

J.D. PROGRAMS OF STUDY

To accommodate the needs of a diverse student population, Southwestern is the only ABA-approved law school that offers **four courses of study leading to the J.D. degree** that differ in scheduling and instructional approach:

- Full-time **Day** program 3 academic years
- Part-time **Evening** program 4 academic years
- Part-time **Day** program (PLEAS) 4 academic years
- Full-time **Accelerated Day** Program (SCALE®) 2 calendar years

Southwestern also offers **concurrent J.D./M.B.A. programs** with The Drucker Graduate School of Management of Claremont Graduate University, and a **J.D./M.A. program in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution** with California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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Choose your program, choose your timeframe

Program	Years				
	1	2	3	4	5
SCALE® JD					
SCALE® JD/MBA					
Full-time Day JD					
Part-time Day/PLEAS JD					
Part-time Evening JD					
Full-time JD/MBA*					
Part-time JD/MBA*					

*schedule may be accelerated through the JD/PMBA for students with work and management experience or JD/EMBA for students with extensive management experience

PROSPECTS FOR ADMISSION

GPA	LSAT Score						
	120-144	145-149	150-154	155-159	160-164	165-169	170+
3.75+							
3.5-3.74							
3.25-3.49							
3.0-3.24							
2.75-2.99							
2.5-2.74							
2.25-2.49							
2.0-2.24							

Unlikely Possible Likely

In reviewing applicant files, the Admissions committee considers:

- Grade Point Average (UGPA)
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) scores
- School(s) attended and major area of concentration
- Post-baccalaureate study
- Work experience
- Other factors as noted in the personal and optional statements

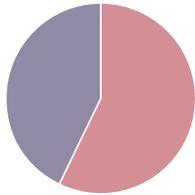
APPLICATION DEADLINES

- For **new** J.D. students: **April 1**
- For **visiting and transfer** J.D. students:
Fall Semester: **July 15** | Spring Semester: **December 1**

Prospective students are encouraged to apply online for admission, and are required to apply online for financial aid. Detailed information is available at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin.

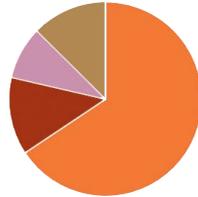
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2014 ENTERING CLASS INFORMATION*



■ 57% Female
■ 43% Male

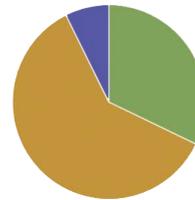
■ 47% Diversity



■ 224 Day ■ 30 PLEAS
■ 44 Evening ■ 43 SCALE

■ Average age: 26

113 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED



■ 35 California schools
■ 66 Out-of-state schools
■ 8 Foreign schools

TOP 12 FEEDER SCHOOLS

- UCLA
- USC
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Los Angeles
- UC Irvine
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- CSU Fullerton
- UC Riverside
- UC Berkeley
- Loyola Marymount
- CSU Long Beach

TOP 5 MAJORS

- 28% Political Science
- 7% Psychology
- 6% English
- 6% Sociology
- 4% Humanities

	FULL-TIME PROGRAMS Traditional Day/SCALE		PART-TIME PROGRAMS Traditional Evening/PLEAS		ALL PROGRAMS	
	GPA	LSAT	GPA	LSAT	GPA	LSAT
75th	3.45	155	3.35	154	3.43	154
Median	3.22	151	3.10	150	3.20	151
25th	2.98	150	2.83	148	2.93	149

*2014 Entering Class Information current as of August 15, 2014. Final ABA data will be available in late fall.

www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/enteringclassinfo

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available in the form of loans, work study and institutional scholarships. Merit scholarships up to full tuition are available for entering students with exceptional credentials.

FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	SCALE
\$46,900	\$31,270	\$65,880

Note: The above figures reflect tuition for the 2014-2015 academic year. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/tuition for complete details and the most recent figures.

www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid



COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for leading innovation, Southwestern's cutting-edge curriculum features:

- more time for students to digest class material and learn about the realities of legal practice
- an elective course in the first year
- only law school to offer a choice of three different tracks in the first-year legal writing course:

Appellate
Advocacy

Negotiation

Trial
Practice

- 200+ Courses and Seminars
- Capstone Courses
- January Intersession
- Academic Support and Bar-related Programs
- Writing Center

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Law and Public Policy with Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS)
- Bioscience Industry with Keck Graduate Institute (KGI)

