Admitted Students Guide

UCI Law
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW
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Congratulations on your acceptance to the Class of 2025! This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we hope you take the time to enjoy and appreciate the moment. You worked hard to realize one of your goals. Now begins the truly difficult part of the admissions process – carefully reviewing your offers of admission and deciding which law school will provide you with the best legal education to realize your goal of becoming a lawyer. To assist in making an informed decision, we provide you with this guide. It is our intention that you give our offer of admission strong consideration.

The University of California, Irvine School of Law (UCI Law) continues to revolutionize legal education with a groundbreaking approach to law that is premiere, practical, experiential, public-service oriented and global in perspective. Our faculty, students, alumni and supporters are driven to make a difference in our local, national and global communities by leading the solutions to the most pressing questions of our time.

Our extraordinary approach has produced diverse alumni, many who are the first in their families to practice law. Our graduates are among the most in-demand legal professionals in the nation. Over the next few months, we encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunities to experience UCI Law and see for yourself what makes us an exciting, special and preeminent law school. Join us. Let’s go change the world together.

Warmly,

Bryant Garth
Interim Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus
UCI Law was founded with a vision to transform legal education. This vision distinguishes us from other top law schools, and it has endured during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, our goal has remained to provide you with the foundation to launch successful careers as lawyers, and to be leaders for systemic improvement of our justice system.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, when the pandemic required us to teach remotely, UCI Law maintained its commitment to the highest quality of legal education. With the expert leadership of our Teaching and Learning Committee, the UCI Law faculty participated in summer training on research-based best practices for remote instruction and redesigned their courses to enhance student learning. Beyond classes, our students kept offering extensive pro bono legal services to those in need, and our legal clinics were as busy as ever helping their clients and giving our students the unparalleled practical training for which UCI Law is known. Through UCI Law’s centers of excellence such as the Center on Law, Equality and Race and the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, our students, faculty and community kept grappling with critical topics at the intersection of law and society. Working together, our students and faculty continued to have an important impact on law and policy, despite new and challenging times. Throughout this period, UCI Law has demonstrated that the challenges of the day will not keep us from doing all that we do so well.

We are very excited to have returned to in-person classes in fall 2021. Now that we are back on campus, we have leveraged the knowledge and experience we gained last year to make our in-person instruction even more effective—for example, by incorporating additional formative assessment methods to improve feedback to students on their progress, and adopting innovations in course design and pedagogy. Students and faculty agree that it has been wonderful to be back in person together.

UCI has a campus-wide commitment to the health and well-being of its students, staff and faculty. To that end, both the UCI campus and the University of California central administration adopted policies intended to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19. These include COVID-19 and flu vaccination requirements, as well as policies for face coverings, asymptomatic COVID-19 testing, daily symptom checks and contact tracing. All these policies apply to UCI Law. UCI and the University of California continue to monitor the public health situation and public health guidance so that they can adapt their policies accordingly. For more information, please refer to the UCI Forward webpage at https://uci.edu/coronavirus/.
We Are UCI Law

UCI Law is the culmination of several generations of revolutionary dreamers. UCI Law provides an innovative and comprehensive curriculum and prioritizes public service and a commitment to diversity within the legal profession. The collaborative and interdisciplinary community at UCI Law includes extraordinary students, world-renowned faculty, engaged alumni and enthusiastic supporters.

1L - Hit the Ground Running

UCI Law seeks to do the best job in the country of training students for the practice of law in any modern legal setting. Students take six credits of Lawyering Skills across two courses in the first year. In those courses, students gain a critical foundation in skills all attorneys use, including both predictive and persuasive legal writing, legal research, legal analysis, problem solving and oral advocacy. The Lawyering Skills courses also introduce students to client counseling, client interviewing, negotiation, contract drafting and fact investigation. All first-year students conduct intake interviews at a local legal aid or public defender office. Thus, UCI Law students, under supervision, work with organizations on real matters beginning in their first year of law school.

The first-year curriculum also includes Legal Profession, a course that gives students tools to resolve the legal and ethical issues that lawyers confront in a variety of practice settings. Students learn about the profession they are joining, including ethics, economics and sociology.

