting involved in campus life, and selecting courses after the first year.
Academic Enrichment Program
Upper-class student tutors are assigned to each first-year section to assist students with course material and to augment study and test-taking skills. Tutors attend class sessions with the section and work with the professor to develop session materials. Tutorial sessions are open to all students and provide a beneficial supplement to classroom instruction and faculty office hours. This program, coupled with our dedicated, student-centered faculty, helps foster student success in the first year.

Upper Division
The UH Law Center offers one of the largest course selections in the country. Access to our broad and deep curriculum will prepare you for almost any legal discipline and allows concentrations in specific areas. In your second and third years of study, you have only three course requirements: Professional Responsibility, a skills training or advocacy course, and the senior writing requirement. You may customize your remaining coursework with a range of elective courses, seminars, and clinical experiences. Some students enhance their studies through study abroad, a dual degree program, or by enrolling in approved classes from other graduate departments. At UHLC, students have a great deal of flexibility in creating their educational path, and faculty as well as the Associate Dean for Student Affairs are available to assist students in selecting courses best suited to their career goals.

The core of our curriculum is the traditional doctrinal courses that teach legal theory, critical analysis, and practical applications. UHLC offers courses in a wide range of legal specialties, including two nationally-ranked programs—Health Law and Intellectual Property & Information Law. Each of these specialty programs adds depth to our curriculum and creates educational opportunities that other law schools simply cannot match. Our courses are divided into the following areas:

- Business & Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice Institute
- Employment & Labor Law
- Center for Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Law
- Center for Consumer Law
- Center for U.S. & Mexican Law
- Family Law & Center for Children, Law & Policy
- Government Regulation
- Health Law & Policy Institute
- Institute for Higher Education Law & Governance
- Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law
- International Law & Admiralty
- Law & Society
- Litigation, Advocacy, & Practice Skills
- Procedure & Practice
- Program on Law & Computation
- Real Property, Trusts, & Estates
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At UHLC, every first-year law student gets a study carrel in a room with their entire section. I love to study there because it’s always available, and I can leave my books, binders, and notes in the locked cabinet. Since the whole section is together, it’s a great space to hang out in between classes and study individually or as a group.”

— Tera Stone ’17
UHLC Student Ambassador
1L Representative, Intellectual Property Student Organization
B.S., Chemical Engineering, Auburn University
Clinical Legal Education

Our six clinics provide students with hands-on, practical legal experience while still in law school. Under the guidance of clinical faculty, students handle all aspects of cases, from interviewing to filing motions to conducting trials in court. The clinical program trains students to be competent, professional, and ethical advocates and to serve the community by providing first-rate pro-bono legal representation to indigent clients. Because we have a large number of clinics, availability of clinical opportunities has always exceeded student demand. Examples of the types of cases handled in our clinics include:

- Civil Practice Clinic – bankruptcy, divorce, estate planning, juvenile cases
- Consumer Law Clinic – deceptive trade practices, credit and debt collection problems
- Criminal Practice Externship – misdemeanor and felony cases (through the Harris County D.A.’s Office)
- Immigration Clinic – asylum, domestic violence, human trafficking
- Mediation Clinic – mediate consumer issues, landlord-tenant disputes, breach of contract cases
- Transactional Clinic – employment policies, lease agreements, and other legal issues encountered by small businesses and non-profits

Joint Degree Programs

UHLC 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 a dual degree must be accepted to both programs within one calendar year. Degrees that can be combined with your J.D. include:

- M.B.A. with UH Bauer College of Business
- M.A. in History with UH History Department
- M.S.W. with UH Graduate School of Social Work
- M.P.H. with UT Health Science Center
- M.D. with Baylor College of Medicine
- Ph.D. in Medical Humanities with UTMB at Galveston
- J.D. with University of Calgary (International Energy Lawyers Program)

