The UC Davis School of Law building is named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

King Hall stands as a tribute to Dr. King’s effort to achieve social and political justice by lawful and orderly means.
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Message from the Dean

As Dean of UC Davis School of Law, I have the distinct privilege of welcoming you to one of the world’s leading law schools. We are proud of the record of outstanding scholarship, teaching, and public service we have achieved since our founding more than 50 years ago, and pleased that you are considering joining our King Hall community.

Please explore this booklet, log on to our website (law.ucdavis.edu), and visit us in person to discover the many ways in which we can help you realize your dreams.

At UC Davis, our outstanding reputation, high rankings, small size, dedicated faculty of internationally renowned scholars, and uniquely supportive learning environment combine for an experience of legal education that is second to none. Put simply, we have a community like no other. There truly is no other law school like it!

We have consistently placed among the best in the U.S. News & World Report rankings and other polls, and with the recently completed expansion of our Martin Luther King, Jr., Hall building and the addition of outstanding new faculty, including tenured professors who have joined us from Harvard, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and other top schools, we expect to continue our upward trajectory for years to come.

At UC Davis School of Law, you’ll learn from one of the nation’s best law faculties. It is also one of the most diverse, with one of the only majority-minority faculties in the country. In rankings of law faculties’ scholarly impact, King Hall consistently places in the top 25. Each of our faculty members also is truly committed to teaching. Students gain hands-on, real-world experience in our award-winning trial and appellate advocacy programs, clinics, and externship programs.

Our mission is to offer a public legal education that is of the highest quality. To that end, we consistently enroll one of the most diverse and excellent student bodies in the United States. At King Hall, you will find a vibrant and diverse student community with dozens of active student organizations, many student-run law journals, and a spirit of intellectual rigor combined with genuine warmth and a sense of purpose. We have an atmosphere of enthusiasm and cooperation unmatched by any law school.

Supporting our students’ academic and career goals is the highest priority at UC Davis School of Law. Our success can be seen in the extraordinary achievements of our graduates in bar passage rates, job placement, and rewarding careers in cities across the United States and around the world. Our Office of Career Services has successfully connected King Hall graduates with leading employers from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco, from Chicago to Atlanta, from London to Beijing.

On behalf of our faculty, students, staff, and alumni, I invite you to consider UC Davis School of Law.

If you are admitted and come here, you will never regret the decision. I promise.
Top 10 Reasons to Choose UC Davis School of Law
More Aid, Less Debt

King Hall’s substantial financial aid and scholarship support have consistently placed the School of Law among national leaders in generosity of financial aid and helped students to graduate with lower educational debt.

Employer Access

With its proximity to California’s capital, the Bay Area, and Silicon Valley, and an alumni network that stretches from coast to coast, King Hall offers access to legal employers of every kind and size in the widest range of locations.

Real-World Learning

King Hall students complement classroom learning with hands-on experience participating in cutting-edge research and real-world lawyering. Faculty fully integrate students into ambitious research and practice activities.

World-Class Reputation

King Hall has a nationally recognized faculty, a world-class student body, and an international reputation to match.

The King Hall Community

Our friendly, supportive, and collaborative environment stands in stark contrast to the cutthroat atmosphere of many top law schools.
State-of-the-Art Facilities
Students have 24-hour access to a truly state-of-the-art facility that blends technology with a true community and seriousness of purpose.

Friendly, Brilliant, Diverse
King Hall, home to the only “majority-minority” faculty of any leading American law school, is committed to recruiting and retaining a student body that is both brilliant and diverse. Our vibrant and multicultural environment includes scores of student groups, award-winning student-run trial and appellate advocacy programs, and innovative clinics and externship opportunities.

Alumni Who Care
Our graduates’ sincere love for their time at King Hall translates to strong alumni networks in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, as well as other metropolitan areas throughout the nation and world.

The Legacy of Dr. King
UC Davis School of Law is committed to the ideals of social justice and equality espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for whom the Law School building is named. This commitment is expressed in our dedication to public service, diversity, and all aspects of our mission.

Location, Location, Location
King Hall has a proximity to leading institutions of law, government, and business that is unmatched. UC Davis’s location, an hour from the Bay Area and 15 minutes from California’s state capital, connects students to centers of activity in law, policy, and commerce.

State-of-the-Art Facilities
Students have 24-hour access to a truly state-of-the-art facility that blends technology with a true community and seriousness of purpose.
At UC Davis School of Law, the curriculum is designed to provide a solid foundation of practical knowledge and skills that enable our graduates to pursue careers in whatever area of legal practice they may choose, from public service to business litigation to legal scholarship.
UC Davis School of Law offers a three-year, full-time program leading to the Juris Doctor degree, as well as programs for LL.M., M.I.C.L. (Master of Laws in International Commercial Law), and combined degrees.

King Hall’s areas of strength include business law, criminal law and procedure, environmental and natural resources law, health care law and bioethics, human rights and social justice law, intellectual property law, international law, immigration law, and public interest law. Certificate programs are offered in intellectual property law, public service law, environmental and natural resources law, immigration law, tax law, business law, and pro bono service.

We offer academic credit for participation in a variety of learning programs outside the classroom, including our award-winning clinics, pro bono work, moot court, trial advocacy, and scholarly journals. The externship program confers academic credit for work in areas such as environmental law, human rights, criminal prosecution and defense, intellectual property, labor law and employment, tax law, and juvenile law, and with state and federal judges. Our proximity to the California State Capitol, just 15 minutes away in Sacramento, enables students interested in the political process to collaborate with legislators, the governor’s office, and state agencies.

**First-Year Curriculum**

The first-year curriculum provides the essential foundation for a legal education.

**INTRODUCTION TO LAW**

The first week of law school constitutes a basic introduction to the concepts of the law.

**CIVIL PROCEDURE**

A study of civil actions focusing on the methods used by courts to resolve civil disputes.

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I**

Learn the principles, doctrines, and controversies regarding the structure of the U.S. government.

**CONTRACTS**

This course examines the sorts of promises that are enforced in commercial and noncommercial transactions.