In 2021, UCI Law became the first University of California law school — and one of just a few law schools nationally — to adopt a graduation requirement that students take a graded course with substantial content about “race and indigeneity, structural inequity and the historical bases for such inequity.” The faculty remains committed to ensuring that students are exposed to critical concepts from a range of equity categories including race and indigeneity, dis/ability, gender and sexuality, socioeconomic background, survivors of family and domestic violence, system-involvement and veteran status.

Sample 1L Schedule: Fall Semester

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Academic Calendar 2022-2023

Fall Semester 2022

Instruction Begins - Short Session: August 17 - 19, Wednesday - Friday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term: August 22, Monday
Labor Day Holiday: September 5, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week: October 10 - 14, Monday - Friday
Veterans Day Holiday: November 11, Friday
Thanksgiving Holiday: November 24 - 25, Thursday - Friday
Instruction Ends: December 2, Friday
Reading Period: December 5 - 8, Monday - Thursday
Examination Period: December 9 - 21, Friday - Wednesday
Fall Semester Ends: December 21, Wednesday

Spring Semester 2023

Instruction Begins: January 3, Tuesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: January 16, Monday
President's Day Holiday: February 20, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week: March 6 - 10, Monday-Friday
Cesar Chavez Holiday: March 31, Friday
Instruction Ends: April 19, Wednesday
Reading Period: April 20 – 25, Thursday - Tuesday
Examination Period: April 26 – May 5, Wednesday - Friday
Spring Semester Ends: May 5, Friday
Commencement: May 6, Saturday

Sample 1L Schedule: Spring Semester

Monday
9:55-11:55 Constitutional Analysis
Lunch Hour
1:15-2:45 1L Elective
3:00-4:20 Common Law Analysis: Torts

Tuesday
8:15-9:45 Lawyer Skills II
10:15-11:45 1L Interviewing for Lawyer Skills
Lunch Hour
3:30-4:50 Common Law Analysis: Torts

Wednesday
8:45-9:45 Legal Profession II
9:55-11:55 Constitutional Analysis
Lunch Hour
1:15-2:45 1L Elective

Thursday
8:15-9:45 Lawyer Skills II
Lunch Hour
3:00-4:20 Common Law Analysis: Torts

Friday
Lunch Hour
1:00-5:00 1L Interviewing for Lawyer Skills
Preparing Students for Practice at the Highest Levels of the Profession Through UCI Law’s Top-Ranked Lawyering Skills Program

UCI Law’s Lawyering Skills Program, currently ranked 9th in the nation among Legal Writing Programs, offers students an innovative and comprehensive introduction to the range of critical skills necessary for students to thrive in any modern legal practice.

Some key attributes of our program include:

- A team of faculty members who are dedicated teachers, mentors, scholars and practitioners. Collectively, we have nearly 150 years of teaching experience. We also have a range of practical experience to offer our students, counting among our ranks prior solo practitioners, judicial clerks, award-winning legal journalists, large law firm partners, and those currently performing significant pro bono work for the local community.

- A comprehensive six-credit course covering a range of skills, including legal writing, research, analysis, oral advocacy, fact investigation, problem solving, client interviewing and counseling, negotiation and contract drafting.

- A required real-world interviewing experience for every 1L through established partnerships with nonprofit and government organizations.

- Small class sizes allowing for focused individualized attention for every student.

- A range of upper-division skills courses to complement the introduction in the 1L year.

- Opportunities for upper-division students to participate in moot court, mock trial, or both.

- Regular communication with our clinical program (ranked 6th in the country) to provide students with a seamless transition between the unique 1L Lawyering Skills class and the mandatory clinic experience at UCI Law.

“A legal education is an investment in yourself. When I think about my UCI Law experience, ASP was worth every penny of my investment. The expertise of the ASP team, the individualized and methodical approach to each student’s needs, and the encouragement and support truly set UCI Law students up for success. ASP is a true gem for UCI Law students, and I highly recommend you take the time to take advantage of the wealth of resources they offer. Looking back on my UCI Law experience, ASP was a standout part and receives my highest recommendation.”

