

Ohio Northern University—Claude W. Pettit College of Law

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■ Introduction

Men and women have been studying law at Ohio Northern University for well over a century. Since 1885, generations of law students have found the Claude W. Pettit College of Law the ideal place to begin remarkable careers in private practice, public service, business, and industry.

Located in the heart of Ohio, the college sits on a beautiful campus with facilities that reflect well over a century of investment. The college offers its students opportunities to study law in small classes, seminars, clinical programs, law offices, and judges' chambers.

■ The College and the University

The Claude W. Pettit College of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The college is centered in newly renovated Tilton Hall, a modern building that houses all law classes and the Taggart Law Library. Recent additions to this building include a second trial courtroom, a state-of-the-art technology classroom, skylit student lounges, and a faculty office wing where students are always welcome.

The Taggart Law Library, a federal government depository, is devoted to the research needs of the students and faculty of the law college. The current collection numbers 382,000 volumes. The library has computer and communication facilities that are second to none and an extensive collection of books and periodicals acquired over decades. The reading rooms of the library offer ideal locations for both quiet and group study.

The College of Law lies at the center of the tree-lined campus. The university's facilities are readily available to all law students and are located only steps away from the law building. These facilities include hiking and biking trails, a sports center, and the Freed Center for the Performing Arts. Law students may bowl, swim, and play handball, racquet sports, and basketball all year-round in indoor and outdoor facilities. The Sports Center houses a wide variety of modern fitness machines and one of the best indoor tracks in the Midwest. The Freed Center brings the very best in the performing arts to the campus.

■ Faculty and Students

The faculty of the College of Law strives for excellence in both teaching and scholarship. All faculty members have practiced law, bringing a wealth of practical experience gained from law firms, corporate law departments, and government to the classroom. The faculty also maintains a high level of scholarly productivity and professional service.

Small classes and personalized attention are the hallmarks of the college. First-year classes are generally limited to 60 or fewer students. Enrollment in upper-division classes and seminars is often even smaller. The faculty prides itself on offering a student-centered education. Members of the faculty meet regularly with students outside the classroom.

The students of the college bring remarkably diverse backgrounds and interests to the study of law. The college draws students from across the nation and the world. Students from virtually every state in the union have entered the college.

The law students currently enrolled in the college have degrees from more than 200 undergraduate colleges and universities.

■ The Curriculum and Special Programs

Students may choose from more than 67 elective courses, including advanced courses and seminars. In addition, the College of Law offers many opportunities for experiential learning through its clinical education program. The clinical experiences available to Ohio Northern students include externships in environmental law, bankruptcy, and government. Students can also counsel nonprofit corporations in the Transactional Clinic. Legal Aid Clinics that focus on the concerns of the economically disadvantaged and elderly are offered at offices in nearby Lima and Findlay. Finally, students can also participate in Criminal and Judicial Externships with judges, legal aid societies, public defenders' offices, and prosecutors' offices.

The College of Law shares a student exchange program with the law school at the University of Iceland. Participating students travel to Iceland to experience its culture and legal system.

The College of Law has an academic support program to assist all students in attaining their full academic potential.

Throughout the academic year, the college hosts speakers and symposia on contemporary legal issues. Topics treated recently include capital punishment, affirmative action, and the revolution in federal and state relations.

The College of Law offers a Summer Starter program for a small number of selected students. These individuals begin taking first-year law courses the summer prior to the regular school year and receive academic support on a weekly basis. In the fall, summer starters take the remaining first-year courses not completed during the summer.

■ Student Activities

Students can choose from a variety of extracurricular activities. The College of Law publishes the *Ohio Northern University Law Review*, a student-edited commentary on legal issues whose excellence has been recognized by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Intraschool, regional, and national moot court competitions are open to all students. Ohio Northern students participate in at least 10 national and regional moot court competitions each year.

Through the Student Bar Association, students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities such as the environmental law and international law societies. Students volunteer their services through the Street Law and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs.

■ Admission and Financial Aid

While Ohio Northern gives significant weight to the LSAT and undergraduate GPA, the Admissions Committee may consider other factors such as candidates' undergraduate programs, grade trends, completion of other graduate degrees, professional accomplishments, and socioeconomic or cultural barriers faced by the applicant. Although letters of recommendation are not required, letters from persons who

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have a basis to assess the candidate’s intellectual ability and potential for success in law school, such as former professors or employers, are strongly recommended.

Ohio Northern University is committed to a culturally and socially diverse student body. Applications from women and minorities are strongly encouraged. In order to foster diversity in the student body and the legal profession, the university awards grants-in-aid to eligible students.

The College of Law also provides scholarship awards for students whose undergraduate records demonstrate academic excellence. The scholarship amounts range from \$5,000 to \$24,970 and are renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing. Additionally, substantial scholarships are awarded to students who excel in their first year of law school.

The facilities of the College of Law are accessible to students with physical disabilities.

■ Student Services and Housing

The staff of the College of Law takes pride in the quality of its student services. The size of the college permits these services to be tailored to the individual needs of each student. Through individualized counseling, students and graduates obtain valuable guidance in obtaining summer jobs and permanent positions. The Office of Career Strategies assists in the application and interviewing processes; provides current listings of positions in law firms, governmental agencies, and corporations; and hosts on-campus interviews.

Housing is generally available to law students in the university’s apartments. Most law students live off-campus. Listings of available apartments can be obtained from the admission office. Visit the Pettit College of Law website at www.law.onu.edu. Better still, call the admission office to arrange a campus tour at 877.452.9668.

Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA								
	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
175-180	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
170-174	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
165-169	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
160-164	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
155-159	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
150-154	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely
145-149	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely
140-144	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely
135-139	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely
130-134	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely
125-129	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely
120-124	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely



Very Likely



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