



# ADMITTED STUDENTS GUIDE

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# A MESSAGE FROM DEAN AUSTEN PARRISH



Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of California, Irvine School of Law (UCI Law). UCI Law's vibrant intellectual community prides itself on being collegial, kind, and supportive, and we look forward to hearing that you will be a part of it. This guide is designed to give you a glimpse into what sets us apart.

Law schools may appear somewhat similar, but there are differences. UCI Law is embedded in one of the most innovative public research universities in one of the nation's fastest-growing legal markets. Our approach to legal education is distinct. We emphasize an approach that is experiential, interdisciplinary and global. Our superb faculty teach not only the law and the different skills and practical training you need to excel, but also an understanding of the changing global legal profession and the role that lawyers play in our society.

Above all, the school believes the best lawyers are ones committed to the public. While at UCI, you'll make a difference — working hand-in-hand with faculty, staff and your classmates — in the communities we serve. Our extensive clinical program is designed to provide extraordinary opportunities for you to work with live clients while helping those most in need. Our pro bono program is one of the largest in the nation, and our students volunteer starting their first semester. A rich array of centers, initiatives and institutes enable our students to work with our faculty who are addressing some of the most pressing challenges of our time. Through it all, you will learn how technology, artificial intelligence and other innovations are transforming legal practice.

At UCI Law, you will be challenged and pushed to do your best work, but it will be worth it. Our alumni, many who are the first in their families to practice law, were prepared from day one to grapple with the most significant issues of our time and have gone on to do extraordinary things.

Over the next few months, please don't be shy. Come visit. See for yourself what makes us special. We have a remarkable community here, and we hope you will join us in calling UCI Law home.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austen Parrish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Austen Parrish**  
Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law

# We are UCI Law



UCI Law is the culmination of the vision of revolutionary dreamers. The Law School provides an innovative and comprehensive curriculum that prioritizes public service taught by faculty deeply committed to diversity and equity within the legal profession. The collaborative and interdisciplinary community at UCI Law includes extraordinary students, world-renowned faculty, supportive and caring staff, engaged alumni and enthusiastic supporters.

## 1L - Hit the Ground Running

UCI Law seeks to do the best job in the country training students for the practice of law in any modern legal setting. Distinct in its depth and breadth, the first-year curriculum includes: (1) an innovative Lawyering Skills program; (2) a Legal Profession course; (3) a first-year elective, including a course on race and indigeneity; and (4) distinctive foundational courses on core areas of the law that incorporate the essential modes of legal analysis used by lawyers and judges. In the first year, all students also conduct real-world interviews of clients in collaboration with local pro bono and government organizations. Separate from the curriculum, our first-year students participate in numerous pro bono projects, which they can begin as early as the fall semester.

The goal of UCI Law's curriculum is to empower you to hit the ground running not just after you graduate, but also in your first summer job. Core to this preparation is our six-credit Lawyers Skills Program, which is broader than traditional legal research and writing courses. In Lawyering Skills, students gain a critical foundation in the skills all attorneys use, including client interviewing, legal analysis, problem solving, negotiation, and written and oral advocacy. UCI Law is one of only a few law schools that incorporate an innovative interdisciplinary Legal Profession course into the first-year curriculum. This course brings together insights from law, legal ethics, economics and sociology to give students the tools they need to resolve the legal and ethical issues lawyers confront in a variety of practice settings, and enables students to gain an in-depth understanding of the profession they are joining. In the spring semester, all students choose an elective.

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.” Many students take this important course as their first-year elective.