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

150+ EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

- Government
- Judicial
- Public Interest
- Entertainment
- In-house Corporate Counsel

CLINICS

- Children's Rights
- DFEH Civil Rights
- Immigration Law
- Street Law

PRACTICUMS

- Amicus Project
- Appellate Litigation
- Entertainment Law Firm
- Entertainment Production
- Immigration Appeals Law Firm
- Youth Offender Parole Hearings

Additional opportunities through the **Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute** and the **Public Service Program**

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DIVERSE STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Southwestern's cocurricular programs and extracurricular activities help students develop outstanding lawyering skills and foster involvement in the community through:

- award-winning interscholastic teams in the Moot Court, Negotiation and Trial Advocacy honors programs
- positions on the *Southwestern Law Review*, *Southwestern Journal of International Law* and *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*
- more than 20 student organizations, including minority, cultural, political and religious groups; and societies focused on specific areas of law
- a wide spectrum of public interest law activities, including extensive summer grant and fellowship opportunities
- a variety of assistance and outreach programs with the local community and public schools

www.swlaw.edu/student-services/student-life

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Southwestern's faculty focuses on enhancing the classroom experience and providing personal attention to each student. They bring:

- outstanding academic credentials and rich backgrounds in law practice and teaching
- internationally recognized expertise in antitrust, business, civil rights, criminal justice, entertainment/media, environmental, human rights, intellectual property, and international, among other areas of the law
- an adjunct faculty of distinguished judges and attorneys who are authorities in specialized practices and enjoy sharing real-world knowledge with students in stimulating electives

www.swlaw.edu/faculty

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS AND CAREERS

Southwestern's 11,000+ alumni enthusiastically serve as mentors, sponsors, advisors and employers of Southwestern students. They live and work throughout California, the U.S. and around the world:

- all 50 states + 2 territories
- 26 foreign countries

Southwestern's academic programs and services provide students with the tools to achieve a successful legal career. The Career Services Office assists students with career planning and guidance through:

- a comprehensive series of workshops on resume writing and interviewing techniques
- panel presentations on practice areas
- mock interviews
- on-campus interview programs and career days
- a full schedule of networking events
- individualized career counseling and planning

Southwestern hosts employers interviewing on campus, including:

- **large law firms**, such as O'Melveny & Myers; Sheppard Mullin; McKenna Long; K&L Gates and Sedgwick Detert
- **government entities**, such as the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office
- **public interest organizations**, such as Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Children's Law Center of California
- **medium and small law firms** where the vast majority of law school graduates start their careers, such as Lynberg & Watkins; Girardi Keese; Prindle Amaro; Wood Smith; Haight Brown & Bonesteel and Bonne Bridges

www.swlaw.edu/alumni

www.swlaw.edu/student-services/careerservices

Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610; (312) 988-6738). Since 1911, Southwestern Law School has served the public as a nonprofit, nonsectarian education institution. Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, medical condition, pregnancy, marital status, veteran/military status, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in connection with admission to the school, or in the administration of any of its educational, employment, housing, financial aid, scholarship, or student activity programs. Nondiscrimination has been the policy of Southwestern since its founding. The law school also requires employers using its placement services and facilities to abide by these standards and to ensure that no such discrimination occurs in hiring, promotion, or compensation for work assignments.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Southwestern graduates include:

- local/national elected officials
- founders of major and boutique law firms
- chief legal officers of multinational corporations
- top public interest lawyers

Among the law school's many alumni trailblazers are the:

- 1st female public defender in the U.S.
- 1st female African-American appellate court justice in the U.S.
- 1st Chinese-American district court judge in the continental U.S.
- 1st Latina trial judge in the U.S.
- 1st female African-American judge in California
- 1st Native American judge in California
- 1st African-American Mayor of Los Angeles

AWARD-WINNING CAMPUS

Southwestern has created a student-centered oasis within a campus that encompasses nearly two city blocks in the center of Los Angeles and includes:

- the extraordinary art deco Bullocks Wilshire landmark
- state-of-the-art multimedia technology in the classrooms, courtrooms and clinics, and wireless internet access throughout campus
- spacious dining facilities and student lounges
- terraces with panoramic city views
- tranquil student commons and promenade
- a 10,000 sq. ft. fitness center
- the second largest academic law library facility in California
- one of the most technologically sophisticated courtroom/ADR centers in the country
- brand new, fully furnished on-campus student housing

www.swlaw.edu/campus