

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON | LAW CENTER



Houston: Destination for the Driven



“When you choose Houston and the University of Houston Law Center, you’re choosing your future success. As a highly qualified student, you have many law school options, some closer to home, but consider this: the Law Center is a top tier school in the nation’s fourth largest city and one of the most diverse law schools in the country. Houston is the ‘Energy Capital of the World,’ home to the world’s largest medical complex, a gateway to international trade, and a robust legal market. After weighing all the factors – quality, value, location – I believe the University of Houston Law Center would be the best choice for you.”

— *LEONARD M. BAYNES*
DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER

Destination for the Driven

Houston has a booming economy, a thriving cultural community, and is a hot destination for people from all over the globe. At the University of Houston Law Center, we attract students from around the United States and the world, and we are proud to have alumni in major cities both domestically and abroad. UHLC is a top-tier law school, according to U.S. News and World Report. The Law Center earned this designation through a tradition of excellence in our programs, resources, faculty, staff, and students, among other factors. Houston is also recognized as one of the nation’s most rapidly growing job markets, creating new jobs at a rate unparalleled by other U.S. cities.

Things We Love about Houston

- Big city living (fourth largest city in the U.S.) without the big city cost (third lowest overall cost of living among the nation’s 20 most populous areas)
- Diversity – Houston is consistently touted as one of the most diverse cities in America
- Unparalleled job market and one of the lowest unemployment rates nationwide
- Food! Houston has an amazing, ethnically diverse restaurant scene, saturated with award-winning chefs and every type of cuisine imaginable
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Culture – the Houston Zoo, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Contemporary Arts Museum, Hobby Center, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Wortham Center
- NASA/Space Center Houston
- The Texans (football), Astros (baseball), Rockets (basketball), and Dynamo (soccer)
- Shopping – The Galleria, Rice Village, Highland Village, Memorial City, Town and Country/City Centre are major shopping attractions
- Green spaces and parks

Careers That Can Go Anywhere

The primary mission of the Career Development Office (CDO) at UHLC is to equip students and graduates with the resources and skills to successfully generate and take advantage of professional opportunities, wherever that may be. Our career counselors hail from law schools all over the country, including Texas. The diversity in our counselors' backgrounds allows them to understand the wide range of opportunities available to both students and alumni, and our high graduate employment rate ten months after graduation is a testament to their dedication.

The cornerstone of the CDO's service is its one-on-one career advising. To that end, the counselors at the Law Center are ready to work with you on your career goals, whether looking for opportunities in Houston or Honolulu – your success is our success. The CDO is ready and able to guide you through your out-of-state job search with various resources at our fingertips, including reciprocity agreements with other law schools around the country, which allows UHLC students to review the job banks of selected schools.

To ease the transition into practicing in another state, the Law Center participates in job fairs across the country, including the Chicago Patent Law Interview Program, the Texas in Washington Recruitment Program, and the Equal Justice Works Career Fair & Conference. UHLC also offers an externship program for placements across the country. For more information about all of the services that the Career Development Office offers, please visit law.uh.edu/career.



“Having lived in Tennessee and having attended undergrad in Alabama, I looked at law schools all over the country when deciding where to go, and ultimately chose Houston and UHLC. The great professors, large variety of classes, second-to-none legal market, and the advantage of living in the fourth largest city in the country were key factors in my decision. My 1L summer internship was secured by approaching a speaker following a presentation – that wouldn't have been possible without UHLC's connections in the growing Houston market and the opportunities afforded students for networking.”

— TERA STONE '17
B.S., CHEMICAL ENGINEERING,
AUBURN UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: OMAHA, NEBRASKA



“I’ve never felt more at home than I did in Houston, and that’s saying a lot - I’m from California, have lived and worked in New York City and Portland, Oregon, and currently reside in Chicago! Houston is a city where there is something for everyone, so you can always be yourself. Houston has great culture, ranging from food to theater to sports, and I loved that I could have the big city experience for a small city price!”

— *IVY GREY '08*

ATTORNEY, GRIFFIN HAMERSKY, P.C.

(CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)

B.A., JOURNALISM AND ANTHROPOLOGY,

SCRIPPS COLLEGE

LL.M., CORPORATE BANKRUPTCY,

ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

HOMETOWN: TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA

Fellowship Programs

Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program

The Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program subsidizes weekly salaries for students who have expressed an interest in practicing public service law after graduation. Participating local organizations include the YMCA, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, the Children’s Assessment Center, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, and Lone Star Legal Aid. Governmental agencies include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in New York City and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C., in addition to numerous others at the local, state, and federal levels.

These fellowships provide opportunities for work experience in the public interest legal community, thereby instilling an excitement about, and a commitment to, public service in our students and graduates. Students may work with legal departments of government agencies or nonprofit organizations. The placement can either provide direct legal services or focus on policy and legislative change.

Each year, between 25-35 students spend their summers doing public interest fellowships thanks to fellowship awards from the Law Center. Please visit law.uh.edu/pil/summer.asp for more information.

Global Fellowship Program

The Global Fellowship Program is a new venture that was started in 2015 to assist students pursuing international placements during the summer with government and nonprofit agencies. Although students have interned abroad in the past, this program helps to ensure a larger number of students have the funding to pursue international experience. Our goal with this program is to allow students to broaden their horizons, build their skill set, and pursue careers across the globe. Each year, between 8-10 students spend their summers as Global Fellows doing public interest work at agencies in Canada, India, and Mexico. Please visit law.uh.edu/Global-Fellowship-Program.asp for more information.



“One of the reasons I chose to attend UHLC is because of Houston’s fantastic and ever-expanding legal market. Also, the restaurants are unparalleled – you could eat at a different restaurant every day of your life in this city! When I visited for a prospective student day prior to starting school here, I realized that this school genuinely has a friendly atmosphere. Everyone was cheerful, and it wasn’t a charade, which is in line with what you hear about Houston and Texas in general. The faculty is excited to be here, and all of the professors are active in the legal profession, which is an attractive quality in a law school. The people who work here are easy to approach, whether staff or faculty, and the availability of clinical experience at UHLC is amazing.”

— DANIEL WILLARD '16
B.A., PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
HOMETOWN: INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



“When I first started researching law schools, I was interested in finding a school that had both a strong intellectual property program and a solid health law program. One school consistently popped up as having phenomenal, nationally ranked institutes in both areas – the University of Houston Law Center. However, there is so much more to the Law Center than just its strong national ranking. I loved the atmosphere on campus, the accessibility of the professors, and the strong alumni network. I felt like Houston would be the ideal city to live in not only as a law student, but as a practicing attorney.”

— *CORRINE SZCZESNY '17*

*B.S., NEUROSCIENCE AND ENGINEERING,
BROWN UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: BRANDON, FLORIDA*

Admissions Information

Gaining Admission

Although Texas public universities are limited to enrolling no more than 35% non-residents, because UHLC has so many Texans who seek admission, non-resident applicants are not at a disadvantage in the admissions process.

Financial Considerations

UHLC can help you make Houston your home by providing:

- Merit scholarships: Typically, Dean’s Merit Scholarships are awarded to more than half of our incoming class. Scholarships typically range between \$1,000 and \$25,000 per year and renew each year of the J.D. program as long as the student remains in good academic standing.
- Tuition waivers: Our Dean’s Merit Scholarships come with a waiver of the non-resident tuition premium. If you are a non-resident Scholar, the waiver further reduces your tuition to that of a Texas resident.

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- Travel stipends: Select out-of-state students may be awarded a one-time travel stipend. This stipend is to help with expenses related to visiting family at the holidays or traveling to summer clerkships/ internships.
 - Admitted Student Day travel stipends: Throughout the year, the Admissions Office hosts several Admitted Student Day programs to familiarize accepted students with the Law Center and the city of Houston. Select out-of-state students may be awarded a small travel stipend to help offset the costs of attending Admitted Student Day.



“When I visited Texas before I started law school, Houston immediately stood out as a city where I could see myself laying down roots. You can’t beat the cost of living in a city where living expenses are so low, it puts rent in California, where I’m from, to shame! The legal market is diverse and strong in several areas, including litigation, business law, and immigration, which held a lot of appeal for me. The Law Center’s journals, programs, and clinics are top-notch and are valuable opportunities for any student.”

— LANCE MORGAN '17
B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
COMMUNICATION,
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
HOMETOWN: PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



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