## Sample 1L Schedule: Fall Semester

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9:45-11:45</b> Procedural Analysis	<b>8:45-10:15</b> Lawyering Skills	<b>10:15-12:15</b> Procedural Analysis	<b>8:45-11:15</b> Lawyering Skills	<b>10:15-12:15</b> Legal Research Practicum
<b>1:10-3:10</b> Legal Profession	<b>1:45-3:45</b> Common Law Analysis: Contracts	<b>1:10-3:10</b> Legal Profession	<b>1:15-3:15</b> Common Law Analysis: Contracts	

## Preparing Students for Practice at the Highest Levels of the Profession Through UCI Law’s Top-Ranked Lawyering Skills Program

UCI Law’s highly-ranked Lawyering Skills Program offers students an innovative and comprehensive introduction to the range of critical skills necessary for students to thrive in any modern legal practice.

The Lawyering Skills courses introduce students to complex legal writing, reasoning, and research; client counseling; client interviewing; negotiation; contract drafting; oral argument; and fact investigation. In addition to engaging in simulations throughout the first year, all first-year students conduct intake interviews through partner organizations in the community. Thus, UCI Law students, under supervision, work with organizations on real matters beginning in their first year of law school.

### 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, 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 pro bono 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 (one of the top 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.

### Sample 1L Schedule: Spring Semester

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9:55-11:55</b> Constitutional Analysis	<b>8:15-9:45</b> Lawyering Skills II	<b>8:45-9:45</b> Legal Profession II	<b>8:15-9:45</b> Lawyering Skills II	<b>1:00-5:00</b> 1L Interviewing for Lawyering Skills
<b>1:15-2:45</b> 1L Elective	<b>10:15-11:45</b> 1L Interviewing for Lawyering Skills	<b>9:55-11:55</b> Constitutional Analysis	<b>1:15-2:45</b> 1L Elective	
<b>3:00-4:00</b> Common Law Analysis: Torts	<b>1:45-3:45</b> Common Law Analysis: Torts	<b>1:15-2:45</b> 1L Elective		

# Academic Calendar

## 2024-2025

### Fall Semester 2024

1L Orientation	August 12 - 16, Monday - Friday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term	August 19, Monday
<i>Labor Day Holiday</i>	<i>September 2, Monday</i>
Mid-Semester Review Week	October 14 - 18, Monday - Friday
<i>Veterans Day Holiday</i>	<i>November 11, Monday</i>
Instruction Ends	November 27, Wednesday
<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	<i>November 28 - 29, Thursday - Friday</i>
Reading Period	December 2 - 5, Monday - Thursday
Examination Period	December 6 - 18, Friday - Wednesday

### Spring Semester 2025

Instruction Begins - Standard Term	January 9, Thursday
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</i>	<i>January 20, Monday</i>
<i>President's Day Holiday</i>	<i>February 17, Monday</i>
Mid-Semester Review Week	March 3 - 7, Monday - Friday
<i>Cesar Chavez Holiday</i>	<i>March 28, Friday</i>
Instruction Ends	April 21, Friday
Reading Period	April 22 - 25, Tuesday- Friday
Examination Period	April 28 - May 8, Monday-Thursday
Commencement	May 9, Friday



# A Commitment to You: Building the Academic Skills That Ensure Your Success in Law School and Beyond

Being a law student is exciting, but it is also known to be challenging. UCI Law is committed to supporting and assisting every student from the beginning, when they decide to join our community to when they take and pass the bar exam. UCI Law's Academic Skills Program (ASP) is an invaluable resource for students seeking to maximize their academic success. From identifying the keys to effective class preparation, 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 and support to help students excel in all stages of their legal education.

## Extensive First-Year Programming

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

- An optional pre-orientation program the summer before law school begins. Sessions designed to familiarize students with a big picture view of law school and the legal profession including a mock class with a student panel to answer questions.
- A comprehensive orientation program designed for UCI Law students to learn what to expect during the first year of law school. Students are introduced to legal culture, instructed in basic legal foundational concepts and encouraged to tap into their existing strengths to cultivate a productive mindset. Students are not only instructed in the skills needed to properly prepare for class but can practice these critical skills hands-on before school begins.
- Training in essential legal academic skills with hands-on practice opportunities, allowing you to develop important legal skills long before the pressure of final exams.
- Timely workshops throughout the year focused on the skills you need to develop.
- One-on-one ASP coaching. A customized approach enabling students to build on the study skills they already possess but strategically modify their approach to succeed in the law school setting.
- An online resource portal full of videos, exercises, tips and guides available on-demand for all your academic needs.