**CRIMINAL LAW**

This course studies the bases and limits of criminal liability.

**PROPERTY**

Study the doctrines and concepts of property law with primary emphasis on real property.

**TORTS**

Familiarizes students with laws regarding civil injuries, property damages, and liability without fault.

**LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING I & II**

Integrated legal research and writing skills course. Persuasive writing and oral advocacy, with oral arguments by all students.
Curriculum Clusters for Years Two and Three

The work during years two and three is elective, except for required courses in professional responsibility, lawyering skills, and a writing requirement. A wide range of elective courses and seminars is offered, although every class may not be taught each year.

Administrative Law
Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Aoki Water Justice Clinic
California Environmental Issues
Capital Law Scholars Externship
Education Policy and the Law
Elections and Political Campaigns
Indigenous Ecological Law & Policy
International Law in the Public Sphere (Public International Law)
Law and Statistics
Law Making and Law Changing in the Nation's Capital
Legislative Process Externship
Policy Advocacy
Poverty Law
Privacy, Surveillance, and "Sousveillance"
Public Finance: Theory and Practice
Public Interest Law Externship
Public Interest Law Seminar
Public Interest Lawyering, Civil Rights and Employment Law
Reforming Campaign Finance Law and the Initiative Process
Sociology of Criminal Procedure
State and Local Government Law
State and Local Taxation
Statutory Interpretation
Surveillance and States
Voting Rights Seminar
Washington UCDC Law Program

Business Law
Accounting for Lawyers
Advanced Bankruptcy
Anti-Corruption Law in India
Antitrust
Bankruptcy
Basic Finance for Lawyers
Business and Human Rights
Business Associations
Business of Lawyering
Business Planning and Drafting
Conflict of Laws (Private International Law)
Corporate Tax
Cyberlaw
Estate Planning Seminar
Federal Income Taxation
Financial Regulation and Consumer Protection
International Arbitration and Investment Law
International Business Negotiations
International Business Transactions
International Trade Law: Public Law Issues
International Finance
Introduction to Bankruptcy Law
Law and Economics
Law and Statistics
Law of Corporate Governance Seminar
Life-Cycle Transactions and Drafting
Mergers and Acquisitions
Nonprofit Organizations and Drafting: A-Z Coverage with Document Drafting
Pension and Employee Benefits Law
Public Finance: Theory and Practice
Secured Transactions
Securities Enforcement
Securities Regulation I
Securities Regulation II
Setting Up and Maintaining Solo Law Practice
Startups and Venture Capital
Taxation of Partnerships
Trade Secrets
Trusts, Wills, and Estates
U.S. Antitrust Law and Indian Competition Law: A Comparative Perspective

Criminal Law
Administration of Criminal Justice Externship
Advanced Criminal Procedure
Aoki Federal Public Defender Clinic
Aoki Legal Scholarship Seminar
Corporate and White Collar Crime
Criminal Justice Administration Seminar
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Trial Skills
Death Penalty Seminar
Juvenile Justice
Law and Practice of Voir Dire
Race, Mass Incarceration and Policing
Reforming the Police and Criminal Justice
Scientific Evidence
Sexual Assault and the Law
Sociology of Criminal Procedure
Wrongful Convictions

Constitutional Law
Asylum and Refugee Law
California Constitutional Law
Censorship in the Global Age
Civil Rights Clinic
Civil Rights Law
Constitutional Law II
Constitutional Law II - Equal Protection
Constitutional Law II - First Amendment
Constitutional Theory Seminar
Federal Indian Law
Immigration and Nationality Law Seminar
Law and Rural Livelihoods Seminar
Law Making and Law Changing in the Nation's Capital
Privacy, Surveillance, and "Sousveillance"
Surveillance and States
Voting Rights Seminar
White Working Class and the Law

Environmental and Natural Resources Law
Administration Law
Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Aoki Water Justice Clinic
California Environmental Issues
Climate Change Law and Policy Seminar
Environmental Justice
Environmental Law
Environmental Law and Policy Journal
Environmental Law Externship
Environmental Law Seminar: Emerging Technologies and the Environment
Environmental Practice
Federal Indian Law
Food and Agricultural Law
Indigenous Ecological Law & Policy
International Environmental Law
Land Use Planning
Natural Resources Law Seminar
Ocean and Coastal Law
Public Land Law
Renewable Energy Seminar
Water Law
White Working Class and the Law
Wine and the Law

Estate Planning
Estate Planning Seminar
Life-Cycle Transactions and Drafting
Practical Skills in Will and Trust Drafting and Administration
Tax Issues Related to Estate Planning
Trusts, Wills, and Estates

Family Law
Conflict of Laws (Private International Law)
Family Law
Family Protection Clinic
Juvenile Justice
Marital Property

Health Law and Bioethics
Bioethics
Disability Rights Law
Health Care Law
Mental Disability Law
Public Health Law
Reproductive Rights, Law, and Justice

Human Rights and Social Justice
Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Advanced Topics in Immigration and Citizenship Law
Aoki Federal Public Defender Clinic
Aoki Legal Scholarship Seminar
Asylum and Refugee Law
Business and Human Rights
Civil Rights Clinic
Civil Rights Law
Community Education Seminar
Complex Litigation in a Civil Rights Context
Constitutional Law II
Critical Race Theory
Disability Rights Law
Education Policy and the Law
Employment Discrimination
Federal Indian Law
Feminist Legal Theory

Analytical and Persuasive Writing I
Analytical and Persuasive Writing II
Bankruptcy
Business of Lawyering
Food and Agricultural Law
Law and Rural Livelihoods Seminar
Law and Statistics
Legal Analysis
Legal Spanish for U.S. Lawyers
Legislative Process Externship
Native American Law
Privacy, Surveillance, and "Sousveillance"
Problem Solving and Analysis
Setting Up and Maintaining Solo Law Practice
Sociology of Criminal Procedure
Special Topics in Legal Theory:
Ancient Athenian Law
State and Local Government Law
Surveillance and States
White Working Class and the Law
Academic Success Program

UC Davis School of Law is dedicated to helping every student reach a personal level of success in law school and in the practice of law.

