

PART-TIME J.D. PROGRAM

A NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAM

Our part-time program is consistently ranked as one of the top in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. UHLC achieved this distinction through high rankings in quality assessment, selectivity, and part-time focus, including the size of first-year sections for part-time students and the number of positions filled by part-time students in seminars, simulation courses, clinical courses, field placements, law journals, interschool skills competitions, and independent study.

The J.D. program is a 90-hour curriculum culminating in the Juris Doctor degree. At UHLC, we offer a part-time program designed for students who plan to work during law school. Part-time students are limited to ten credits per semester, and students who take classes on a part-time basis will graduate in four years. The program begins in the fall semester, and spring/summer admission is not offered. Note that as a part-time student you will complete your first year in the evening, following a required schedule (law.uh.edu/academic/jd.asp). Part-time students are able to take all remaining required courses (Professional Responsibility, Upper Level Writing Requirement, and the Practice Skills Requirement) in the evening.

In addition to required classes, as a part-time student, you will have flexibility in when you schedule your classes and what classes you take after your first year. After the first year, you may take classes day or night. Note that there are a number of upper division courses that most students take and that we consider to be “core” courses. To assist you in developing your degree plan, the Office of Student Services provides a timeline for when core upper division courses will be offered in the evening. This schedule, shown at right, is also available at law.uh.edu/student/scheduleofcorecoursesofferedintheevening.pdf.

First Year Course Schedule

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Fall Semester	Hours
Property	4
Procedure	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

Schedule of Core Courses Offered in the Evening

This schedule is primarily for the benefit of UHLC part-time students. They have first priority to register for these classes, though full-time students are also permitted to take these classes if space is available. The courses below will be offered according to the following schedule through Spring 2018. We will update this schedule every year.

Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018
Evidence	Foundational Issues in Health Law	Professional Responsibility	Texas Consumer Law
Environmental Law	Administrative Law	IP Survey	Payment Systems
Trusts and Wills	Federal Income Tax	Secured Financing	The U.S. Health System: An Introduction to Managed Care
Employment Law	Marital Property Rights	Family Law	Oil and Gas Law
Business Organizations			

STUDENT RESOURCES

Our Career Development Office understands that part-time students have different schedules and unique needs. To that end, the CDO is open until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays to accommodate our part-time students. The Office of Student Services, including the registrar, advising, and financial aid, also maintain extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, the law library is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and Law Center security is available to escort you to your car at any time.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Many student organizations, as well as the Career Development Office, hold a portion of their programs and meetings in the evenings to allow part-time students to attend. Additionally, our six clinics (Civil Practice, Consumer Law, Criminal Defense, Entrepreneurship and Community Development, Immigration, and Mediation), as well as our externship programs (Criminal Practice, Judicial, and Government/Nonprofit) are open to part-time students as long as any necessary academic prerequisites are met.

EVENING LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The purposes of the Evening Law Students Association (ELSA) are to: 1) promote and foster development of the members through organizational activities, mentoring of new members, interaction with the Houston legal community, and other worthy enterprises; 2) provide a forum for membership to discuss current issues; and 3) provide a mechanism for the evening students of the University of Houston Law Center to formally present their concerns to the deans, faculty, and staff. ELSA exists to assist and enable the pursuit of academic excellence by evening students and to enhance the quality of life and collegiality of its members. uh.edu/elsa/



“I love that the University of Houston Law Center has an extremely diverse student body, faculty, and staff. I’ve had the chance to meet people from many different backgrounds and walks of life, and it has allowed for a more stimulating and enjoyable learning environment. In the part-time program especially, we come from all types of backgrounds and career paths. This allows us to bring our experiences into classroom discussions, and creates a great learning atmosphere built on substantive subject matters. I feel that my professors are devoted to helping students achieve a solid legal education, and they go out of their way to make themselves available for additional help on course materials, career paths, and legal advice. Lastly, given our hectic schedules due to full-time careers, the UHLC faculty and staff make classes, events, and themselves available to the part-time students, and are dedicated to creating an educational setting conducive to our unique needs.”

– CALVIN MCKNIGHT '19
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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PART-TIME ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

	APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE	CAS RECEIPT DEADLINE	DECISION SENT
Early Decision	November 15	December 15	by February 28
Regular Decision	May 15	June 15	by July 31