Blakely Advocacy Institute

Advocacy skills are central to the practice of law, and UHLC's advocacy program is recognized as one of the broadest and best in the nation. The Institute oversees all of the practice skills courses, the intramural competitions, and the interscholastic advocacy teams. Some of the nation's most experienced and acclaimed trial and appellate lawyers and judges teach our advocacy courses, coach our competitive teams, and judge competitions on campus. Not only do our students learn from these attorneys' experiences in the courtroom, the interaction with attorneys helps students build their career networks and regularly leads to employment opportunities. There are several ways that students can be involved with the advocacy program, including:

- Practice Skills Courses such as Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Pretrial Litigation, Depositions, Attorney Communication & Persuasion Techniques, and Legal Negotiation
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Externships
UHLC administers several programs to help upper-level students gain hands-on experience and exposure to the legal field, while building their résumés and expanding their professional networks. Our Judicial Externship Program gives students the opportunity to work with federal and state judges at the trial and appellate levels, allowing them to view the courts’ inner workings and gain insight into the legal system from the perspective of the bench. The Government and Non-profit Externship Program is designed to expose law students to advocacy in action while gaining immeasurable experience. Through the externship program, students take what they are learning in the classroom and see how it applies to real-world situations. A wealth of field placement opportunities are available in the Houston area, but UHLC students have earned credit for work performed in other areas of the country and abroad as well.

law.uh.edu/externship/externship.asp

Journals
After completing the first year of study, UHLC students can gain valuable writing experience while working on one of the school’s acclaimed and award-winning student-run journals. Although each journal has its own specific requirements for membership, generally, journals offer membership to candidates whose first-year grades place them within the required GPA threshold. If a student does not qualify for admission to a particular journal based on grades, there is an annual write-on competition. The write-on competition consists of a topic chosen by all of the journals and is administered the summer after the first year. Each individual journal has its own set of criteria to determine who is eligible for membership. Our journals include the following:

- Environmental and Energy Law and Policy Journal
- Houston Business and Tax Law Journal
- Houston Journal of Health Law and Policy
- Houston Journal of International Law
- Houston Law Review
- Journal of Consumer & Commercial Law

law.uh.edu/academic/journals-and-publications.asp

Student Life
Learning extends beyond the classroom with a full range of student organizations, extracurricular activities, and alumni networking opportunities. Student groups represent special interests and provide important avenues to help law students succeed. Many arrange mentoring programs, plan social events, coordinate guest speaker forums, and organize law-related charitable efforts that benefit the community. The focus of UHLC’s student organizations range from legal specialties to college alumni and everything in between.

law.uh.edu/organizations/homepage.asp

The Campus Recreation and Wellness Center 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. A full range of exercise classes is available, along with multiple settings for indoor sports, ranging from soccer to basketball to martial arts.

uh.edu/recreation

Graduate and Professional Housing is available at the Calhoun Lofts. The lofts offer an urban-style living experience with the convenience of being located across the street from the Law Center.

uh.edu/calhounlofts

“One of my favorite things about UHLC is that the students there want to develop a community more than they want to promote competition. If I ever needed notes from a class I missed, I didn’t have a problem finding someone to share them. UHLC students are focused and driven, but they don’t let it affect their ability to make lifelong friends.”

— Ivy Grey ’08
Attorney, Togut, Segal & Segal LLP
(NYC, NY)
Former SBA President
B.A., Journalism and Anthropology, Scripps College
LL.M., Bankruptcy, St. John’s University School of Law
Career Development

2013 GRADUATING CLASS

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Median Starting Salary $110,000*
Employed Within 9 Months 87.98%**

Texas Bar Passage Rate
July 2014 86.29%

For the most current and comprehensive employment statistics, please contact the Office of Career Development or visit law.uh.edu/career/employment-statistics.asp. Employment statistics for the 2014 graduating class will be released in mid-March 2015.