The Academic Success Program (ASP) helps students identify and strengthen their academic abilities and provides assistance to students facing the challenges of mastering the unique demands of law school study. ASP offers note-taking, case briefing and exam skills workshops, study plan and learning style assessments, and personal academic counseling. The Academic Success Resource Center provides study aids, sample practice exams, and other information students may need to achieve their academic goals.

Specifically for first-year students, ASP provides a unique tutorial assistance program for all first-year courses by employing second- and third-year student tutors.

Our outstanding bar preparation programs have contributed to King Hall’s excellent bar exam pass rate, which, through the years, has consistently outperformed by a substantial margin the average pass rate for American Bar Association-approved law schools in California. The School of Law provides bar preparation workshops and courses for third-year students and a comprehensive post-graduation summer program that includes workshops, individual tutoring, and essay grading.

Immigration and Nationality Law Review
Immigration Law and Procedure
Immigration Law Clinic
Indigenous Ecological Law & Policy
Intellectual Property, Human Rights & Social Justice Seminar
International Law in the Public Sphere (Public International Law)
Juvenile Justice
Labor Law
Law and Rural Livelihoods Seminar
Legal Theory Workshop - Aoki Center
Race and Nations Research Seminar
Mental Disability Law
Native American Law
Policy Advocacy
Poverty Law
Prison Law Clinic
Public Interest Law Externship
Public Interest Law Seminar
Race, Mass Incarceration and Policing
Race, National Identity and Intellectual Properties
Special Education Law and Policy
Sexual Assault and the Law
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Law
Tax and Distributive Justice
United Nations Human Rights Practicum I
United Nations Human Rights Practicum II
Terrorism and International Law
Tribal Justice
Voting Rights Seminar
White Working Class and the Law
Women’s Human Rights
Wrongful Convictions

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP STUDY

Advanced Writing Project
Business Law Journal
Environmental Law and Policy Journal
Group Study
Instruction in Legal Research and Writing Skills
Journal of International Law and Policy
Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy
Law Review Editor
Law Review Writer
Research into Legal Problems

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY

Art Law
Bioethics
Censorship in the Global Age
Copyright
Counseling and Legal Strategy in the Digital Age
Cyberlaw
Food and Agricultural Law
Information Privacy Law
Innovation Law
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Externship
Intellectual Property, Human Rights & Social Justice Seminar
International Intellectual Property and Development
Law of Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants
Patent Law
Patent Prosecution and Practice
Patentable Subject Matter: Genes, Methods, and Software
Privacy, Surveillance, and “Sousveillance”
Public Interest Law Externship
Race, National Identity and Intellectual Properties
Trade Secrets
Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

INTERNATIONAL, COMPARATIVE, AND FOREIGN LAW

Advanced Topics in Immigration and Citizenship Law
Anti-Corruption Law in India
Asylum and Refugee Law
Business and Human Rights
Censorship in the Global Age
Conflict of Laws (Private International Law)
Immigration and Nationality Law Review
Immigration Law and Procedure
Immigration Law Clinic
International Arbitration and Investment Law
International Business Negotiations
International Business Transactions
International Environmental Law
International Intellectual Property and Development
International Law in the Public Sphere (Public International Law)
International Litigation and Arbitration
International Trade Law
International Trade Law: Public Law Issues
Native American Law
Reforming the Police and Criminal Justice
Surveillance and States
Terrorism and International Law
Transitional Justice & Memory Politics in the Asia-Pacific
Tribal Justice

United Nations Human Rights Practicum I
United Nations Human Rights Practicum II
US Antitrust Law and Indian Competition Law: A Comparative Perspective
Women’s Human Rights

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Employment Relations Externship
Federal Arbitration Act Seminar
Food and Agricultural Law
Labor Law
Pension and Employee Benefits Law
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Law

LEGAL THEORY AND ETHICS

Aoki Legal Scholarship Seminar
Bioethics
Constitutional Law II - Equal Protection
Constitutional Law II - First Amendment
Feminist Legal Theory
Jurisprudence Seminar
Law and Economics
Legal Ethics and Corporate Practice
Legal History
Mindfulness and Professional Identity
Poverty Law
Professional Responsibility
Public Finance: Theory and Practice
Special Topics in Legal Theory: Ancient Athenian Law
Tax and Distributive Justice
Trade Secrets
Commitment to Student Wellness

The King Hall Wellness Initiative was designed to help students find a proper balance to enable them to succeed academically, personally, and professionally. Events range from presentations on stress management and substance abuse to popular therapy dog sessions in the King Hall courtyard. The student-formed King Hall Wellness Committee sponsors additional wellness activities. A full-time, on-site psychologist is available to counsel students. Wellness is even a part of the Law School curriculum through topical seminars.

Curriculum Clusters for Years Two and Three continued

PROCEDURE AND JURISDICTION
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Complex Litigation
Complex Litigation in a Civil Rights Context
Conflict of Laws (Private International Law)
Federal Jurisdiction
Legislative Process Externship
Policy Advocacy
Remedies
State and Local Government Law
Suing the Government: Civil Rights, Torts, Takings, and More
Supreme Court Simulation Seminar

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
Administrative Law
Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Art Law
California Environmental Issues
Civil Rights Law
Community Education Seminar
Community Lawyering
Critical Race Theory
Disability Rights Law
Education Policy and the Law
Elections and Political Campaigns
Employment Discrimination
Family Law
Feminist Legal Theory
Immigration and Nationality Law Review
Immigration Law and Procedure
Indigenous Ecological Law & Policy
Intellectual Property, Human Rights & Social Justice Seminar
International Law in the Public Sphere (Public International Law)
Juvenile Justice Process
Labor Law
Law and Rural Livelihoods Seminar
Law Making and Changing in the Nation’s Capital
Legal Theory Workshop - Aoki Center Race and Nations Research Seminar
Legislative Process Externship
Mental Disability Law
Native American Law
Nonprofit Organizations and Drafting: A-Z Coverage with Document Drafting
Poverty Law
Privacy, Surveillance, and “Sousveillance”
Public Finance: Theory and Practice
Public Health Law
Public Interest Law Externship
Public Interest Law Seminar
Public Land Law
Race, Mass Incarceration and Policing
Restorative Justice
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Law
Sociology of Criminal Procedure
Special Education Law and Policy
State and Local Government Law
State and Local Taxation
Surveillance and States
Transitional Justice & Memory
Politics in the Asia-Pacific
Washington UCDC Law Program White Working Class and the Law

