



# ADMITTED STUDENTS GUIDE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
SCHOOL OF LAW

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**UC Irvine** School of Law

# A MESSAGE FROM DEAN AUSTEN PARRISH





Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of California, Irvine School of Law. Our law school'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 when you dig in and look closely you can find large differences. Our approach to legal education is distinct. We emphasize an education that is experiential, interdisciplinary, public service focused, socially conscious, 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 legal profession and the role that lawyers play in our society. You also get the benefit of being at one of the nation's great public research universities in one of the country's fastest-growing legal markets.

Above all, the school believes the best lawyers are ones committed to the public. While at UC Irvine, you'll become a better lawyer and make a difference — working together with faculty, staff and your classmates — in the communities we serve. Our pro bono program is one of the largest in the nation, and our students volunteer starting their first semester. Our extensive clinical program provides extraordinary opportunities for you to work with live clients while learning essential lawyering skills. Dozens 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, globalization, and other innovations are transforming legal practice.

At UC Irvine School of Law, you will be challenged and pushed to do your best work, but it will be worth it. Our alumni were prepared from day one to grapple with the most significant issues of our time and have gone on to do extraordinary things. Students come to UC Irvine from all over with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Many in each entering class are the first in their families to attend college and will be the first in their families to practice law.

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 UC Irvine home.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Austen Parrish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

# We are **UC Irvine** School of Law



**UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law includes extraordinary students, world-renowned faculty, supportive and caring staff, engaged alumni and enthusiastic supporters.**

## 1L - Hit the Ground Running

UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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 Lawyering 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. UC Irvine 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, UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law's Top-Ranked Lawyering Skills Program

UC Irvine 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, UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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

## 2025-2026

### Fall Semester 2025

Orientation	August 12-15, Tuesday - Friday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term	August 18, Monday
<i>Labor Day Holiday</i>	<i>September 1, Monday</i>
Mid-Semester Review Week	October 6 - October 10, Monday - Friday
<i>Veterans Day Holiday</i>	<i>November 11, Tuesday</i>
Classes End	November 26, Wednesday
<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	<i>November 27 - 28, Thursday - Friday</i>
Reading Period	December 1 - 4, Monday - Thursday
Examination Period	December 5 - 17, Friday - Wednesday

### Spring Semester 2026

Instruction Begins - Short Session	January 5 - 8, Monday - Thursday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term	January 9, Friday
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</i>	<i>January 19, Monday</i>
<i>President's Day Holiday</i>	<i>February 16, Monday</i>
Mid-Semester Review Week	March 2 - 6, Monday-Friday
<i>Cesar Chavez Holiday</i>	<i>March 27, Friday</i>
Instruction Ends	April 20, Monday
Reading Period	April 21 - 24, Tuesday - Friday
Examination Period	April 27 - May 7, Monday - Thursday
Commencement	May 8, 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. UC Irvine 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. UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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.



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in California for highest  
bar passage rate\*

*\*Based on results from first-time  
takers of the California Bar  
Exam in July 2023 (The State  
Bar of California)*

## Top-Notch Bar Preparation Support

UC Irvine Law is dedicated to our students' success and we go above and beyond to help our students pass the bar exam. Our extensive bar preparation programming is designed and implemented 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 in 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 sharing critical 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 UC Irvine Law students, including opportunities to take multiple simulated exams and extra practice essays for grading and feedback.
- Our UC Irvine Law Alumni Bar Mentorship Program which supports our students during bar study.
- An online resource portal with an extensive bank of bar preparation content available exclusively for our students at no charge.
- Our dedicated ASP professors supporting you every step of the way with one-on-one coaching, assistance and encouragement.



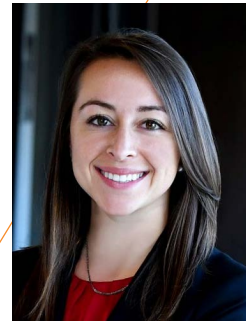


**“** *Walking into orientation as a first-gen law student, I was excited to begin this new chapter, but also very intimidated by the “beast” that everyone seemed to say law school was. I was so impressed at the level of detail the ASP professors went into helping us prepare for succeeding in law school.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

**Rachel Lee**  
UC Irvine Law 3L

**“** *A legal education is an investment in yourself. When I think about my UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law students up for success. ASP is a true gem for UC Irvine Law students and I highly recommend you take the time to take advantage of the wealth of resources they offer. Looking back on my UC Irvine Law experience, ASP was a standout part and receives my highest recommendation.* **”**

**Paige Christie**  
UC Irvine Law '21, Jones Day



# A Pro Bono Culture Like No Other



As soon as you are ready to engage with pro bono at UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law's Pro Bono Program and can begin that work within weeks of starting classes.