Paige Christie, ’21
Jones Day
A Commitment to Your Success: Building the Academic Skills That Ensure Your Success in Law School and Beyond

Law school is challenging and has a different approach than other educational endeavors. UCI Law's Academic Skills Program (ASP) is an invaluable resource for students seeking to maximize their academic success in law school. From identifying the keys to effective class preparation, to solidifying legal analysis and legal writing skills, to demystifying the bar exam so you pass it the first time, ASP professors provide critical skills instruction to help students excel in all stages of their legal education.

Extensive First-Year Programming

Our 1L ASP programming will ensure you feel prepared, supported and capable from your first day of law school. It includes:

- An optional program designed to familiarize students with the culture of law school and the legal profession.
- Orientation featuring instruction and hands-on practice, so you start law school with a solid foundation.
- Training in essential legal academic skills with hands-on practice opportunities incorporated into your courses.
- Timely workshops throughout the year focused on the skills you need to develop, right when you need them.
- One-on-one advising, counseling, assistance and/or feedback as needed to best support you in maximizing your success.
- Online resource portal full of videos, exercises and guides for all your academic skills needs.

Top-Notch Bar Preparation Support

Our extensive bar preparation programming is designed to ensure you pass the bar exam on your first attempt. It includes:

- Guidance on course selection to best prepare for first-time bar passage.
- Upper-division courses focused on improving the critical bar tested skills of legal analysis and legal writing.
- Bar preparation courses featuring highly tested doctrine and strategies for excelling on all components of the bar exam.
- Workshops focusing on key bar exam-tested skills and substantive law.
- Individualized coaching, assistance and encouragement, so we are with you every step of the way.
- Support from our UCI Law Alumni Bar Mentorship Program.
- Online resource portal with bar preparation content available exclusively for UCI Law students.
A Pro Bono Culture Like No Other

As soon as you are ready to engage with pro bono volunteering at UCI Law, you can get involved and make a difference. Whether you wish to dedicate your career to public interest, government or private practice, you will find a place to give back through UCI Law’s Pro Bono Program and can begin that work within weeks of starting classes.

For UCI Law students, volunteering to assist underserved communities and causes with their legal needs is second nature. More than 93 percent of UCI Law students participate in the Pro Bono Program, volunteering over 125,000 hours since the Law School’s inception. Starting in the first weeks of law school, students are offered opportunities to do pro bono. During the 2020-2021 academic year, UCI Law students completed more than 15,000 pro bono hours with 1Ls averaging 26.5 pro bono hours per student.

Current First-Year Pro Bono Projects — Fall 2021

- Afghanistan Humanitarian Parole and Support Projects
- American Constitution Society—Federal Register Watchdog Project
- Christian Legal Aid Clinics
- City Council, Brown Act & Public Comments—Housing & Civil Rights
- Court Watch—Mississippi
- Disabled and Elderly Social Security (SSI) Benefits Clinic
- Domestic Violence Declarations
- Education Advocacy for Youth
- Employment Rights Virtual Clinic
- Expungement Project—Orange County Clean Slate
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition—Restore Voting Rights
- Haitian TPS Applications
- Immigration Screening Clinic
- Incarcerated Individuals Letter Writing and Conditions Monitoring
- Kill the Kill Zone
- Legal Access Corps—Live Chat Legal Referrals
- Limited Conservatorship Project
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund Case Monitoring
- People’s Clinic—Assisting Victims of Police Violence
- Permanency Applications (Green Cards) for Victims of Crime
“My UCI pro bono work gave me a chance to feel like I was working for justice, and using my legal training to challenge oppressive practices, even as a law student. As an ACLU staff attorney, I’ve regularly depended on UCI Law students’ pro bono work to provide crucial assistance in my cases.”