* Salary information is based on a 53.8% 2013 graduate response rate of those employed.
** 88.2% of graduates seeking employment were employed 9 months after graduation. 3% of graduates were not seeking employment or had sought to pursue an additional graduate degree.

Class of 2013 Employment by category

Employers of our recent graduates include:

- Andrews Kurth LLP
- Baker Botts LLP
- Baker & McKenzie
- Blakely Sokoloff Taylor Zafman LLP
- Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
- Children at Risk
- Deloitte Tax LLP
- Gray Reed & McGraw, P.C.
- Harris County District Attorney’s Office
- Haynes and Boone, LLP
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Internal Revenue Service
- Jones Day
- King & Spalding
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Locke Lord Edwards LLP
- Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
- Shell
- 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 and Trademark Office
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Vinson & Elkins LLP
- Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

“I was intrigued by the idea of doing a federal judicial clerkship after graduation and expressed my interest to my career counselor. The clerkship program manager reached out to me later when a local judge was interested in receiving applications. I applied and, thankfully, I was offered the clerkship! The staff in the CDO truly has the best interest of their students in mind, and the email that they sent informing me of this opportunity is just one example of that. I’m grateful for this experience.”

— LAURA DUNCAN ’14
Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court Judge
Gray Miller
B.S., Corporate Communications; M.A., Advertising, The University of Texas
The most important service provided by the Law Center Career Development Office (CDO) is individual career counseling. The office is staffed with six full-time counselors, all with law degrees and experience working in the legal field. Each student is assigned to a specific counselor, and the career counselors invest time getting to know their students so they can successfully assist them in finding jobs that meet their professional and personal goals.

In addition to individual counseling, the CDO provides a number of programs to assist law students in planning for their legal careers. These services and programs include:

Job Bank

The CDO maintains an online, password-protected job bank, Symplicity®, that is available to all law students to view available positions, from part-time law clerks to internships to full-time attorney roles. The CDO regularly meets with practitioners throughout Texas to highlight the diverse and adept student body of UHLC. Through these meetings, the CDO staff is able to appreciate market conditions, hiring preferences, and employer expectations, and they often return to campus with job opportunities for students. New jobs are posted in the Symplicity® job bank daily, and range from firm positions to opportunities with non-profit organizations, as well as everything in between. The user-friendly Symplicity® system allows students to upload résumés, cover letters, and other necessary documents and contains resource materials for various practice areas. Symplicity® is available to all current students and alumni, so even after students have graduated, the system remains a viable tool to find employment.

On-Campus Interview Program (OCI)

Every year, over 100 prospective employers recruit on UHLC’s campus for summer and semester law clerks and post-graduate positions. OCI allows students the opportunity to interview with legal employers on campus, and takes place in three stages: 1) Early Week Fall, 2) Fall, and 3) Spring. Early Week Fall OCI occurs the week before classes begin and is the largest stage with mainly multi-national, large law firms participating. The second stage, Fall OCI, occurs in mid-October, drawing smaller, more regional firms, while the third stage, Spring OCI, occurs in mid-March and brings in a variety of employers including solo practitioners and small firms.

“I found the job that I had during the spring of my second year through the CDO’s job bank. It’s a great resource for students because of the connections the Law Center works diligently to foster with alumni all over the nation.”

— Michael Ryan ’15
Member, Moot Court
Intern, Baker Hughes
B.A., History; M.Ed., Curriculum & Instruction, Texas A&M University
Government and Public Interest Table Talk
Culminating after a week-long series of career panels discussing the advantages and challenges of practicing in the public sector, the Government and Public Interest Table Talk (GPITT) gives students the opportunity to meet with public interest employers and discuss internship opportunities for the upcoming summer or academic year. During the event, local non-profit organizations and government agencies come to campus and set up booths in the Law Center Commons to share information on their organizations and their hiring needs.