PUBLIC LAW AND POLICY
Administrative Law
California Environmental Issues
Capital Law Scholars Externship
Community Lawyering
Complex Litigation
Complex Litigation in a Civil Rights Context
Education Policy and the Law
Elections and Political Campaigns
International Law in the Public Sphere (Public International Law)
Law and Statistics
Law Making and Changing in the Nation’s Capital
Legislative Process Externship
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Restorative Justice
Sociology of Criminal Procedure
State and Local Government Law
State and Local Taxation
Statutory Interpretation
Surveillance and States
Washington UCDC Law Program

SKILLS AND LITIGATION
Administration of Criminal Justice Externship
Advanced Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Negotiations Strategy and Client Counseling
Advanced Trial Practice
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Analytical and Persuasive Writing I
Analytical and Persuasive Writing II
Aoki Federal Public Defender Clinic
Aoki Water Justice Clinic
Appellate Advocacy I (Moot Court)
Appellate Advocacy II (Moot Court)
Business of Lawyering
Business Planning and Drafting
Capital Law Scholars Externship
Carr Intraschool Trial Advocacy Competition
Civil Rights Clinic
Complex Litigation
Complex Litigation in a Civil Rights Context
Counseling and Legal Strategy in the Digital Age
Criminal Trial Skills
Employment Relations Externship
Environmental Law
Evidence
Family Protection Clinic
Federal and State Taxation Externship
Federal Arbitration Act Seminar
Immigration Law Clinic
Intellectual Property Externship
International Business Negotiations
International Litigation and Arbitration
Interschool Competition
Judicial Externship
Judicial Process
Law and Practice of Voir Dire
Law Making and Law Changing in the Nation’s Capital
Legal Analysis
Legislative Process Externship
Mediation (Representing Clients in Mediation)
Moot Court Board
Negotiations
Negotiations Board
Nonprofit Organizations and Drafting: A-Z Coverage with Document Drafting
Practice Ready Seminar
Pretrial Skills
Prison Law Clinic
Problem Solving and Analysis
Public Interest Law Externship
Restorative Justice
Scientific Evidence
Setting Up and Maintaining Solo Law Practice
Startups and Venture Capital
Suing the Government: Civil Rights, Torts, Takings, and More
Supreme Court Simulation Seminar
Trial Practice
Trial Practice Honors Board
Tribal Justice
United Nations Human Rights Practicum I
United Nations Human Rights Practicum II
Utility of Law School and Careers in the Law
Washington UCDC Law Program
Writing Requirement Workshop

TAXATION
Advanced Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy
Corporate Tax
Estate Planning Seminar
Federal and State Taxation Externship
Federal Income Taxation
Law of Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants
Life-Cycle Transactions and Drafting
Nonprofit Organizations and Drafting: A-Z Coverage with Document Drafting
Pension and Employee Benefits Law
State and Local Government Law
State and Local Taxation
Tax and Distribution Justice
Taxation of Partnerships
Tax Issues Related to Estate Planning
Why Choose UC Davis School of Law?

“King Hall has afforded me incredible, high-caliber opportunities in the legal profession. Through our On-Campus Interview process, I secured a summer associateship at a premier, global law firm. Through our Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, I’ve had a chance to lead one of the largest APALSA chapters in the state and meet other law students from around the country. As an editor on the UC Davis Law Review, I’ve participated in innovative legal research that is being cited in courts today. I really couldn’t imagine a better law school experience.”

ALEX GUERRA ’17
J.D., UC Davis - B.A., UC Berkeley
Associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Sacramento
Areas of Concentration

BUSINESS LAW
As globalization of the world economy continues, business is increasingly international in scope. The UC Davis Business Law curriculum, with classes ranging from Business Associations to Securities Regulation to Taxation, ensures graduates have the skills required to succeed in this rapidly changing environment. King Hall students also enjoy the unique opportunity to pursue a joint degree with the highly regarded UC Davis Graduate School of Management.

UC Davis law graduates with a Business Law concentration work in law firms, corporations, consulting and accounting companies, and nonprofit organizations throughout the world.

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE
UC Davis School of Law students who focus on Criminal Law and Procedure graduate with the skills to succeed as prosecutors, district attorneys, public defenders, criminal defense attorneys, and in related fields. King Hall’s extensive externship programs offer the opportunity for valuable direct experience.

UC Davis law alumni are found in district attorney and public defender offices throughout California and the nation. They hold prominent positions in all criminal law practice areas, both trial and appellate, with the California Attorney General’s office, U.S. Attorneys’ offices, and in well-regarded private criminal defense practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW
UC Davis is a leader in environmental science and education, and King Hall students who choose the Environmental and Natural Resources Law concentration receive an exceptional environmental legal education.

Building upon its legacy of leadership in environmental law, the Law School has launched the California Environmental Law & Policy Center (CELPC), which serves as a focus of environmental scholarship and initiatives.

Our Environmental Law Certificate Program provides special recognition for students’ commitment to the study of environmental law.

HEALTH LAW AND BIOETHICS
Advances in medical care and the life sciences are changing our lives, our society, and our world, and attorneys who specialize in health care law are increasingly in demand. The Health Care Law and Bioethics concentration provides the opportunity to study three core areas: health care law, bioethics, and public health law.