For UC Irvine Law students, volunteering to assist underserved communities and causes with their legal needs is second nature. More than 90 percent of UC Irvine Law students participate in the Michael G. Ermer Pro Bono Program, volunteering over 160,000 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 2023-24 academic year, UC Irvine Law students completed more than 11,700 pro bono hours, averaging 27 pro bono hours per student that engaged with Pro Bono.

## Current First-Year Pro Bono Projects—Fall 2024

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 UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law.*



**Jared Gheen**

UC Irvine Law '24, Goodwin Procter LLP

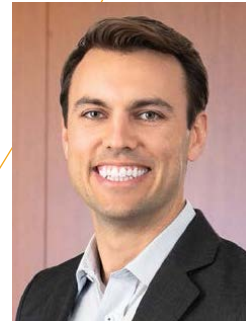


*UC Irvine Law encourages and supports its student body's pro bono contributions in a way that allows for students to prioritize pro bono, even when they are feeling overwhelmed by the rigors of law school. Pro bono at UC Irvine Law is a great tool to do good, to participate (and be exposed to) different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



**Carey Hughes**

UC Irvine Law '19, Bellflower Ventures LLP



*I'm most grateful for the opportunities UC Irvine Law afforded me, from counseling asylum seekers in Tijuana to working with inmates on death row in Texas. I chose UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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**

UC Irvine Law '20, California Appellate Project of Los Angeles



# Living and Studying in the O.C.

UC Irvine 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.



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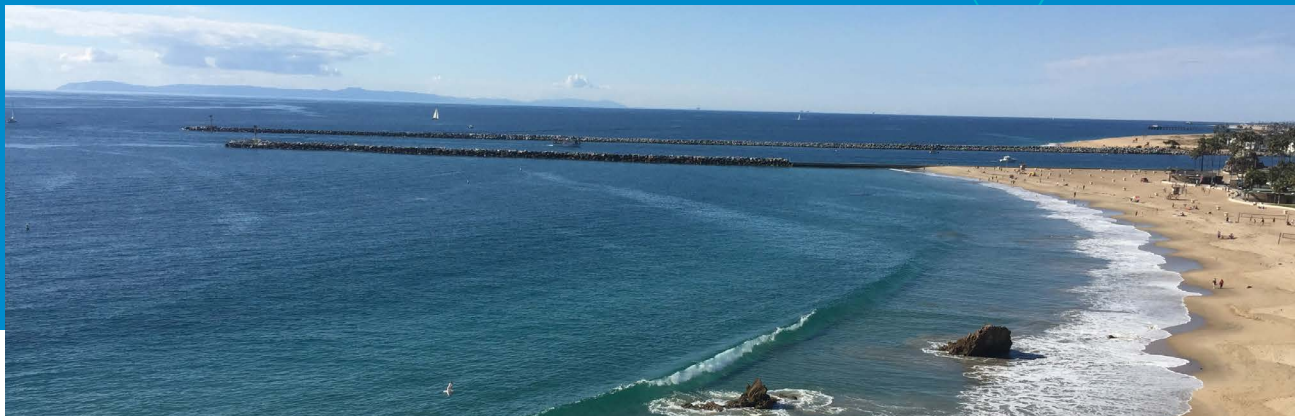
*The guarantee of on-campus housing for my time in law school made me confident in my choice to move from out-of-state to attend UC Irvine Law. I have lived in three different graduate housing apartments in my time here and while each one had different perks, they were all exceptionally financially accessible, 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.*

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**Margaret Hinson**

UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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)

UC Irvine Child Care Services operates several programs serving the children of UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine (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 UC Irvine Disability Services Center.

**“The housing guarantee was an influential factor in me deciding to attend graduate programs at UC Irvine, 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 UC Irvine main campus.”**

**Andrew Hallak**  
UC Irvine 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 interests of our students. Almost daily you will find one of our organizations hosting a program designed to strengthen and enrich our UC Irvine 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

Entertainment & Sports Law Society

Environmental Law Society

Federal Bar Association

First Generation Professionals Program

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

Intellectual Property Law Society

International Law Society

In Vino Veritas

Jewish Law Association

Labor & Work Law Society

Land Use and Real Estate Law Society

Latinx Law Students Association

Law Students for Educational Equity

Law Students for Justice in Palestine

Mental Health in Law Society

Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Student Association

Muslim Law Students Association

Native American Law Students Association

OutLaw

Public Interest Law Fund

Tabletop Club

Tax Law Society

The Federalist Society

Underrepresented Students Association

Veteran's Law Society

Women's Law Society

## Co-Curricular Opportunities

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

UC Irvine Law Review

UC Irvine Journal of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law

Mock Trial Competition

Moot Court



*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. UC Irvine 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**

UC Irvine Law '22, Ropes & Gray LLP

# Commitment to Inclusive Excellence



UC Irvine 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.