Small & Midsize Firm Open House
Geared specifically towards firms with 50 or fewer attorneys, this event brings local legal employers to campus to speak to UHLC students about their practice, area of law, and potential employment opportunities. The open house occurs after a week-long series of career panels discussing the realities of day-to-day life for attorneys who practice at small, midsize, and growing firms. It provides students the opportunity to meet informally with employers, hand out résumés for upcoming positions, and introduce themselves to a large number of prospective employers.

Upper Class Student Mentoring Program
Launched in 2013, the Upper Class Student Mentoring Program recruits attorneys from the Houston area to offer their time and knowledge to guide UHLC students as they prepare to enter the legal world. Students are matched with an attorney based on their practice area of interest and organization or firm preference. Through the mentor program, students can create rewarding personal and professional relationships with various employers in the Houston area.

Lunch with a Lawyer/Cougar Coffee Chats
These programs were created to allow students to interact with lawyers in a small group setting. Lunch with a Lawyer invites attorneys from different practice areas to campus to meet with a group of about 10 students over a casual lunch. Part-time students have unique challenges balancing school, a career, personal time, and preparing for a future legal career. Cougar Coffee Chats speaks to the specific needs of our part-time students by connecting them with alumni of the UHLC part-time program. The student and alum meet for a 30-minute counseling session in a casual setting to discuss the special demands facing part-time students.

Apprentice Program
The UHLC Apprentice Program allows 3Ls to work at a small law firm (fewer than five attorneys) in the Houston area year-round. The goal is to provide a true “apprentice” experience to 3Ls by immersing them in the daily life of an attorney, allowing them to work side by side with employers in a small firm setting. Firms participating in the Apprentice Program are encouraged to give their law clerks a meaningful opportunity to learn and be exposed to their practice and field of law. Students hired for this program are paid an hourly wage, 50% of which is subsidized by UHLC.

“Last summer, I completed an internship with the Tahirih Justice Center, a non-profit that works to protect immigrant women and children seeking refuge in the U.S. from gender-based violence. I found this internship through the Government and Public Interest Table Talk. The fair made it possible for me to meet attorneys at Tahirih and ultimately, to secure an internship.”

— BOBBY JOE DALE, III ’17 (part-time)
Member, Evening Law Student Association
UHLC Student Ambassador
B.A., French, University of Mississippi
Summer & Graduate Fellowships

**Summer Fellowships**: The purpose of these fellowships is to provide opportunities for work exposure in the public interest legal community, thereby instilling excitement about, and a commitment to, public service in our students. Through this program, fellows get the opportunity to build legal skills, hone their portfolio of accomplishments, and contribute to their community. UHLC has a long history of subsidizing summer work for local non-profit employers. With the support of a generous grant from the Houston Endowment, UHLC was able to quadruple the number of annual fellowships and add government employers as a placement option. In 2014, the Law Center was able to finance 30 paid fellowships.

**Graduate Fellowships**: The UHLC Graduate Fellowship Program is designed to make it possible for our recent graduates who are dedicated to careers in public service to pursue unpaid internships as they await their bar results. Since non-profits often do not hire prior to receiving bar results, this program allows our graduates to bridge the gap between taking the bar exam and getting the results. UHLC provides up to $4,500 to selected graduates working with a government agency or a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Work schedules are flexible, but fellows are expected to work at least 30 hours per week for 10 weeks, generally beginning the last week in August and concluding the first week in November.

**Rosenberg Fellowship Program**: In 2014, UHLC introduced a new initiative, the Yale Leonard and Irene Merker Rosenberg Fellowship Program. Through this program, select public interest organizations host UHLC graduates to work with their offices for a 13-month period. UHLC covers a significant portion of the fellows’ salaries, while the organization covers the remaining salary and benefits. Rosenberg fellows will typically begin working after the completion of the bar exam, but exact dates are to be determined by mutual agreement of the organization and the student. Fellowship positions are open to 3L students graduating from UHLC. Placements include the Tahirih Justice Center, Lone Star Legal Aid, and the Travis County Juvenile Public Defender’s Office, and will vary from year to year.