Jonathan Markovitz, ’14
ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties

“The Afghanistan Support Project assists Afghan Nationals in obtaining humanitarian parole from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). In particular, I help the program by screening prospective applicants and determining whether they satisfy USCIS minimum qualification standards for humanitarian parole. Given the extent of the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, I consider it my responsibility to help in whatever way possible. Participating in UCI Pro Bono helps me keep my ultimate goal of becoming a lawyer — and using my J.D. to make an impact — in perspective. Whether you are interested in public interest work or not, pro bono opportunities impart invaluable experience in practical training and empathy.”

Ryan Ghassemi
UCI Law 1L

“UCI Law encourages and supports its student body’s pro bono contributions in a way that allows for students to prioritize pro bono, even when they’re feeling overwhelmed by the rigors of law school. Pro bono at UCI Law is a great tool to do good, to participate in (and be exposed to) different practices of law, and to recharge away from the textbooks while still being productive.”

Carey Hughes ’19
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Living and Studying in the O.C.

UCI Law is located in the heart of Orange County, California—one hour from Los Angeles, one hour from San Diego, one hour from the snow and 10 minutes from the breathtakingly beautiful beaches of Orange County that stretch along the 28-mile coastline.

Orange County offers a variety of residential environments including apartments, condos, townhomes and houses, close to campus and at the beach.

Guaranteed On-Campus Housing

Law students who accept our offer of admission can apply for a guaranteed on-campus housing offer in one of our six on-campus communities: Palo Verde, Verano Place, Campus Village, Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte or Puerta del Sol. The guaranteed housing offer includes priority lease renewal for the law student's following two years — the normal expected time to degree for J.D. students, assuming housing eligibility is maintained.
The guarantee of on-campus housing for my time in law school made me confident in my choice to move from out of state to attend UCI Law. I have lived in three different graduate housing apartments in my time here, and while each one had different perks, they were all exceptionally financially accessible, very comfortable, and kept me close to campus, grocery stores and my peers. Living on campus, I’m a 15-minute drive from the beach, the mall, and the largest variety of boba shops I’ve ever seen in my life. I’m grateful living on campus is not a stressful decision.

Margaret Hinson
UCI Law 3L
Investing in Ourselves and in Each Other

Over 30 student organizations are formally recognized at the Law School, with new ones forming annually. Every organization is a vital part of student life as they celebrate and explore the rich diversity and wide interest of our students. Almost daily you will find one of our organizations hosting a program designed to strengthen and enrich our UCI Law family.

Involvement opportunities include:

- Admissions Ambassadors
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Chinese Law Student Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Entertainment and Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- The Federalist Society
- First Generation Professionals Program
- If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Society
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- It Takes a Village
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Latinx Law Students Association
- Law Students for Educational Equity
- Law Students for Immigrant Justice
- Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Student Association
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Disabled Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OutLaw
- Public Interest Law Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Tax Law Society
- Women’s Law Society
- Women in Tech Law

“It’s easy to get caught up in the things you have to do in law school, but it’s just as important to be involved in the things you want to do. UCI Law’s student organizations have given me many great opportunities. I’ve worked with and befriended some amazing people, heard from the attorney who overturned Fred Korematsu’s conviction, and gave back by raising funds for stipends to help fellow students. From groups centered around parts of your identity to clubs focused on professional interest or activism, student groups provide some of the most fulfilling and interesting opportunities in law school.”

Chris Su
UCI Law 3L
“Being a first-generation college student, I value the Law School’s dedication to serving low-income communities like my own. My various experiences with pro bono, campus organizations, and clinic have improved my research and writing skills immensely and have allowed me to gain amazing summer employment across California. Everyday, UCI never fails to remind me why I came to law school: to collaborate and learn from my diverse peers and professors, to give back to my community, and to increase access to justice for anyone who needs it.”

Sydney Martin
UCI Law 3L
UCI Law is a care community, and while our students care about others, resources are also available to promote our students’ well-being. Students are supported by the Deans of Students Offices (Student Affairs and Student Services), and have access to resources through the UCI Counseling Center, including but not limited to:

- On-site counselor at the Law School.
- Access to counselors on main campus just a few blocks away.
- Urgent care hours during business hours.
- One-time counseling appointments.
- Access to a crisis support app and online mental health screenings.
- Referrals to off-campus providers based on your insurance and other factors.

