

# LAW, J.D.

Saint Louis University's Juris Doctor program offers extensive courses and personalized interaction with nationally recognized professors. Students will be directly exposed to practicing attorneys and clients through professional skills courses, Saint Louis University legal clinics and field placement programs.

Guest speakers who have diverse legal backgrounds and career experience — ranging from federal and state judges to partners, associates and corporate executives — provide students with a real-world approach to learning.

## Concentrations

Law students at SLU may also earn a concentration in the following areas:

### Employment Law

The employment law concentration prepares students to practice in governmental positions, such as with the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Human Rights Commission of a state or local government. It is also beneficial in the practice of corporate law and in representing other institutional clients, such as in health care industries or in higher education. Significant increases in employment discrimination cases filed have made this area an essential component of any litigation department. A wide range of employment opportunities exists in this field.

### Health Law

The health law concentration is available to students who meet its rigorous requirements. SLU's Center for Health Law Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/law/health/>) offers a concentration that allows students to use health law skills in research and practical environments. This concentration is evidence of the seriousness with which students approach the field of health law and certifies that graduates are fully prepared to meet the demands of this rapidly changing legal field.

### Intellectual Property Law

The intellectual property law concentration emphasizes information, analytical tools and skills lawyers require to represent their clients' intellectual property needs. Students will have the opportunity to take specialized courses that expose students to the legal and practical issues that arise in intellectual property law. Students who wish to receive this concentration will complete a minimum of 10 credits of intellectual property law courses with a satisfactory grade (C or higher).

Students will consult with the concentration advisor to tailor course selection to particular interests. Full-time students should be able to complete the concentration requirements without additional time or credits beyond what is required for the J.D. program. Part-time students may also be able to earn the concentration with advanced planning but may occasionally need to take a course offered before 6 p.m.

### International and Comparative Law

Offered through the Center for International and Comparative Law (<https://www.slu.edu/law/international/>), this concentration can be earned by students who complete both a semester-long study abroad program through the School of Law in France, Ireland or Switzerland and a three-credit international law course. Each student must also complete a substantial research paper on an international or comparative law topic. Students may earn up to six credits from the School of Law's summer

program in Madrid, Spain (<https://www.slu.edu/law/international/study-abroad/madrid/>), which will count toward the concentration's ten credits of coursework requirement.

## Part-Time Options

### Part-Time Day

Students in the part-time day program take an 11-credit schedule for semesters one and two. Some courses are postponed until semesters three and four.

### Part-Time Evening

Students in the part-time evening program complete their required first-year core curriculum in two years by taking courses scheduled in the evening. In their first and second year, part-time students will be in some of the same classes. Course sequencing will be determined based on when students matriculate (even-numbered or odd-numbered year).

## Curriculum Overview

SLU's J.D. program offers students a diverse curriculum designed to prepare them for all legal practice areas. A robust selection of courses and seminars in a variety of legal specialties reflects the commitment to public service and professional ethics.

The goals of the curriculum include:

- Provide quality legal education in the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence and concern for the development of individual students
- Expose students to the interaction of law and other disciplines in the development and application of the law
- Sensitize students to legal ethics and norms, including the obligation to engage in public service

### Core Curriculum ("First-Year" Courses)

The law school's required core curriculum includes 30 credits of classes designed to allow students to develop foundational analytical and writing legal skills necessary for law practice. First-year, full-time students must take these courses in the first two semesters. Part-time students complete these courses within the first two years of study. The core curriculum includes:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I and II
- Property
- Torts

### Upper-Division Options

Nearly two-thirds of the 91 credits required to graduate are elective courses. Students who have completed the core curriculum select classes ranging from foundational bar preparation classes to highly specialized legal topics to supervised clinical practice. This allows students to custom design the majority of their law school education. Students may sample courses from various subject areas or specialize based on their individualized needs and interests.

SLU's School of Law also offers opportunities for students to participate in (and receive credit for) one of three student-run law journals as well

as develop critical legal skills in areas such as appellate advocacy, trial practice and client counseling. Students may choose to complete one of four concentration programs.

## Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Admissions Committee as authorized by ABA Accreditation Standards Section 502.

Register for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service (LOR). No application is complete without test scores and transcript analysis from LSAC's CAS. The School of Law does accept evaluation forms through the LSAC Evaluations Service, but they are not required. It is highly recommended that applicants take the LSAT the summer or fall before the desired entry year. Only LSAT scores earned within the last three years will be considered.

All transcripts must be forwarded directly to the CAS. The School of Law will request the LSAC CAS Report upon receipt of the application.

## Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. A minimum of two letters is required, and up to four letters will be accepted. It is recommended to request letters from individuals who can accurately assess their intellectual ability, motivation, character and academic performance. Value is placed on content that verifies the applicant's qualifications to compete in the law school environment.

Send letters of recommendation to:

Law School Admission Council  
662 Penn Street  
PO Box 8508  
Newtown, PA 19840-8505  
Phone: 215-968-1001

## Personal Statement

The personal statement allows applicants to communicate information about themselves that is not found in the rest of the application. The personal statement provides the admissions committee with insight into an applicant's writing ability and individual character. Information regarding personal or professional goals, academic performance, and career history are helpful. The admissions committee looks for brevity and clarity of thought and expression. Please limit the personal statement to two pages.

## Important

It is the responsibility of each applicant to provide the admissions office with all the necessary documents. The applicant is encouraged to contact the admissions office throughout the admissions process to confirm receipt of application materials at [admissions@law.slu.edu](mailto:admissions@law.slu.edu) or by phone at 314-977-2800. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

## Admissions Determination

The admissions committee considers several factors in determining a candidate's eligibility, including academic achievement, the strength of the undergraduate program, application information, LSAT results (the Admissions Committee looks only at the applicant's highest score), personal statement, work experience, degrees earned, motivation, leadership and service.