## Top-Notch Bar Preparation Support

UCI Law goes above and beyond to help our students pass the bar exam. Our extensive bar preparation programming is designed by a nationally acclaimed expert to support you throughout the arduous process of preparing for the bar exam and to ensure you pass on your first attempt. It includes:

- Guidance on course selection to best prepare students for first-time bar passage.
- Upper-division courses focused on improving the critical bar tested skills of legal analysis and legal writing with modifications for the bar exam context.
- Bar preparation courses featuring highly tested doctrine and strategies for excelling on all components of the bar exam.
- Workshops focused on providing information and guidance on the bar exam administrative process, key bar-tested skills and frequently bar-tested substantive law.
- Supplemental bar preparation programming customized yearly to best support UCI Law students, including opportunities to take multiple simulated exams and extra practice essays for grading and feedback.
- ASP supporting you every step of the way through one-on-one coaching, assistance and encouragement.
- Support from our UCI Law Alumni Bar Mentorship Program.
- An online resource portal with an extensive bank of bar preparation content available exclusively for UCI Law students at no charge.



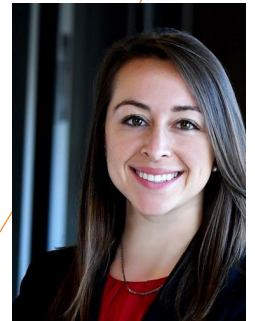


**“** *Walking into orientation as a first-gen law student, I was excited to begin this new chapter, but also very intimidated by the “beast” that everyone seemed to say law school was. I was so impressed at the level of detail the ASP professors went into helping us prepare for succeeding in law school. I felt like every concern and worry I had about law school was replaced by knowledge, strategies and resources. The ASP Program at UCI Law is truly remarkable and unparalleled.* **”**

**Rachel Lee**  
UCI Law 2L

**“** *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**  
UCI Law '21, Jones Day



# A Pro Bono Culture Like No Other

As soon as you are ready to engage with pro bono 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 90 percent of UCI Law students participate in the Pro Bono Program, volunteering over 150,000 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 2022-23 academic year, UCI Law students completed more than 13,000 pro bono hours with 1Ls averaging 27 pro bono hours per student.

## Current First-Year Pro Bono Projects – Fall 2023

ACLU of Southern California – Police Decertification and Use of Force Policies

American Constitution Society – Federal Register Watchdog Project

Asylum Clinic at Public Law Center

Children of Incarcerated Caregivers

Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles Clinics

City Council, Brown Act & Public Comments – Housing & Civil Rights

Coastal Policy Research

Criminal Defense Research for Louisiana Public Defender

Disabled and Elderly Social Security (SSI) Benefits Clinic

Disability Rights Youth Advocacy Project (Education Law)

Domestic Violence Declarations

Drug Policy Alliance – Drug Policy Reform Research

Employment Rights Virtual Clinic – Los Angeles

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Expungement Project – Orange County Clean Slate

Fact Sheets for Disability Rights California Website

Housing Law at Public Law Center

Immigrant Defenders Law Center – Supporting Juvenile Immigration Removal Defense

Innocence OC

Innocence Project Collaboration

Juvenile Expulsion Defense

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children – Answering Letters from Incarcerated People

NLSLA – Clean Slate Initiatives – Traffic Ticket Workshop

Permanency Applications (Green Cards) for Victims of Crime

Reproductive Rights Media Research

Root & Rebound – Reentry Legal Hotline

Saturday Academy of Law (SAL)

SoCal Chinese Lawyers Association Legal Clinic

Special Education Casework with Elder Law & Disability Rights Legal Center

Street Law

Tijuana Border Rights Project for Deported Individuals

Transforming Justice Orange County – Incarcerated Individual Letter Writing for Conditions Monitoring