Recent Fellowship placements include:

- Anti-Defamation League – Marvin Nathan Fellowship
- Children’s Assessment Center
- City of Houston Legal Department
- Disability Rights Texas
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Federal Public Defender
- Fort Bend County District Attorney’s Office
- Galveston Bay Foundation
- Harris County District Attorney’s Office
- Internal Revenue Service
- Lone Star Legal Aid
- Montgomery County Women’s Center
- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- Social Security Administration
- State Counsel for Offenders
- Texas Attorney General
- The Texas Innocence Network
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- University of Houston System Office of General Counsel
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

“After I graduated from UHLC, I was awarded one of the Law Center’s Graduate Fellowships in the Environmental Protection Division at the Office of the Attorney General in Austin, Texas, where I now represent the state of Texas in environmental enforcement matters. This fellowship allowed me to pursue my goal of practicing Environmental Law.”

— SIREESHA CHIRALA ’13
Assistant Attorney General, Texas Office of the Attorney General
Former Editor, Houston Journal of International Law
B.A. Government, The University of Texas

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University of Houston
Main Campus
Law Center students may avail themselves of upscale graduate housing in the Calhoun Lofts, 10 dining halls and food courts, cross-campus shuttle service, a state-of-the-art recreation facility, and even a pub – all within walking distance of the Law Center. Even amidst a bustling city like Houston, UH offers a rich student life right on campus.

Midtown
A vibrant and trendy mixed-use community with a variety of dining, shopping, and entertainment venues within walking distance of large loft-style apartment communities. Home to young professionals who know how to work and play.

Historic Third Ward
Two new light rail lines and two institutions of higher learning – the University of Houston and Texas Southern University – make this close-in neighborhood one of the city’s most accessible and diverse.

Rice/West U./
Bellaire/Upper Kirby
Rice Village is a unique dichotomy of upscale establishments and college haunts, while West University Place and Bellaire – cities within the city – are upper-middle class bedroom communities. New loft apartments and high-rise condos define the urban chic of Upper Kirby. Many of the Law Center’s second-career students live in these areas.

Galleria/Greenway Plaza/River Oaks/Memorial
World-class shopping and dining, a thriving business district, upscale apartments, a high concentration of law firms, and quick access to Memorial Park, an inner-city green space nearly twice the size of New York’s Central Park.

The world’s largest medical complex offers Law Center students – especially those in our nationally-ranked Health Law program – unrivaled access to the broadest range of health-related internship and career opportunities imaginable. The area has a variety of apartments and condominiums with easy access to NRG Park’s sporting and entertainment events.

Montrose
Historic. Eclectic. Bohemian. Artsy. GLBT-friendly. Pierced and tattooed. In addition to good times and great people-watching, the area offers plenty of affordable housing options less than four miles from the Law Center. Look for garage apartments, duplexes, fourplexes, or rooms for rent among the porch-swing bungalows.

Downtown
Home to some of the world’s largest law firms and more than 100 courts, downtown Houston offers Law Center students a wealth of opportunity right outside their front door.

Museum District/Hermann Park
Hermann Park is a 445-acre urban oasis complete with a zoo, paddleboats, jogging trails, Japanese Gardens, and its own little railroad. Eighteen museums comprise the adjacent Museum District, an eclectic neighborhood with tree-lined streets, historic homes, small apartment communities, fourplexes, and other housing options.

“I always tell prospective law students to choose a law school with well-regarded faculty, a variety of well-run clinical programs, and a good record of placement in desirable legal markets. I believe that UHLC not only meets, but exceeds, all of these criteria.”

