

## The University of Kansas School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

The University of Kansas School of Law is an excellent place to begin a legal career. It has a venerable history and a commitment to educating for the future. Legal education at KU began in 1878, and the school was a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools. It has had a chapter of Order of the Coif, a national law school honor society with chapters at leading law schools throughout the country, since 1924. The law school is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.

The law school is on KU's main campus—one of the most beautiful in the country. It occupies Green Hall, named in honor of James Woods Green, first dean of the school. Green Hall is a modern, five-story building with extensive clinical facilities, spacious and attractive classrooms, seminar rooms, a formal courtroom, and common areas. The school is equipped with a state-of-the-art wireless network, allowing students to access the Internet and e-mail from anywhere in the law school.

The school's primary mission is to prepare its students to be outstanding members of the legal profession, well educated in the law, with a commitment to professional achievement and public service. The school educates students in both general principles of law and the skills needed for practice in a changing legal environment. Students develop technical competence, pride in legal craftsmanship, a sound sense of ethics and professionalism, and an appreciation for the role of law and the practice of law in society.

### ■ Faculty

Law faculty care about teaching. They are committed to excellence in the classroom and to serving as mentors for law students. This is the KU law tradition. Students are encouraged to consult regularly with their teachers about their progress in the study of law as well as about career plans, job opportunities, and the professional responsibilities of lawyers. Law faculty offices are scattered throughout Green Hall, and doors are open to students.

Faculty members enrich their teaching by researching and writing about the areas of law they teach. They regularly participate in symposia, publish widely in legal journals, and enjoy national and international recognition for the quality of their work. Many have written important treatises and casebooks used at law schools around the country.

### ■ Learning the Law

Entering students take basic courses that provide a solid foundation for upper-level classes and for the practice of law. The lawyering course focuses on the skills and values of the profession. Taught by faculty members with extensive practice experience, the course introduces students to the tools all lawyers use and brings them to an understanding of the legal system and legal institutions, case law and statutes, legal research and writing, and advocacy. First-year students take one of their other required courses in a small section of approximately 20 students, providing an informal learning atmosphere and encouraging in-depth discussions and critical analysis.

More than 100 courses are available to upper-level students, covering a broad range of practice areas from agricultural law to the law of cyberspace. Ten clinical programs permit students, acting under faculty supervision, to develop legal skills and learn professional values in actual practice settings: Criminal Justice Clinic, Paul E. Wilson Defender Project, Elder Law Clinic, Judicial Clerkship Clinic, Legal Aid Clinic, Legislative Clinic, Media Law Clinic, Public Policy Clinic, Tribal Judicial Support Clinic and the Externship Clinic. The large number of clinical placements available means that every student can take at least one clinic and many take more than one.

The school's setting at the heart of a major university makes possible the eight joint-degree programs open to law students. The most popular joint-degree programs are business, health policy and administration, and social welfare, but joint degrees are also available in economics, philosophy, public administration, urban planning, and indigenous nations studies. In addition, the school offers six certification programs: Elder Law; Media, Law and Policy; Tax Law; Environmental and Natural Resources Law; Tribal Lawyering; and International Trade and Finance.

### ■ Library

The Wheat Law Library collection, with nearly 400,000 volumes and 4,500 active serial titles, is the largest law library in Kansas. Its hallmark is excellent service for students and faculty. The law library is a wireless environment that allows students, faculty, and staff access to LexisNexis, Westlaw, CALI, HeinOnline, LLMC Digital, the Internet, and numerous university-wide interdisciplinary databases. Access is also available on desktop computers in carrels and throughout the library. The law library's award winning website, [www.ku.edu/~kulaw/library/](http://www.ku.edu/~kulaw/library/), is a comprehensive gateway that provides access to virtual resources beyond the scope of the physical collection as well as in-house topical research guides. Seven professional librarians and research attorneys are eager to help with legal research ranging from the rich heritage of historical materials to cutting edge digitized images.

### ■ Accelerated/Summer Program

The law school's unique summer school program is fully integrated with the curriculum of the fall and spring semesters. Students who begin law school in May and attend summer school each of the following two summers may complete degree requirements in just 27 months.

### ■ Student Life

Because the school seeks students with strong personal qualities in addition to high academic credentials, students learn law with classmates who have the interpersonal skills, maturity, judgment, and ambition to succeed. The law school values diversity, and students have a wide range of education and work experience, enriching classroom discussions and student life.

KU law students develop friendships that last a lifetime. They find as many opportunities for collaboration as for competition. They socialize and develop leadership skills and

an appreciation for community service through membership in the many student organizations. They hone research, writing, and editing skills through work on two student-edited publications: the *Kansas Law Review* and the *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*. They participate regularly and successfully in moot court, mock trial, and client counseling competitions. Study abroad is available through the London Consortium, the school's Limerick and Istanbul Programs, and other programs approved by the American Bar Association.

## ■ Career Services and Alumni

The school's Office of Career Services helps students define career goals and find employment that matches their interests. The office coordinates an extensive on-campus interviewing program, sponsors workshops exploring career options, and helps students develop job-seeking skills.

KU law students and graduates are highly sought after by employers throughout the state, region, and nation. Most

recent graduates chose employment in private law firms, but many chose government service, including work as prosecutors, public interest work, the military, graduate study, and nontraditional careers. A considerable number of graduates accept judicial clerkships. Recent graduates have been law clerks at all levels, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

KU graduates have been highly successful in passing Kansas and Missouri bar examinations and have performed extremely well on examinations in other states. The Office of Career Services provides up-to-date information on bar requirements for all states.

The school's 6,000+ alumni live in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 11 foreign countries. Many participate in the law school's mentor program for first-year law students or in the Career Services Alumni Network, serving as sources of information about practice specialties and practice opportunities.

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes 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		Below 2.50		No GPA		Total	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
170-180	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	5
165-169	17	12	12	9	7	5	6	4	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	46	32
160-164	40	33	40	31	29	16	19	14	17	4	9	4	3	0	3	1	160	103
155-159	60	30	73	38	66	25	54	13	27	6	13	0	7	0	1	0	301	112
150-154	58	13	72	11	78	10	50	3	35	3	15	1	11	0	2	0	321	41
145-149	24	3	34	4	40	2	33	1	30	0	15	0	12	0	2	0	190	10
140-144	9	0	15	0	19	1	28	0	12	0	10	1	6	0	3	0	102	2
Below 140	3	1	5	0	12	0	8	0	9	0	9	0	12	0	3	0	61	1
Total	215	96	251	93	251	59	198	35	131	14	74	8	53	0	14	1	1187	306

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.