Transgender Legal Assistance Clinic

Veterans Legal Institute #1 – Client Interviews

Veterans Legal Institute #2 – Family Law Assistance

Veterans Legal Institute #3 – Veterans Benefits Assistance

Victims of Crime Special Visas (U-Visa)

Workers' Rights Clinic Orange County

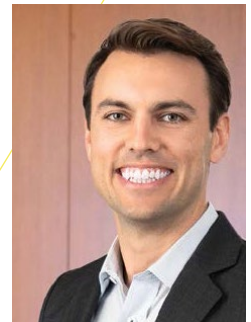


**“** *Even though I plan to build my career in the private sector, working for underserved communities is a central part of my identity, and UCI Law’s Michael G. Ermer Pro Bono Program has shown me the value of a legal education. Assisting a transgender individual fill out court documents to have their name and gender marker align with their identity showed me how I can use my legal knowledge and understanding to give back to my community. Helping a victim of domestic violence draft their declaration in support of a temporary restraining order showed me how vital and life-changing legal volunteer work can be. Volunteering across the country for organizations serving indigent communities showed me that no matter where I go, I can use my education and expertise to lift others up and help them overcome legal obstacles. I’ll never forget my pro bono experiences, and I’ll never forget UCI Law.* **”**

**Jared Gheen**  
UCI Law 3L

**“** *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 are feeling overwhelmed by the rigors of law school. Pro bono at UCI Law is a great tool to do good, to participate (and be exposed to) different practices of law and to recharge away from the textbooks while still being productive.* **”**

**Carey Hughes**  
UCI Law '19, Bellflower Ventures LLP



**“** *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**  
UCI Law '20, California Appellate Project of Los Angeles

# 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, condominiums, townhomes and houses, close to campus and at the beach. Floor plans, rental rates and utilities vary by location. Each community offers indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.

## 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.

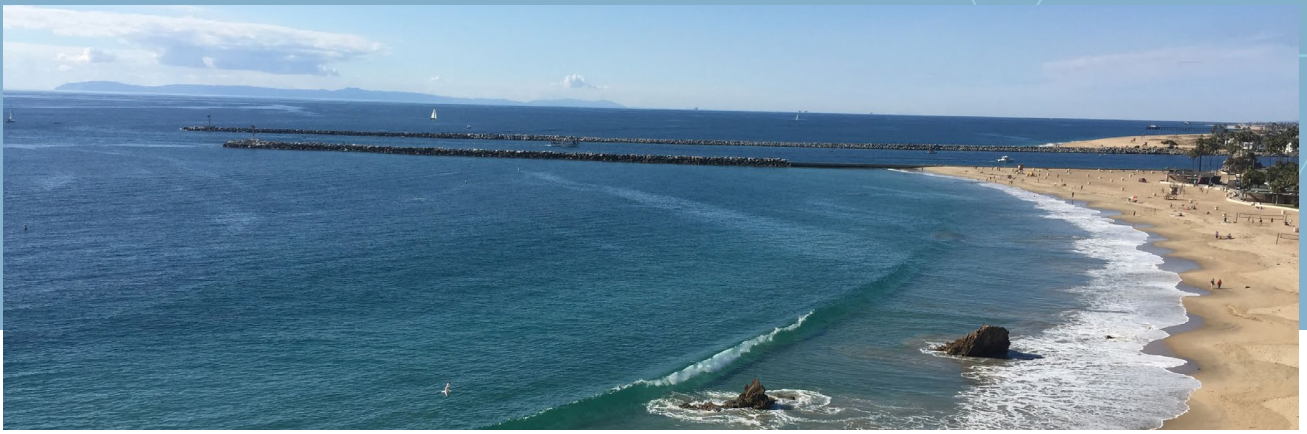
Family housing for students with children is offered in Verano Place and Palo Verde.