— JUSTICE JEFF BROWN ’95
Justice, Texas Supreme Court
Former UHLC adjunct professor and moot court coach
B.A., English, The University of Texas
Visiting the UH Law Center
The Office of Admissions encourages all admitted applicants to visit UHLC. We host several visitation days to assist admitted applicants in learning more about what makes UHLC an exceptional school. If one of our formal programs does not fit your schedule, individual visits can also be arranged, including a tour of UHLC with one of our Student Ambassadors, a visit to a first-year class, or an appointment with a member of the admissions staff or others within the law school. Visits are best scheduled when classes are in session and should be arranged in advance by calling 713.743.2280 or by sending an e-mail to lawadmissions@uh.edu.

Directions and Parking
UHLC is located near Entrance 19, just off Calhoun Blvd. Metered parking is available in Lot 19B. For detailed directions and parking, visit law.uh.edu/about/maps.asp.

Houston
The economy is booming, the arts are thriving, and there’s a food truck on every corner. But don’t just take our word for it: Business Insider recently ranked Houston as the best city in America in 2014, and Forbes Magazine named Houston one of the 2014 “coolest” cities in the nation. We are recognized as the nation’s fastest growing job market, creating new jobs at a rate unparalleled by other U.S. cities.

A Few Things We Love about Houston:
• Strong job market
• Big city living without the big city cost
• Diversity
• Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
• Local musicians
• Museums

• Shopping
• Food scene
• Craft beer
• Southern hospitality
• Texans, Rockets, Astros, and Dynamo
• Weather

“I found the job I currently have at the CDO’s small/midsize firm open house. I really enjoy my job and hope to continue working here for many years to come, and I’m grateful for the opportunities I’ve received at UHLC.”

— Megan Roper ’15
Chief Recent Developments Editor, Journal of Consumer and Commercial Law
UHLC Student Ambassador
B.A., Psychology, Texas A&M University
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I have sent in my enrollment fee to secure my seat in the entering class. What happens now?
A: The $200 enrollment fee is the first commitment to secure your seat in the class. We will require you to complete a Registration Commitment Form in June, indicating your intent to matriculate. You also need to provide verification that you have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis if you’re under 22. Visit the admitted students page for more details. Additionally, if your email (or mailing) address changes during the summer, you should notify our office. We will be communicating with you throughout the summer via email regarding registration and orientation.

Q: Can I defer my admission to law school?
A: Deferments are available on a case-by-case basis. Admitted students seeking to defer must submit a request in writing to the Assistant Dean for Admissions.

Q: I am excited to begin law school. When can I register for fall classes?
A: Entering students will be separated into sections and registered administratively by the Office of Student Services (OSS), typically in July. After you complete your Registration Commitment Form, you will be instructed on how to indicate which parking permit option should be included in your registration and whether you would like to enroll in the Student Health Insurance program.

Q: When will I receive my class schedule and book list?
A: Once OSS has registered all entering students, it will send orientation and enrollment information via email. This email will include your first-year section and your class schedule. Book lists are posted on the UHLC webpage. This typically happens around mid-July.

Q: Where can I purchase my books?
A: The University Bookstore has a law school satellite located in the Calhoun Lofts, across from the law school. Required texts, study materials, and UHLC merchandise can be purchased there.

Q: Am I required to attend an orientation?
A: The Law Center will provide mandatory orientation for all entering students in mid-August. Orientation will introduce students to the expectations, policies, and procedures of the UH Law Center, including the Honor Code. Students will also meet their student and faculty mentors and complete a writing assessment. If you have an unavoidable conflict with orientation, you should contact the Office of Admissions.

Q: What else should I do to prepare myself for law school?
A: The Admitted Students page includes a list of books that have been recommended by our faculty, but please don’t feel that you need to read all of them or that you will be behind if you choose not to read any of them. If you are not familiar with Houston, you probably will want to arrive in town well before school starts so that you can get familiar with the city. Things to consider include finding the closest branch and ATMs of your bank, finding the best route to get to school and back home, and finding convenient gas stations and grocery stores. Also, think about what things you can do to make life easier, such as automatic bill pay for your utilities, setting up an Outlook calendar with your family members’ birthdays. Don’t forget to set aside time to relax and have fun; UH has a great recreation center available to law students, and there are lots of gyms, parks, museums, and live music venues that provide students with a break from law school.