## UC Irvine Black Thriving Initiative

At UC Irvine Law, we believe in creating a campus culture in which Black people thrive — that same mission is carried through campus wide with the UC Irvine 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

UC Irvine School of 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 ranked No. 5 for greatest resources for minority students (Princeton Review), No. 18 among most diverse law schools (preLaw Magazine), and No. 1 for Asian students, No. 9 for Hispanic students, and No. 25 for Black students (preLaw Magazine).

## Race & Indigeneity Requirement

In 2021, UC Irvine 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, UC Irvine 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**

UC Irvine Law '22, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP





## A Culture of Support: Investing in YOU

UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Counseling Center, including but not limited to:

- Dedicated on-site counselor at the Law School three 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 UC Irvine and UC Irvine Law please visit: <https://www.law.uci.edu/campus-life/mental-health/>.**

Being connected to UC Irvine'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
- UC Irvine Pregnant and Parenting Students Program
- UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law curriculum. Our highly acclaimed clinical program is the cornerstone of this goal.

## Clinics\*

At the heart of the UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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**

UC Irvine Law '21, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP



**“The clinical experience at UC Irvine Law is top-notch. As a student in the UC Irvine 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. UC Irvine empowered me to take full control of my education while learning the skills I will need in my future practice. I’m leaving UC Irvine Law prepared to practice.”**

**Chris Lawrence**

UC Irvine Law '21, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

## Externships

UC Irvine Law’s robust externship program is a vital part of the UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law can support every student’s learning and career goals.

UC Irvine Law externs have developed strong leadership and advocacy skills working on 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

UC Irvine Law's Career Development Office (CDO) hosts a modern, individualized approach to career coaching. Mirroring UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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 the summer 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 "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 every February.

## Career Development Initiatives

UC Irvine Law students have the opportunity to participate in these unique programs:

### ABA Judicial Clerkship Program

UC Irvine Law is one of the few participating law schools of the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program, which connects law students from diverse backgrounds with 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

UC Irvine 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 2023		1L Summer 2024	
Law Firm	68%	Public Interest/Government/Nonprofit	47%
Clerkships	10%	Judicial Externships	20%
Public Interest	10%	Law Firm	17%
Government	6%	Business/Industry/Corporate Counsel	7%
Business/Industry	4%	Clinics/Research Assistant	5%
Education	1%		

*\*Employment statistics are based on 126 out of 130 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**

UC Irvine Law '18, Leal Law Group, APC



*The following are a few examples of the many employers who have hired UC Irvine Law students or alumni:*