Students are prepared for a diverse range of careers in areas such as medical liability, health law, bioethics, public health, reproductive health, biotechnology, and disability rights.
IMMIGRATION LAW

UC Davis offers one of the world’s finest immigration law programs. Professors are foremost authorities in the field and have been cited in many courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Students have the opportunity to participate in the award-winning Immigration Law Clinic and immigration-related externships, to edit the *Immigration and Nationality Law Review*, and may graduate with a Certificate in Immigration Law. Alumni practice in a variety of settings, from the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation to the U.S. government to private firms.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW

UC Davis School of Law has a commitment to human rights and social justice stretching back to its beginning more than 50 years ago, when the Law School building was named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Throughout its existence, King Hall has been known for producing outstanding public interest law attorneys who work with nonprofits and government agencies, using the power of law to achieve a more just society.

Through its award-winning clinics and externships, the Law School offers students numerous opportunities to help real clients with issues of domestic violence, immigration status, civil rights violations, and other legal problems.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

In the digital age, many of the world’s business transactions involve not physical assets but intellectual property. Today, intellectual property law is one of the fastest-growing and most exciting fields of legal practice.

Students learn everything from the basics—copyright, patent, and trademark—to emerging fields, such as international intellectual property, e-commerce, and cyber law. Students can engage with the Center for Science & Innovation Studies (CSIS) through lectures, symposia, and other events. The Law School’s Intellectual Property Law Certificate is awarded to students who demonstrate specialization in the field.

Hear from Renowned Guest Speakers

The Law School regularly hosts prominent speakers to ensure King Hall students hear a variety of perspectives on current issues. These events keep King Hall at the leading edge of legal education.

In recent years, students have witnessed special sittings of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the California Supreme Court inside King Hall’s Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom. Annual events include the Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture on Family Law, the Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Lecture on Constitutional Law, the Central Valley Foundation/McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment, and the intellectual property symposium and lecture series “Law in the Information Age.” Recent guest speakers have included our 2016 commencement speaker Congressman John Lewis, Chief Justice of California and UC Davis School of Law alumna Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84, advocate and alumna Sister Simone Campbell ’77, Walmart Executive Vice President Jay Jorgensen, and other leaders in their fields.
INTERNATIONAL LAW
The International Law concentration has long been one of the hallmarks of UC Davis School of Law, and the California International Law Center (CILC) at King Hall takes our program to an even higher level. Academic courses advance students’ understanding of world affairs through analysis of international law, politics, and business. Students learn from a diverse team of full-time faculty and visiting scholars who are among the world leaders in international law.

Students interested in international law enjoy opportunities to participate in special projects through CILC and the Law School’s clinics.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
King Hall, named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has always attracted faculty and students committed to using the power of the law to address injustices and solve problems faced by the poor, the disabled, consumers, the elderly, and those who lack equal access to the legal system. Most students in the Public Interest Law concentration help provide legal access to underserved communities through the Law School’s clinical programs.

The Law School offers a Public Service Law Certificate Program for students with a demonstrated commitment to serving the public, as well as financial support for recent graduates pursuing public interest work. Financial aid programs include our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), which offers repayment assistance for not only law school debt but also loans received for undergraduate and other pre-law graduate-level study.

Learn more about LRAP on page 45.

TAX LAW
The successful practice of tax law requires technical mastery and intellectual versatility because great tax lawyers must apply complicated rules to novel situations. The UC Davis tax curriculum provides a strong foundation for future tax practice as well as the many other practices impacted by tax concerns, including mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, family law, and bankruptcy. Furthermore, UC Davis School of Law’s proximity to the state capitol offers a unique and valuable opportunity for students to hone their skills through externships with California’s tax agencies and the Internal Revenue Service.
Why Choose UC Davis School of Law?

“The faculty at King Hall is in a class of its own: excellent and diverse, with a scholarly reputation that ranks among the best in the nation. Our professors publish groundbreaking books and influential legal scholarship. Most importantly, they genuinely enjoy classroom teaching and are always accessible, bringing out the best in their students to ensure they receive the best legal training possible.”

MADHAVI SUNDER
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Daniel J. Dykstra Professor of Law, UC Davis School of Law
At UC Davis School of Law, students enjoy not only outstanding academic training, but also the opportunity to hone practical skills. Students can write for six student-run journals, advocate for clients in our six clinics, work in our externship program, and participate in Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, and Negotiations competitions. King Hall students learn beyond the classroom in ways that help them succeed in the job market, in their careers, and in court.
Journals

With six student-run journals, UC Davis School of Law offers multiple opportunities for students to hone their writing, research, and editing skills.

**UC Davis Law Review**

One of the nation’s most respected legal journals, the UC Davis Law Review publishes scholarly articles from legal academics, practitioners, and our own student editors.

**Business Law Journal**

The Business Law Journal is committed to providing current and valuable legal and business analysis.

**Environs, Environmental Law and Policy Journal**

Environs, the environmental law and policy journal, is dedicated to the discussion of current environmental issues and publishes articles from professors, practitioners, and students.

**Immigration and Nationality Law Review**

UC Davis Immigration & Nationality Law Review reprints articles and student notes on a range of immigration issues, and its projects include law reform and hosting a database of historical immigration materials.

**Journal of International Law & Policy**

The Journal of International Law & Policy is produced by King Hall students with an interest in international law and human rights issues.

**Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy**

The Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy addresses the unique concerns of children in the American legal system.

For more information, visit law.ucdavis.edu/journals.
Clinical Legal Education Programs

At UC Davis School of Law, we take pride in the unique array of clinical experiences available to every student. Our clinical programs and fully-supervised externship programs allow students to earn academic credit while gaining hands-on legal experience.

Clinics are operated in a collaborative trial team setting and allow students to work alongside veteran faculty and attorneys and learn invaluable skills as they help those most in need.

**Civil Rights Clinic**

The Civil Rights Clinic is a litigation clinic in which students advocate for the civil rights of prisoners and other indigents. In a typical semester, students may do client intakes, meet with clients, draft interrogatories, conference with federal judges and opposing counsel, take depositions, draft and file pleadings, interview witnesses, and research legal issues.

**Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic**

The Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic provides students with the opportunity to represent domestic violence survivors who would not otherwise be able to afford an attorney. The program contains three components: student education, direct client representation, and community education.