For more information about mental health resources at UCI and UCI Law please visit: https://www.law.uci.edu/campus-life/mental-health/.

Being connected to UCI’s main campus results in additional resources being made available outside of the Law School. Other than the Counseling Center, there is a broad array of resources that include:

- The ARC (Anteater Recreation Center).
- Centers, including Center for Black Culture, Resources, and Research; Cross-Cultural Center; DREAM Center; Latinx Resource Center; International Center; Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center; Sustainability Resource Center; and Womxn’s Center for Success.
- Disability Services Center.
- Veteran Services Center.
- UCI Student Parents and Families Program.
- Fresh UCI Basic Needs Hub.
Experiential Learning Through Clinics & Externships

Practicing law under close supervision and with time for reflection is a fundamental goal of the UCI Law curriculum, and the clinical program, ranked No. 6 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, is the cornerstone of this goal.

Clinics

As we round out the second year of a global pandemic, it is hard not to feel daunted by the challenges that lay ahead. COVID-19 has ravaged entire communities and laid bare extant social and economic inequalities, groups domestically and abroad continue to grapple with myriad forms of violence, and the crisis of climate change looms. Yet, these uncertain times have also presented new opportunities. Amidst this upheaval, the UCI Law clinical program has been hard at work. Students adjusting to a new “hybrid” world of practice have found new ways to creatively advocate for clients in the community, in the courts, and before legislatures and political bodies. We recently wrapped up an innovative year-long seminar taught by clinical faculty on COVID-19 and civil rights. And this fall, we returned to the classroom, embracing the chance to greet each other in person after a year and a half on Zoom.

The heart of the UCI Law experiential learning program is the required six-unit core clinic taught by one or more members of our full-time faculty, all of whom have come to UCI Law after teaching in top-tier clinical programs around the country. The clinical faculty collaborate to ensure that the program offers a vibrant and diverse set of learning opportunities that will train our students to practice law in a wide array of subject matter and work environments. In addition to guaranteed placement in one of UCI Law’s 11 core clinics, second- and third-year students can enroll in their core clinic for additional semesters, or enroll in an elective clinic.

“It is amazing to work for a client that is passionate about environmental justice. The assignments were enjoyable because I knew my work helped achieve the client’s goals. I appreciated working closely with my clinical professor because he helped me learn how to provide effective counsel to my client.”

Katie Raitz, ’21
Law Clerk to the Hon. Shashi H. Kewalramani
U.S. District Court, Central District of California
Core Clinics

- Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
- Community and Economic Development Clinic
- Consumer Law Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Immigrant Rights Clinic
- Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology Clinic
- International Justice Clinic
- Ninth Circuit Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic

Elective Clinics

- Appellate Litigation Clinic for Veterans
- Appellate Tax Clinic
- California State Tax Clinic
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Reproductive Justice Clinic
- Startup and Small Business Clinic

“The clinical experience at UCI Law is top-notch. As a student in the UCI Domestic Violence Clinic, I represented domestic violence survivors in Orange County. I say I represented because I did not assist my supervising attorney in representing our clients. I represented my clients with the aid of my supervising attorney. UCI empowered me to take full control of my education while learning the skills I will need in my future practice. I’m leaving UCI Law prepared to practice.”

Chris Lawrence ’21
Sheppard Mullin
**Externships**

UCI Law’s robust externship program is a vital part of the UCI Law experiential learning program. In addition to our partnerships with more than 300 judges, nonprofits and government agencies around the world, UCI Law’s program encourages students to create their own placements, building on and applying the knowledge they have gained in their substantive coursework. With part-time opportunities offered every semester (including summer) and full-time opportunities available in the academic year, the externship program at UCI Law can support every student’s learning and career goals.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, externs in the program demonstrated commitment to seeking justice in their communities and furthering their legal education, working more than 40,000 hours on behalf of their field placements. UCI Law externs demonstrated strong leadership and advocacy skills in support of lawyers across all fields of practice, whether fighting on behalf of those who are housing insecure, advocating on behalf of incarcerated people across California or working to increase access to justice during a time of crisis. In fall 2021, UCI Law students in the UCDC Law Program, a full-semester externship program in Washington, D.C., worked at the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, National Center for Youth Law and the Department of Justice Fraud Section.