## Tuition

Tuition/Fee	Per Semester	Per Credit
Full-time (12+ credits)	\$24,020	
Part-time (8-11 credits)	\$17,530	
Part-time (1-7 credits)		\$2,280

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are many resources to assist students in financing a legal education, including scholarships, loans and work opportunities.

Financial aid award letters for new students are mailed beginning on March 1 of each year.

Although a FAFSA is not required to receive merit-based aid, it should be completed if you plan to seek eligibility for federal aid programs like federal direct loans or federal work-study. Saint Louis University's school code is 002506.

## Accreditation

Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate knowledge of substantive and procedural law and the American legal system.
2. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an effective ability to resolve legal issues.
3. Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, to clients and other audiences in a variety of legal contexts.
4. Graduates will be able to research effectively and efficiently.
5. Graduates will be able to demonstrate competency in additional skills that are essential for effective lawyering.
6. Graduates will be able to exercise proper professional and ethical judgment in interactions with clients, the profession, and the legal system.
7. Graduates will be able to exemplify SLU LAW's mission.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 7000	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7005	Criminal Law	3

LAW 7010	Contracts	4
LAW 7015	Torts	4
LAW 7020	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I	3
LAW 7021	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication II	3
LAW 7025	Constitutional Law I	3
LAW 7030	Property	4
LAW 7033	Law Office Technology	1
LAW 7040	Introduction to Legal Studies	1
<b>Upper Division Requirements (can be taken in any semester)</b>		
LAW 7100	Legal Profession	3
Seminar		2
Experiential coursework		6
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select remaining courses <sup>1</sup>		50
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>91</b>

<sup>1</sup> After completing the first-year requirements, students can select from a variety of offerings to complete the minimum of 91 credits to graduate. The majority of upper division courses are elective with the exception of the requirements listed below.

## Seminar Courses

- Access to Health Care
- Advanced Corporate Governance
- American Presidency
- Art Law
- Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies
- Citizenship, Human Rights & Social Justice
- Climate Change and U.S. Law and Policy
- Criminal Law and Policy
- Critical Race Theory
- Death Penalty
- Disability Justice
- Famous Criminal Trials
- International and Artificial Intelligence
- International Intellectual Property Law
- International Sale of Goods
- International Taxation
- Law, Race and Social Movements
- Local Governance and Livability
- Occupational Safety and Health Law
- Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice
- Sexuality, Race and the Supreme Court's Gay Rights Canon
- White Collar Crime

## Experiential Courses

- Advanced Commercial and Business Transactions Practice
- Advanced Legal Research
- Children's Advocacy
- Children's Permanency Clinic I and II
- Civil Advocacy
- Civil Advocacy Clinic I and II
- Civil Practice

- Client Counseling
- Competition-Based Advocacy
- Criminal Defense Advocacy
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Employment and Labor Law Research
- Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic I and II
- Entrepreneurship and Community Development Practice
- Entrepreneurship Law
- Estate Planning
- Federal Criminal Prosecution
- Field Placement I and II
- Health Law Agency Practice
- Health Law Field Placement in DC
- Health Law, Policy and Advocacy I & II
- Human Rights at Home Advocacy
- Human Rights at Home Litigation Clinic I & II
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property Law Research
- Intellectual Property Licensing
- Investment Industry Regulation
- Judicial Process and Procedure
- Judicial Process Field Placement
- Jury Instructions
- Law Practice Management
- Lawyering Practice
- Mediation
- Moot Court I & II
- Negotiations
- Patent Drafting and Prosecution
- Removal Defense Project
- Sentencing Mitigation
- State and Local Government Law
- State Legal Research
- Transactional Drafting
- Transactional Drafting for Business Associations
- Transactional Health Care Practice
- Trial Advocacy I
- Trial Advocacy II - Civil and Criminal
- Urban Issues Symposium

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

## Full-Time Day

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 7000	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7005	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7015	Torts	4
LAW 7020	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I	3
LAW 7040	Introduction to Legal Studies	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 7010	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication II	3
LAW 7025	Constitutional Law I	3
LAW 7030	Property	4
LAW 7033	Law Office Technology	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 7100	Legal Profession	3
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	12
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	15
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
Seminar		2
Experiential coursework		6
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	23
<b>Credits</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>91</b>

## Part-Time Evening

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 7005	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7015	Torts	4
LAW 7020	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I	3
LAW 7040	Introduction to Legal Studies	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 7010	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication II	3
LAW 7033	Law Office Technology	1
LAW 7100	Legal Profession	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>

### Year Two

#### Fall

LAW 7025	Constitutional Law I	3
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	4
LAW 7030	Property	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>

#### Spring

LAW 7000	Civil Procedure	4
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	7
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>

### Year Three

Seminar		2
Experiential coursework		6
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	14
<b>Credits</b>		<b>22</b>

### Year Four

Law Elective	Any LAW Course	25
<b>Credits</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>91</b>

## Part-Time Day (11 credit schedule)

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 7000	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7005	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7020	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I	3
LAW 7040	Introduction to Legal Studies	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 7010	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication II	3
LAW 7025	Constitutional Law I	3
LAW 7033	Law Office Technology	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 7015	Torts	4
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	7
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 7030	Property	4
LAW 7100	Legal Profession	3
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
Seminar		2
Experiential coursework		6
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	15
<b>Credits</b>		<b>23</b>

**Year Four**

Law Elective	Any LAW Course	24
<b>Credits</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>91</b>