**Immigration Law Clinic**

The Immigration Law Clinic provides an invaluable service to Northern California’s immigrant communities, offering education and free legal services to low-income immigrants facing deportation while enabling King Hall students to gain practical, real-world experience. Through the Clinic, students provide advice and counsel on a range of immigration questions for clients who otherwise could not afford legal representation. Students working on behalf of the Immigration Law Clinic have made oral arguments to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit—an experience many attorneys would envy.

**Prison Law Clinic**

Students working in the Prison Law Clinic use their legal skills to assist prisoners, advocating on their clients’ behalf with officials at the institution where the prisoner is housed and filing formal grievances with the California Department of Corrections. The Clinic is especially beneficial to students who wish to learn the intricacies of administrative law.

**Social Justice Clinic**

A project of the Aoki Center for Critical Race & Nation Studies, this clinic offers students the opportunity to critically examine the racial impacts of the criminal justice system as they represent clients. Students litigate cases in the areas of criminal defense, workers’ rights, and environmental justice. In a recent project, students collaborated with the Federal Defender office in the Eastern District of California.

**Water Justice Clinic**

This Clinic is a project of the Aoki Center for Critical Race & Nation Studies. The Water Justice Clinic combines transactional law, policy advocacy, and strategic research to ensure that low-income California communities have access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water. Clinic students provide clients with direct legal assistance, educate decision-makers and the public on the relationship between racial inequality and lack of access to clean and affordable water, and identify non-litigation strategies for eliminating the root causes of water inequality.
Study Abroad

We live in a global age. The smaller the world becomes, the more important it is for lawyers to have a global perspective. If you want to enhance your knowledge of the world through firsthand experiences by studying abroad, take advantage of the exciting opportunities presented by the UC Davis School of Law Foreign Exchange Program.

The School of Law offers exchange opportunities at the China University of Political Science and Law, National Law School of India University Bangalore, Jindal Global University (India), University College Dublin (Ireland), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), University of Lausanne (Switzerland), and the University of Chile, and is currently considering exchange programs with several other law schools abroad.
Externships

King Hall students have the opportunity to acquire additional skills and training by working with government agencies, public interest organizations, nonprofits, and public defenders’ and prosecutors’ offices. Working under the guidance of faculty and field supervisors, students acquire direct experience in fields including:

- Administration of Criminal Justice
- Employment Relations
- Environmental Law
- Federal and State Taxation
- Intellectual Property
- Judicial Externships
- Capital Law Scholars (see facing page)
- Public Interest Law

Recent placements for UC Davis law students include:

- ACLU of Northern California
- DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division
- The California Governor’s Office of Legal Affairs
- Franchise Tax Board
- Regional Public Defender’s and District Attorney’s Offices
- UC Davis Innovation Access Office
- California Rural Legal Assistance
  - The California Attorney General’s Office
  - City and U.S. Attorney’s Offices
  - Judicial externships with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, U.S. District Court, California Supreme Court, and California Courts of Appeal

UCDC Law: Work in the Nation’s Capital

The UCDC Law Program is a uniquely collaborative semester-long externship program in Washington, D.C., combining a weekly seminar with a full-time field placement to offer law students an unparalleled opportunity to become immersed in the nation’s capital. Students will have contact with all three branches of the federal government, independent regulatory agencies, advocacy nonprofits, and the media.

Through the UCDC program, UC Davis law students have been placed in offices including:

- The White House
- Department of Justice
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights
- International Intellectual Property Institute
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fair Elections Legal Network
- RFK Center for Justice & Human Rights
Capital Law Scholars Program

The UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Program offers students the chance to gain valuable, real-world experience in government and public policy work in nearby Sacramento. Students will have opportunities to enroll in externships with government offices, the Legislature, and nonprofit agencies engaged in policy work.

Examples of Capital Law Scholars externship placements include:
- The California State Senate or Assembly
- California State Senate or Assembly Committees
- The California Attorney General’s Office
- The Governor’s Office of Legislative Affairs
- The California Office of Legislative Counsel
- The ACLU of California Center for Advocacy and Policy
- The California Fair Political Practices Commission

Why Choose UC Davis School of Law?

“UC Davis School of Law provides outstanding opportunities for practical experiences that complement what you learn in the classroom. My experiences working at the U.S. Department of Justice as a UCDC extern and at the Sacramento U.S. Attorney’s Office as a third-year law student were instrumental to my legal education. King Hall equipped me with a strong foundation for a career in government law and public service.”

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UC Davis School of Law is committed to cutting-edge scholarship and academic initiatives. Our centers enhance the student experience by providing opportunities for research and hands-on participation.

**CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER AT KING HALL (CILC)**

UC Davis School of Law has a proud tradition of engagement in matters of global consequence. Continuing that tradition is the California International Law Center at King Hall. CILC (pronounced “silk”) fosters the work of faculty, students, and alumni in international, comparative, and transnational law.

CILC hosts and co-sponsors events throughout the year, bringing international legal issues to the fore at King Hall. Among other prominent advocates and scholars, CILC has hosted Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, who delivered an International Women’s Day Address on
gender violence and international law. CILC has also dedicated research to the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan, working in partnership with the Washington, D.C.-based Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights to construct a peace and reconciliation plan for the area.

CILC’s Director, Fellow, and Faculty Council publish on topics as varied as cross-border crime and comparative civil rights, globalization and digitization, food security and global finance, international trade, and immigration detention.

They give expert advice and take part in conferences on many continents. They prepare students for careers in the 21st century world.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CENTER**

As a top public research university and a leader in environmental science and clean technology, UC Davis has long been a model for sustainable change. Now, with the establishment of the California Environmental Law and Policy Center, UC Davis School of Law is building on that legacy of environmental leadership.

The California Environmental Law and Policy Center at UC Davis School of Law serves to focus environmental scholarship, initiatives, and events within the Law School, promote linkages with environmental scholarship and research on the UC Davis campus and elsewhere, and advance informed environmental law and policy at all levels of government. Under Director Richard Frank, a nationally recognized leader in environmental law and policy and a UC Davis School of Law alumnus, the center expands the opportunities available to students as it addresses critical environmental law problems in ways that serve the state, the nation, and the world.

**CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION STUDIES (CSIS)**

The Center for Science and Innovation Studies engages the many dimensions of the process of technoscientific innovation, from those that make it possible to those that constrain it. Because the skills and competencies necessary to develop a fine-grained understanding of the process of innovation are distributed across the sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, and the professional schools, CSIS seeks to provide a space for real collaboration between traditionally hard-to-connect campus cultures.

Under the leadership of Director Mario Biagioli, an internationally renowned expert in the fields of intellectual property, science studies, and patent history who joined UC Davis School of Law from Harvard University, CSIS provides a wide range of perspectives on innovation, intellectual property, international law, and related topics through a series of lectures, symposia, and other events.

**AOKI CENTER FOR CRITICAL RACE AND NATION STUDIES**

The mission of the Aoki Center is to foster multi-disciplinary scholarship and practice that critically examines the law through the lens of race, ethnicity, indigeneity, citizenship, and class. By integrating the scholarship of the King Hall faculty with the research of academics in other departments and schools across the UC Davis campus and by connecting critical race theory to the world of practice and policy, the Aoki Center seeks to deepen our understanding of issues that have a significant impact on our culture and society.

Faculty, staff, and students inaugurated the Center to commemorate Professor Keith Aoki, an accomplished and respected scholar in the areas of civil rights, critical race theory, intellectual property, and local government law. In the wake of Aoki’s untimely death, the Center was established to reflect Keith’s distinguished scholarship and remember his passion for art, music, advocacy, whimsy, and pure fun.
Career Services presents speakers and training workshops geared to student needs and the hiring cycles of various segments of the legal and law-related job markets. The office hosts numerous events where students can connect with potential employers, including an extensive On-Campus Interview (OCI) program held each fall and spring.

The UC Davis School of Law Career Services Office, with seven staff members including five licensed attorneys, is dedicated to helping students plan their individual career paths and secure jobs during and after law school.

The employment rate for UC Davis law students nine to ten months after graduation has consistently been in the 90-percent range.
Class of 2016 Employment and Salary Summary

The employment status of the UC Davis School of Law Class of 2016 as of March 2017 is listed below. Of the 138 students in the class, information was available on the employment status of 136 students. Approximately 90 percent of those were employed ten months after graduation.

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS
Private Practice: 41.0%
Government: 23.7%
Business/Industry: 12.2%
Judicial Clerkships: 9.8%
Public Interest/Legal Services: 7.3%
Academic: 5.7%

SALARY RANGES FOR THE CLASS OF 2016
FOR THOSE WHO REPORTED SALARY INFORMATION

PRIVATE SECTOR
25% - 75% percentile: $75,000 - $180,000
Median: $117,500

GOVERNMENT
25% - 75% percentile: $47,500 - $61,560
Median: $56,000

PUBLIC INTEREST
25% - 75% percentile: $45,000 - $70,000
Median: $60,000

Alumni by Region 2017

- Northern California: 121
- Central Valley: 235
- Central Coast: 131
- Greater Sacramento: 1,719
- San Francisco Bay Area: 2,066
- Southern California: 1,629

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The Law School's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hall, one of the most beautiful and functional law school facilities in the country, is open to law students 24 hours a day and will serve as your home base during the years you'll spend here at UC Davis.
King Hall is an aesthetically striking, functionally advanced facility designed to accommodate the latest technologies and provide an ideal learning environment. Classrooms have state-of-the-art audiovisual and multimedia equipment. King Hall also incorporates many environmentally responsible advances, as well as a design that maximizes natural light and open space.

King Hall has two moot courtrooms, a pretrial-skills laboratory, a large computer lab, study carrels, student journal offices, lounges, an infant care co-op, and offices for student organizations, all easily accessible to disabled students. Wireless Internet access is available throughout the building.

The Mabie Law Library is the center of study and legal research for the law school community, and students have access to numerous legal print resources, many online databases, and past law school exams via the library and California Digital Library. The library is a federal and California document depository.

**UCDavisc Facts**

- 2nd among top U.S. colleges doing the most for low-income students (New York Times, 2015)
- 6th best public university (Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Ranking, 2016)
- 6th among public universities and 27th among public and private universities (The Best Colleges’ Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America, 2017)
- 10th among public universities nationwide (U.S. News & World Report)
- 14th in research funding among U.S. ranked public universities (National Science Foundation)
- 16th in the ranking of American universities based on contributions to society (Washington Monthly, 2015)
- Leading sustainable institution with numerous innovative programs and accolades—ranked 3rd internationally and 2nd in the U.S. (GreenMetric World University Ranking, 2015)
- The only University of California campus with six professional schools—Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing, and Veterinary Medicine
- One of the largest athletics programs in the country, with more than 700 student athletes participating in 23 varsity sports competing in the Big West Conference of NCAA Division I
- World-class dance, music, and theater performances and lectures at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, adjacent to King Hall
- Multiple on-campus recreational facilities, including the state-of-the-art Activities and Recreation Center (ARC), recreation fields, aquatics facility, Shrem Art Museum, and recently renovated Memorial Union
Student Life

UC DAVIS ARBORETUM, ADJACENT TO KING HALL

OPEN SPACES ON THE UC DAVIS CAMPUS CONTRIBUTE TO A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT CONducIVE TO LEARNING

DOWNTOWN DAVIS

UC DAVIS ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION CENTER
Students at UC Davis School of Law enjoy a thriving community inside and outside of King Hall.

**EXCEPTIONAL CAMPUS SETTING**
King Hall is located on the UC Davis campus, affording students the benefits and opportunities that are a part of this top research university and vibrant college community. Law students can work out at the state-of-the-art Activities and Recreation Center and enjoy world-class entertainment and arts at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts and Shrem Art Museum. Students often remark that the campus’s open space contributes to a relaxed environment that is conducive to learning.