Q: What is expected of students on the first class day?
A: First day assignments will be posted on the webpage one to two weeks before the first day of classes (law.uh.edu/student). Students are expected to have read the assignments and be prepared to discuss them in class on the first day. Some professors will have already assigned seats, and others will create a seating chart on the first day, allowing you to select your seat.
Q: What about class attendance?
A: UHLC has a minimum 80 percent attendance requirement. Any student who attends fewer than the minimum percentage of classes may be automatically dropped from the class. Faculty are free to impose a stricter attendance requirement or to consider students who are late or leave early absent for that day. Most will discuss their attendance policies in their syllabi. Faculty use different methods to monitor attendance, including roll calls, use of the seating chart, sign-in sheets, or requiring students to make an honor code certification at the end of the semester. Falsifying class attendance is a violation of the UHLC Honor Code.

Q: How are grades determined? Can you explain blind grading and the curve?
A: Most courses have one exam at the end of the course. Letter grades are given to students in all courses and seminars, with numerical equivalents on a four point scale. Prior to the exam period, students will be issued an exam number by OSS. This number will be used for all exams that semester. Faculty members submit grade sheets with exam numbers to OSS for processing. Professors who credit for class participation or other factors will submit a separate list of those students who are to receive bonus/deduction points. Courses in which seminar papers or projects are the basis of the grade are not subject to blind grading. As OSS processes grades, it will review the grades of all the students to verify that the class mean grade is within the guidelines of the curve. For first-year courses, the mandatory curve is 2.9-3.1. More information about the curve is available in the Student Handbook.

Q: At my undergraduate school, all you needed was a 2.0 GPA to be in good standing. Is this the policy in the J.D. program at UHLC?
A: No. The good standing policy requires that students maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.33 at the completion of each semester or summer session to remain in good standing. This policy is described in detail in the Student Handbook.

Q: Do I have to purchase one of the recommended laptops? What if I already have a laptop?
A: Students are not required to purchase a laptop. Please note, however, that the LIT department will provide a range of technical support (law.uh.edu/lit). All students who plan to take exams on their laptops must complete a training program for the exam software utilized at UHLC. This program is not included with the recommended laptops. Cougar Byte at the University Center sells discounted software to members of the University of Houston community. cougarbyte.com

Q: I was admitted to the part-time program but now realize that I would prefer to be a full-time student (or vice-versa). How can I change programs?
A: Students wishing to switch to the full- or part-time program may petition the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to be re-classified, after completion of the first year curriculum. (Petitions may be submitted before the 2L fall semester begins.) Petitions are considered on a space-available basis.

Q: Can a student take a leave of absence?
A: Leaves of absence are granted for compelling reasons, but whenever this occurs during the first year, it creates significant problems because of the sequencing of the first-year curriculum. For that reason, students requesting a leave of absence will be required to take a leave for an entire year. Students contemplating the need to have a mid-first-year leave of absence for pregnancy, business, or other reasons may be advised to defer beginning law school for a year, rather than taking a leave of absence. Deferment requests should be sent to the Assistant Dean for Admissions prior to the start of classes.

Q: I was looking over the character and fitness information on the Admitted Students Page, and I think I need to amend my application. What should I do?
A: If you need to amend your application, either because you failed to disclose an incident when you applied or because a new incident has arisen since you applied, you will need to send a written explanation (by mail or email) to the Assistant Dean for Admissions. The explanation should include all the details of the underlying incident, including the outcome. You must also explain why the matter was not disclosed when you applied, and you must provide a copy of the official disposition from the jurisdiction/college. Additional information is available on the Admitted Students page.
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