“UCI Law is really at the forefront of developing socially-conscious lawyers, interested in using their legal skills to help others, whether it be via pro bono work or public interest focused work with nonprofits or government agencies. I think it is important that all prospective lawyers spend some time engaging with the human aspect of the law before beginning their career as a lawyer. What we do as lawyers, regardless of the practice area, has consequences and affects people’s lives.”

Andrea Ringer ’15
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

“At the Transgender Legal Assistance Clinic, we help clients fill out name and gender change forms for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, which can often be burdensome, cost-prohibitive and confusing. Amidst the academic grind of 1L fall, participating in TLAC has kept me motivated by reminding me how empowering legal support can be for individuals who face state barriers to gender affirmation. It reminds me why I came to law school.”

Harry Hoke
UCI Law 1L

“I was hugely impressed by how quickly the UCI students did a pivot from in-person to virtual learning (and client counseling) when the pandemic happened. Total professionals.”

Mike Gaitley
Legal Aid at Work
Launching Your **Legal Career**

UCI Law’s Career Development Office (CDO) hosts a modern, individualized approach to career coaching. Mirroring UCI Law’s commitment to experiential learning, the CDO’s mission is to support and empower our students as they learn to navigate the legal market for the first time.

- Every student at UCI Law works individually with a career counselor to develop a career plan, create milestones, craft application materials and master legal interviews.
- Counselors are available to critically discuss decision points with students, highlight crucial factors, and instill in students the knowledge and ability to pilot their own unique career trajectories.

**On-Campus Interviewing**

The CDO hosts a robust Early Interview Week (EIW) in late July/early August each year geared toward the nation’s largest law firms looking to interview rising second-year students for summer positions and rising third-year students for full-time positions. Prior to EIW, students have ample opportunity to meet recruiting firms through on-campus employer spotlights, local receptions and our annual start of summer “Meet the Firms” event.

In addition to EIW, we sponsor fall and spring on-campus interview programs for a wide variety of employers, including government agencies, public interest organizations, corporations and law firms.

The CDO supports student participation in off-campus interview programs such as the Bay Area Diversity Career Fair, the Loyola Chicago Patent Law Interview Program, the Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair, and the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair. We are also proud to co-sponsor the Southern California Public Interest/Public Service Career Day consortium in Los Angeles every February.

**Diversity Initiatives**

UCI Law students have the opportunity to participate in two unique programs. The Law in Technology Diversity Collaborative accepts applications from 1L students from only 10 law schools in the country. Successful candidates are provided a 10-week internship during the summer, split between a high-profile tech company and a top-tier law firm.

UCI Law is one of the few members of the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program, which introduces law students from diverse backgrounds to judges and law clerks to encourage students to pursue clerkship opportunities. Over the course of three days, participating students work together with judges in small group settings, attend panel presentations and participate in numerous networking opportunities.
Employment

**J.D. Class of 2020**

*Employment statistics are based on 117 out of 143 graduates employed 10 months after graduation.*

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The following are just a few examples of the many employers who have hired UCI Law students:

**LAW FIRMS**

- Cooley LLP
- Greenberg Traurig
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Irell & Manella LLP
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
- O’Melveny & Myers LLP
- Mayer Brown LLP
- Milbank LLP
- Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
- Ropes & Gray LLP
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- White & Case LLP

**PUBLIC INTEREST AND NONPROFITS**

- American Civil Liberties Union
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
- Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Federal Public Defender’s Office
- Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- National Center for Youth Law
- Public Counsel Law Center
- The Legal Aid Society (NYC)

**GOVERNMENT**

- California Attorney General’s Office
- Department of Fair Employment and Housing
- District Attorney’s Offices
- National Labor Relations Board
- Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Judge Advocate General Corps

“Not only was providing life-changing pro bono services extremely rewarding, but the experience gained by doing so was also monumental in the employment interviewing process. Prospective employers, whether private or public, look for so much more than just grades, and being able to speak about my passion for providing direct pro bono legal services made a great impression with my top choice for my summer clerkship. (And I am still with that firm three years later!)”