**“** *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 '22, Hon. Gregory Anderson Minnesota Judicial Branch  
5th Judicial District Blue Earth County (2022-2023)



## Veterans

Students who are eligible service members, reservists, and veterans are guaranteed an offer of on-campus housing. Contact UCI Veteran Service for information: [veteran.uci.edu](http://veteran.uci.edu).

## Waitlist

Graduate students who are not eligible for the guarantee may apply to be placed on the housing waitlist. Housing offers will be made as space becomes available.

## Campus Services

### Child Care

[childcare.uci.edu](http://childcare.uci.edu)

UCI Child Care Services operates several programs serving the children of UCI students, faculty and staff. Five childcare centers are located in Verano Place.

Students interested in obtaining childcare should apply early due to high demand and lengthy waitlists.

## Transportation On and Off Campus

[parking.uci.edu](http://parking.uci.edu)

Free on-campus shuttle buses operated by Associated Students of UCI (ASUCI) run Monday through Friday during the academic year.

University Pass (U-Pass) gives students low-cost unlimited access to Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) extensive bus system 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Car rentals by the day or by the hour are offered through the Zipcar Program.

## ADA Accommodations

[dsc.uci.edu](http://dsc.uci.edu)

Students with housing-related needs based on a disability should register with the UCI Disability Services Center.

**“** *The housing guarantee was an influential factor in me deciding to attend graduate programs at UCI, for both my Ph.D. and J.D. Compared to market value in the local area, it is one of the cheapest options. Additionally, it is conveniently located across the street from campus, which makes getting to meetings/classes very easy and helps facilitate a strong sense of community with classmates, both in the law school and UCI main campus.* **”**

**Andrew Hallak**  
UCI Law 2L



# 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 interests 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

Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Black Law Students Association

Business Law Society

Chinese Law Student Society

Christian Legal Society

Consumer Law Organization

Environmental Law Society

First Generation Professionals Program

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

In Vino Veritas

Intellectual Property Law Society

International Law Society

Jewish Law Association

Labor & Work Law Society

Land Use & Real Estate Society

Latinx Law Students Association

Law Students for Educational Equity

Law Students for Immigrant Justice

Mental Health in Law Society

Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Student Association

Muslim Law Students Association

National Disabled Law Student Association

National Lawyers Guild

Native American Law Students Association

OutLaw

Public Interest Law Fund

Student Bar Association

Tax Law Society

The Federalist Society

Underrepresented Students Association

Veteran's Law Society

Women's Law Society



**“** *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 '22, Ropes & Gray LLP

# Commitment to Inclusive Excellence



UCI Law is committed to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion, which is central to our mission of training future leaders, who are prepared to tackle the world’s most pressing problems and who reflect the society our legal system serves. We foster a welcoming and supportive environment in which students, faculty, and staff — from all walks of life, with different backgrounds, viewpoints, perspectives, and life experiences — form an extraordinary academic community where we learn from each other.



## UCI Black Thriving Initiative

At UCI Law, we believe in creating a campus culture in which Black people thrive – that same mission is carried through campus wide with the UCI Black Thriving Initiative. The initiative strives to promote Black well-being and success. It recognizes and responds to systemic anti-Blackness as an existential threat to the mission of the university and calls on all members of the campus community to confront anti-Blackness. The Law School is part of a University interdisciplinary team focused on race and infrastructure.

## Inclusive Excellence

UCI Law is consistently recognized as one of the best law schools in the nation for its commitment to diversity. A two-time recipient of the California State Bar Diversity Champion Award, the Law School has been ranked No. 7 for faculty diversity (Princeton Review) as well as No. 1 for Asian students, No. 9 for Hispanic students and No. 17 for racial justice (preLaw Magazine).

## Race & Indigeneity Requirement

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. Students have a broad range of courses from which to choose to meet the requirement.



