

The University of Toledo College of Law

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■ Introduction

The University of Toledo is a state university of more than 19,000 students, conveniently located on the western edge of Toledo, Ohio, in one of the city's nicest residential areas.

The College of Law, located on the main campus of The University of Toledo, is accredited by the ABA and is a member of the AALS and the League of Ohio Law Schools. It has been training lawyers since 1906 and, in 1984, was awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif. The college provides a quality legal education with a personal touch at an affordable price. The nationally recognized faculty emphasizes classroom teaching and student accessibility as its primary function. The College of Law is committed to its open-door policy that provides total student support.

■ Student Body

The college seeks a diverse student body. Nearly two-thirds of the students hail from outside the local area. More than 200 undergraduate institutions are represented. This diversity exposes students to an interesting, stimulating, and creative atmosphere where insights and ideas flourish. Diversity is reflected in student groups and activities, representing a broad spectrum of social, political, ethnic, and religious perspectives.

■ Faculty

The full-time faculty earned law degrees from some of the most outstanding universities in the country. Many have advanced law degrees.

While legal scholarship is important and many faculty members have national reputations for scholarship, the faculty places a high priority on effective teaching and accessibility to students.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The spacious, newly renovated Law Center includes tiered classrooms, a striking student lounge, a state-of-the-art moot courtroom, and an amphitheater-style auditorium. The entire building supports wireless web technology.

Occupying four levels within the Law Center, the library contains group-study rooms, videotaping facilities, and a modern computer lab available for use by law students. Students are trained in the use of two vast electronic law libraries—LexisNexis and Westlaw.

■ Curriculum

The College of Law requires the successful completion of 89 semester hours for graduation. The curriculum in the first year of the full-time program and the first two years of the part-time program consists of required courses. An extensive and ever-growing curriculum covers traditional subjects as well as cutting edge environmental law, international law, and cyberlaw subjects, and incorporates the development of professional legal skills and values.

Our academic success program provides teaching assistants for students in all basic required courses and offers tutors for

any student who requests academic support. Students can graduate with certificates in environmental, homeland security, intellectual property, international, and labor/employment law.

The College of Law has joint-degree programs with the Colleges of Engineering, Business, and Arts and Sciences, leading to a Master of Science in Engineering, PhD in Engineering, Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, or Master of Criminal Justice. Students may also design individual joint-degree programs.

■ Special Programs

Cybercurities Law Institute—The institute focuses on the impact of Internet technology on securities and investment law. The institute sponsors conferences, research, lectures, symposia, and the development of courses and online resources.

Legal Clinics—A pioneer in clinical legal education, the college provides an atmosphere for learning basic lawyering techniques and allows students the opportunity to further sharpen their skills in live client settings. Advanced students, under close supervision, appear in court in both civil and criminal cases.

Through the Dispute Resolution Clinic, mediation experience is available in a variety of matters, including unruly child complaints and custody and visitation issues in parentage cases in juvenile court. Students in the Public Service Externship Clinic are assigned to public service legal entities, such as the judiciary, legal services offices, pro bono programs, public defender offices, legislative bodies, government agencies, and public interest organizations.

Legal Institute of the Great Lakes—The institute supports research, publishes a scholarly journal, and sponsors conferences on the legal, economic, and social issues of importance to the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. The highlight of these discussions is an annual symposium on the national and international water crisis and the need for fresh water.

■ Admission

A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution is required. Grades and LSAT scores are the most important determinants of admission. However, the Admission Committee carefully considers each application on its own merits. Letters of recommendation are important.

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the law school, talk to our students and faculty, and sit in on a class. Appointments can be made through the Admission Office.

■ Student Activities

The *University of Toledo Law Review* is published four times a year by students selected on the basis of scholarship. Students may also qualify by submitting a publishable article. Training and practice in brief writing and oral argument beyond the required appellate advocacy course are obtained through the Moot Court Program, in the Charles Fornoff Intramural Moot Court Competition, and in several national and regional competitions.

The Student Bar Association, American Civil Liberties Union, Black Law Students Association, Business Law Society, Christian Legal Society, Criminal Justice Society, Environmental Law Society, Federalist Society, Health Law Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, International Law Society, Jewish Law Students Association, Labor and Employment Law Association, OUTLAW, Sports Law Association, and Women Law Students Association are among many active organizations.

■ Financial Aid

The College of Law strives to provide an affordable legal education without sacrificing quality. Every effort is made to ensure that students graduate without large financial obligations that may take years to repay. The College of Law awards scholarships totaling in excess of \$1,500,000 each year. Residents of the following Michigan counties are treated as in-state residents for tuition purposes: Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne. The goal of the financial aid program is to ensure that graduates become the lawyers they want to be and not the lawyers they have to be to repay financial obligations.

■ Career Services

The college places top priority on providing comprehensive career planning and placement for its students and graduates. The Law Career Services Office assists students through workshops, videotapes, and counseling, and provides guest speakers on legal career options.

As a result of both on- and off-campus interviews, second- and third-year students accept summer or attorney positions in all major cities of Ohio and Michigan, as well as locations throughout the US.

The college's Judicial Clerkship Program places graduates as clerks with federal and state courts around the country. Graduates are successfully practicing in major law firms, government offices, the judiciary, and in public interest positions in nearly every state. Graduates also can be found in Asia, Europe, and Africa.

Graduates are a valuable resource for current students as they pursue employment opportunities nationwide.

Applicant Profile

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| | | LSAT (10) Percentile Intervals | | | | | | | | |
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| GPA | | 0-20 | 21-30 | 31-40 | 41-50 | 51-60 | 61-70 | 71-80 | 81-90 | 91-99 |
| 3.75 | Above | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.74 | 3.50 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.49 | 3.25 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.24 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.99 | 2.75 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.74 | 2.50 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.49 | 2.25 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.24 | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Below | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | |

Highly Likely
 Possible
 Unlikely