Star Leal ’18
Associate, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost LLP
Financial Aid Information

As a new member of the UCI Law community, you may have many questions about paying for law school. We understand. We are here to provide the assistance that will allow you to fund your legal education, and to ensure that law school remains financially accessible.

UCI Law Scholarships

Every J.D. student admitted to UCI Law is considered for a UCI Law Scholarship — no additional applications or forms are required. Over 96 percent of our fall 2021 entering class received some scholarship assistance.

UCI Law Need-Based Grants

To be considered for a need-based grant, all newly admitted J.D. students must submit the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the February 2 application deadline. Admitted Students under the age of 30 must include parental income and asset data. The FAFSA is available online at studentaid.gov/fafsa. The school code for UCI Law is 001314. Students who are not eligible to file a FAFSA and qualify for the AB540 fee exemption can submit the California Dream Application. The application is available at www.caldreamact.org. Each student's eligibility for a need-based grant is determined by utilizing the information submitted on the FAFSA or the California Dream Application.

Federal Loans

Many of our students use federal or private educational loans to finance the remainder of their tuition, fees and living expenses. Students interested in borrowing federal loans must also submit the 2022-2023 FAFSA. The eligibility for these loans will be sent to you after the cost of attendance has been set. You need to be realistic about how much you will be earning after graduation so that you can estimate what you can afford to borrow and repay. We encourage you to visit the National Association of Law Placement (NALP) website at www.nalp.org and Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov/ooh to find the median starting salaries for law school graduates.

Veteran Students

The Veteran Services Center (VSC) helps military-connected students — veterans, reservists, National Guard, active duty and dependents — in obtaining their U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits. The VSC is responsible for submitting certification requests for incoming and continuing military-connected students, answering questions military-connected students may have concerning their VA educational benefits, and providing resources to assist military-connected students in navigating their transition to student life at UCI.

To determine whether you are entitled to any veterans’ benefits please contact the UCI Veteran Services Center.

Veteran Services Center
949-824-3500
veteran@uci.edu
https://www.veteran.uci.edu
International Students

To receive a visa document packet (1-20/Ds-2020) from UCI, the following steps must be completed:

1. After submitting the Positive Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and the required seat deposit, you must complete the visa document.

2. The complete packet along with financial information must be sent to UCI Law Student Financial Services.

3. Once the forms are reviewed and approved, the packet will be sent to the UCI International Center for their review. Processing time of completed packets may take up to 15 business days.

4. The International Center will mail the documents to the student by the method requested, along with materials to help the student sign up for an International Center Check-In Session.

For more information regarding the visa process or international student support, please visit the UCI International Center.

UCI International Center
949-824-7249
Internationalcenter@uci.edu
https://ic.uci.edu/students/newStudents.php

J.D. Student Budget 2022-2023

Fees consist of Tuition; Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition; Student Services Fee; and mandatory campus-based fees (recreation center, graduate student health insurance, etc.). The Regents of University of California will set the 2022-2023 academic year tuition and fees in spring 2022. For information about the 2021-2022 academic year, please visit http://www.reg.uci.edu/fees/2021-2022/law.html.

UCI Law estimates cost of living and book expenses based on a modest but adequate standard of living. These costs are updated annually. Cost of living depends upon a student’s personal situation and choices. Students have the choice to live on campus in apartment-style housing, or off campus. Each of the living arrangements has a different cost.

The budget allowance for the 2022-2023 academic year will also be determined in spring 2022. Below is the estimated budget based on 2021-2022 academic year figures.

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Some or all instruction for all or part of the Academic Year may be delivered remotely. Tuition and fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the Academic Year. Figures for tuition and fees represent currently approved or proposed amounts and may not be final. Actual tuition and fees are subject to change by the University of California as determined to be necessary or appropriate. Final approved tuition and fee levels may differ from the amounts presented.
Demonstrating Our Financial Commitment to Public Service

Instilling the value of public service is at the very core of our mission and existence.