### **Law Firms**

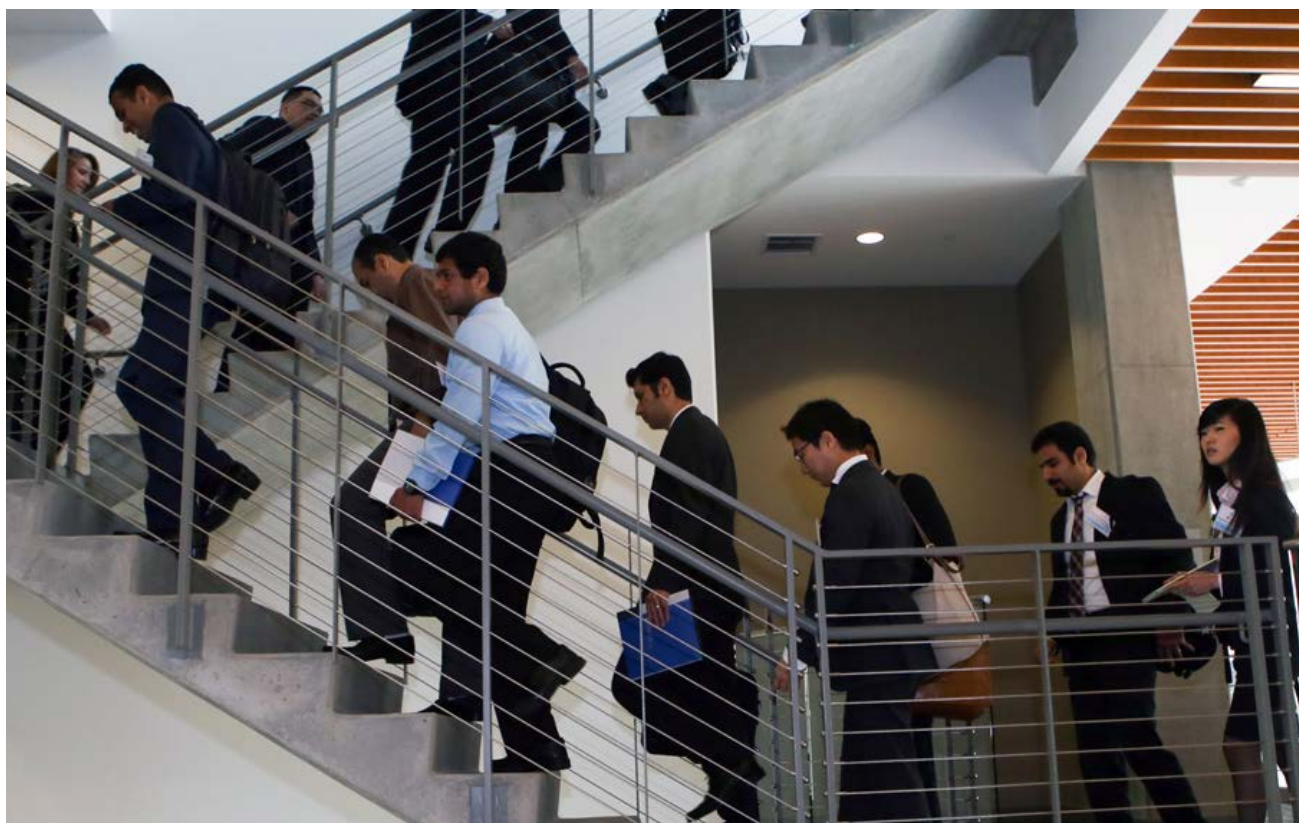
Cooley LLP  
Greenberg Traurig  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP  
Irell & Manella LLP  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
Milbank LLP  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton  
& Garrison LLP  
Ropes & Gray LLP  
Skadden, Arps, Slate,  
Meagher & 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  
Legal Services of Northern  
California  
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  
New York City Law Department  
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 UC Irvine 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.

## UC Irvine Law Scholarships

Every J.D. student admitted to UC Irvine Law is considered for a UC Irvine Law Scholarship — no additional applications or forms are required. Nearly 98% of our fall 2024 entering class received some scholarship assistance.

### UC Irvine Law Need-Based Grants

To be considered for a need-based grant, all newly admitted J.D. students must submit the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the **March 2, 2025** application deadline. The FAFSA is available online at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa). The school code for UC Irvine 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, 2025** 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 2025-26 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/ooh](https://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 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 UC Irvine.

To determine whether you are entitled to any veterans benefits please contact the UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine, 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 UC Irvine Law Student Financial Services.
- 3. Once the forms are reviewed and approved, the packet will be sent to the UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine International Center.

**UC Irvine International Center**  
949-824-7249  
internationalcenter@uci.edu  
<https://ic.uci.edu/students/newStudents.php>

## J.D. Student Budget 2025-2026

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 2025-2026 academic year tuition and fees in spring 2025. For information about the 2024-2025 academic year, please visit <https://www.reg.uci.edu/fees/2024-2025/law.html>.

UC Irvine 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 2025-2026 academic year will also be determined in spring 2025. Below is the estimated budget based on 2024-2025 academic year figures.

Expense	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus*
Housing & Utilities	\$8,964	\$20,471
Food	\$8,010	\$8,010
Travel	\$3,716	\$3,716
Personal	\$3,540	\$3,540
Law Books	\$1,660	\$1,660
Licensure Fees (Bar Exam Fees)**	Varies	Varies
Total	\$25,890	\$37,397

# Demonstrating Our Financial Commitment to **Public Service**



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

## **UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law in 2010, PILF raises funds for summer stipends to enable all interested UC Irvine Law students to take unpaid positions at nonprofit organizations and agencies, helping real clients with real problems.

## **Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**

UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law LRAP program.

### **UC Irvine 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**

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



# Experience UC Irvine Law



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

**Save the Date:** Admitted Students Weekend: April 4-5, 2025

The UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine Law Alumni or UC Irvine 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, UC Irvine 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 UC Irvine 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**

UC Irvine Law '23, Perkins Coie





## Admitted Students Weekend (ASW)

This spring, the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Services, along with the rest of the UC Irvine Law community, will welcome you in-person to UC Irvine 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 2025

<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 2</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 12-15</b>	<b>Class of 2028 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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