*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. Every day, UCI never failed 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 '22, Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of California



## A Culture of Support: Investing in YOU



UCI Law has a close-knit community with students, staff and faculty who care about others, and abundant resources 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:

- Dedicated on-site counselor at the Law School two days a week.
- Access to counselors on main campus just a few blocks away.
- Crisis care available 24/7.
- One-time counseling appointments.
- 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 Cultures, Resources, and Research; Cross-Cultural Center; DREAM Center; Immigrant Legal Services; International Center; Latinx Resource Center; Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center; Sustainability Resource Center; Veteran Services Center; and Womxn's Center for Success.
- Disability Services Center.
- UCI Student Parents and Families Program.
- UCI Basic Needs Center.





# Experiential Learning Through Clinics & Externships

Practicing law under close supervision, and with time for critical reflection, is a fundamental goal of the UCI Law curriculum. Our highly acclaimed clinical program is the cornerstone of this goal.

## Clinics\*

At 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, many 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 transformative 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 10 in-house core clinics, second- and third-year students can enroll in their core clinic for additional semesters, or enroll in an in-house elective clinic.

### Core Clinics

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

### Elective Clinics

- › Appellate Tax Clinic
- › California State Tax Clinic
- › Consumer Law Clinic
- › International Human Rights Clinic
- › Reproductive Justice Clinic
- › Startup and Small Business Clinic

\*Specific clinic availability may vary by semester.

**“** *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**

UCI Law '21, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP



**“** *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**

UCI Law '21, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP



## Externships

UCI Law’s robust externship program is a vital part of the UCI Law experiential learning program in which students earn academic credit for doing legal work with a judge, government agency, or non-profit legal services organization. Students may choose to extern with one of the more than 300 previous placements or 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.

UCI Law externs have developed strong leadership and advocacy skills working a variety of issues and causes, whether it is fighting on behalf of those who are housing insecure, advocating on behalf of incarcerated people across California, or working to increase access to justice within the judiciary. This includes students externing with the UCDC Law Program, a full-semester externship program in Washington, D.C., or even those who can be found abroad supporting international human rights while externing at the United Nations.



## 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 these unique programs:

### ABA Judicial Clerkship Program

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.

### Legal Innovators

UCI Law also partners with Legal Innovators to provide graduates from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to be paired with law firms and corporate legal departments. Successful applicants work as part of a corporate deal or litigation team and receive ongoing training and mentorship, providing a potential pathway into Big Law or corporate legal departments.

## Employment

J.D. CLASS OF 2022		1L Summer 2023	
Law Firm	69%	Public Interest/Government/Nonprofit	43%
Public Interest	13%	Judicial Externships	19%
Government	5%	Law Firm	23%
Business/Industry	6%	Clinics/Research Assistant	5%
Clerkships	6%	Business/Industry/Corporate Counsel	11%
Education	2%		

*\*Employment statistics are based on 123 out of 142 graduates employed 10 months after graduation.*



“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.”

**Star Leal**

UCI Law '18, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

*The following are 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  
Milbank LLP  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton  
& Garrison LLP  
Ropes & Gray LLP  
Skadden, Arps, Slate,  
Meagher & Flom LLP  
White & Case LLP

### Public Interest and Nonprofits

American Civil Liberties Union  
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

### 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. Internal Revenue Service  
U.S. Judge Advocate  
General Corps



# 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 95% of our fall 2023 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 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the **March 2, 2024** application deadline. The FAFSA is available online at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://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 by March 2, 2024 to be considered for need-based grants. The application is available at [www.caldreamact.org](https://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 2024-2025 FAFSA. The eligibility for these loans will be sent to you after the cost of attendance has been set. We encourage you 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. To find the median starting salaries for law school graduates, visit the National Association of Law Placement (NALP) website at [www.nalp.org](https://www.nalp.org) and Bureau of Labor Statistics website at [www.bls.gov/oooh](https://www.bls.gov/oooh) 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 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](mailto:veteran@uci.edu)

<https://www.veteran.uci.edu>

## International Students

To receive a visa document packet (I-20/DS-2019) 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 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](mailto:internationalcenter@uci.edu)

<https://ic.uci.edu/students/newStudents.php>

## J.D. Student Budget 2024-2025

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 The University of California will set the 2024-2025 academic year tuition and fees in spring 2024. For information about the 2023-2024 academic year, please visit <https://www.reg.uci.edu/fees/2023-2024/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 2024-2025 academic year will also be determined in spring 2024. Below is the estimated budget based on 2024-2025 academic year figures.