UCI Law Public Service Scholarship

As a testament to the Law School’s commitment to supporting students interested in the public sector, admitted J.D. students may be considered for a Public Service Scholarship by submitting a separate application demonstrating their history of public service and dedication to entering a career in public interest law after graduation.

Public Interest Law Fund (PILF)

The first student organization founded at UCI Law in 2010, PILF raises funds for summer stipends to enable all interested UCI Law students to take unpaid positions at nonprofit organizations and agencies, helping real clients with real problems.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

UCI Law supports and encourages our public interest-minded students and graduates who are dedicated to a career in public service law by offering the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). LRAP reduces the burden of law school debt with the goal of securing a career in public interest. Graduates may choose to participate in the UCI Law LRAP program.

UCI Law LRAP Features:

- LRAP assistance includes undergraduate loans.
- Graduates seeking to participate in LRAP must begin participating in the program within 3 1/2 years (42 months) of their graduation date.
- Graduates that enter the public service field would qualify for LRAP assistance if calculated income is less than $80,000.
- Graduates may participate in the program for up to 10 years after graduating.

For more information:
https://www.law.uci.edu/admission/tuition-aid/lrap.html
“I’m most grateful for the opportunities UCI Law afforded me, from counseling asylum seekers in Tijuana to working with inmates on death row in Texas. I chose UCI Law for its public interest programs and left with practical, real-world experience that prepared me for a career in criminal defense. One of my favorite parts about UCI Law is the faculty. Whether they’re inviting students to their home for a semester-end dinner or hosting an extra final exam review session on a Saturday, it’s clear they are all deeply invested in our success. I know there are several professors I’ll be in touch with long after graduation and that’s what I love about this community.”

Olivia Meme ’20
California Appellate Project of Los Angeles
Experience UCI Law

While the pandemic continues to impact our lives, it will not prevent you from learning more about UCI Law. The UCI Law community transcends walls: we exist throughout California, the United States and the world.

UCI Aerial Campus Tour: https://bit.ly/UCIaerial
Save the Date: Admitted Students Weekend: April 1-2, 2022

This spring, the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Services, along with the rest of the UCI Law community, hope to welcome you in person to UCI Law’s campus. However, we must follow the guidelines from the Office of the Chancellor. Alongside an in-person/onsite ASW, we are planning ways for you to interact with our current students, our community partners and, of course, our Admissions & Aid Team! Our goal is to introduce you to our wonderful community as an admitted student of the Class of 2025.

While the pandemic required us to operate virtually for most of the last two years, Team Admissions and Aid’s creativity led us innovating our admitted student programming (some of which will likely continue moving forward):

- Administrators, alumni, current students and professors frequently interacted with our incoming 1Ls in “Coffee with the Community” or happy hours.
- Dean Garth and/or Vice Dean Whytock hosted monthly “Dean’s Town Hall: Answers from the Top.”
- Dean Gapasin Tortal and/or Director Eraca provided weekly check-ins and regular town halls.
- Faculty members emailed “Faculty Friday” messages.
- Current students volunteered and provided “Summer Sibling Mentoring.”

“When choosing a law school, many I talked to said when they arrived on campus, they just knew. Without that opportunity, I was wary of virtual open houses. Out of the dozen I attended, UCI Law’s virtual programming stood out in its demonstration of the genuine warmth, kindness, and support that have since been an undercurrent in all my interactions with students, professors, and administration. I chose UCI for its public service focus, dedication to pedagogy, and subversive spirit. I tapped into those elements by attending virtual events, as well as having Zoom and phone chats with professors and current students.”

Caitlin Stern
UCI Law 2L
Please note that federal regulations require higher education programs that are intended to meet professional licensure and certification requirements to disclose to students whether the program meets licensure and certification requirements in other states. The regulations, which were enacted on Nov. 1, 2019, can be found at 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v) (https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2019-23129.pdf).

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