

Northern Kentucky University—Salmon P. Chase College of Law

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■ Introduction

The Salmon P. Chase College of Law, founded in 1893, is located in Nunn Hall on the main campus of Northern Kentucky University, a learner-centered metropolitan university in a thriving legal and business community just seven miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Chase offers both a full-time day division and a part-time evening division. Chase is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

■ Library and Learning Environment

Chase students have access to the law library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students may access the library's electronic resources in the legal information technology lab or throughout the building via the library's wireless network. The library provides access to a wide range of online resources, including HeinOnline, LexisNexis, Westlaw, e-mail, CALI exercises, and many other Web-based products.

Nunn Hall's two courtrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art video and computer technology, as are a majority of the classrooms.

■ Curriculum

The curriculum consists of required courses, core courses, and elective courses. Ninety credit hours are required to graduate. Fifty-two hours are in required courses. Full-time students may complete the program in three years, while part-time students generally complete the program in four years. Chase offers a number of academic support and development programs designed to enhance the law school experience.

■ Joint-degree Program

Chase offers a Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) degree program. This program is an attractive alternative for individuals who wish to practice law and/or business in an increasingly complex environment. Courses in the College of Law serve as electives for the MBA degree, and specific MBA courses serve as electives for the law degree. Thus, the number of hours required to obtain both degrees through the combined program is less than the number of hours required to complete each degree separately.

■ Special Programs

The **Clinical Extern Program** aids law students in the development of practical legal skills through work experience in supervised governmental and nonprofit-organization legal settings. Opportunities include placements with state and federal judges, prosecutors, public defenders, legal aid programs, and various governmental agencies.

Through the **Federal Trial Practice Seminar**, students serve as law clerks for a United States District Court judge or magistrate. Students conduct legal research and prepare bench memoranda on legal issues pending before the court.

The **IOLTA Public Interest Fellowships** enable a number of students each year to serve in paid fellowships with local

public interest organizations, Northern Kentucky Legal Aid, and the Children's Law Center.

The **IRS Chief Counsel Externships** and **Chase Tax Clinic** are excellent opportunities for students interested in practicing in the area of taxation. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** assists low-income, elderly, and disabled taxpayers in the northern Kentucky community in filing their federal and state returns.

Students participating in the **Kentucky Innocence Project** assist the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) by investigating and possibly litigating claims of innocence from state and federal prisoners. The clinic focuses on the discovery and analysis of new evidence, especially DNA evidence. Participants are placed in the field and work directly under the supervision of DPA attorneys.

The **Local Government Law Center** externships provide unique opportunities in which students assist city and county governments throughout Kentucky. Externships are individually tailored to meet each student's background, experience, and career interest.

■ Admission

Chase seeks to admit those applicants who have the best prospect of high-quality academic work; thus, the Admission Committee relies heavily on the applicant's undergraduate grades and performance on the LSAT during the application review process. Additional factors considered include upward trend of undergraduate grades; time between college graduation and application to Chase; college grading and course selection patterns; outside work while in college; letters of recommendation; graduate study; cultural, educational, or sociological deprivation; employment background; leadership ability; speaking or linguistic ability; and demonstrated competence in another profession or vocation. Chase seeks diversity in the student body by considering, in no particular order, sex, age, cultural or geographic background, and minority status. First-year students enter in the fall semester.

■ Student Activities

The Chase College of Law **Moot Court** program is available to those students with a demonstrated ability and interest in research, brief writing, and oral advocacy. The teams have competed successfully in national and regional competitions.

The *Northern Kentucky Law Review* is published by Chase students and includes scholarly legal writings by law professors, practitioners, jurists, and students.

Chase's **National Trial Advocacy Team** promotes excellence in trial advocacy through training, education, and development of trial advocacy skills with one-on-one attention from expert practitioners. The team has successfully competed in state and national mock trial competitions.

The **Student Bar Association** sponsors professional, social, and community service events, and selects students to participate on several faculty committees. Other student organizations include chapters of the **American Constitution Society**, the **American Trial Lawyers Association**, the **Black American Law Students Association**, **Delta Theta Phi**, the **Federalist Society**, **Phi Alpha Delta**, the **Chase Public Interest**

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Group, the Appalachian Law Society, the Christian Legal Society, the International Law Society, and the National Women’s Law Students Association.

■ Career Development

The Career Development Office assists students and alumni with career planning, networking, and developing

employment seeking skills and strategies. The office schedules fall and spring on-campus interviews, posts job notices weekly, and holds seminars and workshops to prepare students for the job market. The Alumni Career Options Program, held annually in conjunction with the Chase Alumni Association, enables Chase students to network with alumni and learn about a wide variety of legal specialties and career options.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total		
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175-180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170-174	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
165-169	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4
160-164	6	5	12	11	7	5	8	8	2	2	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	37
155-159	12	12	27	24	29	28	24	22	23	15	17	11	5	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	141	116	
150-154	40	21	57	22	76	29	62	20	44	12	27	3	21	2	7	2	1	0	4	1	339	112	
145-149	25	3	43	4	59	11	62	7	30	0	38	5	17	0	11	0	2	0	1	0	288	30	
140-144	11	2	16	1	24	1	23	1	30	1	18	1	14	0	4	0	2	0	4	0	146	7	
135-139	2	1	3	0	6	0	10	0	9	0	9	0	4	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	50	1	
130-134	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	17	1	
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	98	46	158	62	205	77	191	59	140	30	120	25	68	5	32	3	8	0	13	2	1033	309	

Apps = Number of Applicants
 Adm = Number Admitted
 Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.