Expense	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus*
Rent & Utilities	\$8,581	\$20,309
Food	\$8,010	\$8,010
Travel	\$3,664	\$3,664
Personal	\$3,490	\$3,490
Law Books	\$1,660	\$1,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,405</b>	<b>\$37,133</b>

# 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 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:**

- Graduates must work for a nonprofit organization or a government agency in law-related employment, which means a J.D. degree must be required, or the position must rely heavily on law school training.
- Graduates that enter the public service field would qualify for LRAP assistance if calculated income is less than \$90,000.
- Graduates may participate in the program for up to 10 years after graduating.
- 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.

### **For more information:**

<https://www.law.uci.edu/admission/tuition-aid/lrap.html>





**“** I went to law school knowing I wanted to do public interest work and finding a law school that would support me while in school and after graduation was important. While in law school, I could focus on pursuing a career in public interest, from classwork to internships. I also had flexibility when selecting where I would go after law school. I currently live and work in a suburban area of Louisiana where there is a desperate need for well-trained, client-centered public defenders. Without LRAP, I would have been limited in where I felt comfortable going. **”**

**Emily Genzlinger**

UCI Law '20, Assistant Public Defender for the 22nd Judicial District  
Public Defender



# Experience **UCI Law**

**UCI Virtual Campus Tour:** [law.uci.edu](http://law.uci.edu)

**Save the Date: Admitted Students Weekend:** April 5-6, 2024

The UCI Law community transcends walls: we exist throughout California, the United States and the world.

Alongside an in-person/onsite Admitted Students Weekend (ASW), you will have multiple opportunities this spring and summer to learn or engage with our current students, our community partners and, of course, our Admissions & Aid Team! Our virtual and in-person programming includes:

- Dean Gapasin Tortal and/or Director Gillen provide weekly check-ins or town halls.
- Dean Parrish hosts “Dean’s Town Hall: Answers from the Top.”
- Administrators, alumni, current students and professors frequently interact with our incoming 1Ls in “Coffee with the Community” or happy hours.
- Faculty members introduce themselves and invite you to engage via their “Faculty Friday” messages.
- Admitted Student Receptions with UCI Law Alumni or UCI Anteaters in Law.
- Academic Skills Program pre-orientation.
- Admitted Student Law School Tours.



“*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 '23, Perkins Coie



## Admitted Students Weekend (ASW)

This spring, the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Services, along with the rest of the UCI Law community, will welcome you in-person to UCI Law’s campus. Be sure to bookmark the Admitted Students Site for information related to ASW and register to Guidebook. This includes: travel stipends, the schedule of events, and invitations to ancillary social events sponsored by our student organizations or Alumni Association.

## Important Dates in 2024

<b>January 15</b>	<b>Binding Early Decision SIR non-refundable first seat deposit due</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application priority deadline</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Binding Early Decision SIR non-refundable second seat deposit due</b>  <b>Regular Decision SIR and non-refundable first seat deposit begins to be due (this will become rolling for later admits; refer to the dates provided with your admission)</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Housing Application due by 4:00 p.m. PT for incoming 1Ls to access housing guarantee (must have submitted affirmative SIR and seat deposit no less than 72 hours prior to access the application)</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Regular Decision non-refundable second seat deposit due</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>July Seat Reconfirmation Form due</b>
<b>August 12-16</b>	<b>Class of 2027 Orientation</b>

### Required Disclosure

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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