**A TRUE COLLEGE TOWN**
Davis is a true campus town whose charm is enhanced by over 100 miles of bicycle lanes and paths. People who live in Davis don’t have to confront traffic, long lines, or the other hassles of big-city life. Davis is safe and family friendly, with one of the top performing school districts in California. Housing can be found conveniently close to campus and at reasonable prices. (Neighboring cities, including West Sacramento and Woodland, provide additional options.) Davis has a centralized downtown that offers outstanding restaurants, coffee houses, shops, entertainment, and social activities. Food and wine lovers will enjoy Davis’s famed Farmers Market, which features the freshest organic produce, delicious dishes from area restaurants, and live music. As for its climate, Davis is among the sunniest cities in the United States.

**CENTRALLY LOCATED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Northern California has much to offer: food, wine and beer, culture, spectacular outdoor recreation, and travel opportunities, with UC Davis in the middle of all of it. Davis is located only 15 minutes from downtown Sacramento, the capital of California, and about an hour from the Berkeley-Oakland-San Francisco Bay Area. This proximity gives Davis access to large metropolitan cities with thriving business, financial, and legal communities, and a range of social and recreational activities. The gorgeous Napa Valley wine country and Lake Tahoe’s challenging ski slopes are just a short drive away, and nearby lakes and rivers provide great opportunities for kayaking, waterskiing, and more.

**FIRST GENERATION ADVOCATES**
As part of UC Davis School of Law’s commitment to diversity and student wellness, the First Generation Advocates program was created to promote and maximize the academic, professional, and personal success of first generation college graduates. Participants are paired with faculty or staff mentors, many of whom are also first generation college graduates, who provide personalized insight and guidance to help them address career choices, financial challenges, assimilation pressures, and other issues. The program also includes a seminar series and informal mixer events.
UC Davis School of Law is renowned for its sense of community. You will find a friendly, vibrant, and active student body at King Hall. More than 50 student organizations and their activities are at the heart of academic and social activities, which include softball leagues, intramural sports clubs, ski and snowboarding clubs, and the annual student talent show. With so many exciting groups and programs, our students enjoy endless opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities and explore varied interests. This is a place where students, faculty, and staff take pride in a strong sense of community and encourage a supportive academic environment.
Student Organizations

In recent years, student organizations have included:

- Agricultural Law Society
- American Bar Association
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at King Hall
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Entertainment and Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Filipino Law Students Association
- Humanitarian Aid Legal Organization
- Immigration Law Association
- International Law Society
- International Law Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- King Hall Animal Law Forum
- King Hall Chinese Law Students Association
- King Hall Families
- King Hall Futbol Club
- King Hall Health Law Association
- King Hall Intellectual Property Law Association
- King Hall Labor and Employment Law Association
- King Hall Legal Foundation
- King Hall Negotiations Team
- King Hall Veterans Association
- King Hall Water Association of Law and Policy
- King Hall Wine Law Society
- King Hall Women’s Law Association
- Korean American Law Students Association
- Lambda Law Students Association
- La Raza Law Students Association
- Law Cappella
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Students Association
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Native American Law Students Association
- Perfect Tender Child Care Co-op
- Student-Alumni Relations Committee
- Students United for Reform and Justice
- Tax Law Society

Information on these and other groups can be found at http://students.law.ucdavis.edu.
UC Davis School of Law is proud that its distinguished and diverse faculty is second to none. King Hall has among the highest proportion of American Law Institute (ALI) members on its faculty of any law school in the United States, and their membership in this prestigious law reform organization is only one indicator of the UC Davis Law faculty’s involvement in cutting-edge legal research, and the most pressing legal and social issues of our times. The UC Davis Law faculty has published thousands of leading books and articles in the most influential presses and law reviews in the world. The work of our faculty members is cited regularly in leading legal and interdisciplinary scholarship. Not surprisingly, members of the faculty frequently testify before Congress and other legislative bodies and are quoted frequently by the national media. Moreover, King Hall has a “majority-minority” faculty—a rarity among top-tier law schools—and is ranked 5th in the nation for faculty diversity by *Princeton Review*.

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“UC Davis truly gave me all the tools that I needed to succeed. The public service mission of the School, the intellectual rigor, and the sense of camaraderie and support I felt at King Hall all helped me to pursue a career working to push the law forward for civil rights and social justice.”

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For the most current and detailed admission information, visit law.ucdavis.edu/jd

Key Dates

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
Application period opens for Fall 2018 J.D. admission

NOVEMBER 1, 2017
Deadline to submit Early Decision applications (Applicants receive decisions on or before Nov. 30, 2017)

MARCH 15, 2018
Deadline to submit J.D. applications for Fall 2018

Contact the Admission Office

E-mail: admissions@law.ucdavis.edu
Phone: 530.752.6477
Mailing Address: School of Law, Office of Admission & Financial Aid
University of California, Davis
400 Mrak Hall Drive
Davis, CA 95616

Required Documents Checklist for J.D. Applicants

☐ Application for Admission
Electronic or disabled-accessible submission required

☐ Personal Statement
2 to 4 pages in length, double-spaced

☐ Résumé

☐ LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report

☐ Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Score
Scores earned prior to June 2012 are not valid for admission in Fall 2018. June 2018 test scores are accepted only after a valid test score has already been submitted.

☐ Two Letters of Recommendation
LSAC evaluations are not accepted.

There is no fee to apply, and no waiver code required.

APPLICANT GROUP FOR THE CLASS ENTERING FALL 2017
This profile is designed to provide very broad guidance for applicants seeking insight into the decisions made during 2016-2017. The figure to the left of the slash represents applicants; the figure to the right of the slash represents admitted students (e.g. 10/2 means of 10 applicants with that combination of LSAT and GPA, two received offers of admission).

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Data current as of 08/09/2017
The Admission Process

A comprehensive review of the application file is one of the hallmarks of the UC Davis School of Law admission process. The admission process is highly selective, but it is by no means mechanical. The Law School seeks to admit and enroll exceptional students. It looks beyond the LSAT and GPA and considers intellectual interests, economic or other disadvantages overcome by the applicant, graduate studies, significant work experience, and extracurricular activities. Successful applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree from a college or university of approved standing prior to beginning studies at the Law School.

UC Davis School of Law has a completely paperless application process. Electronic submission of all documents is required. You may monitor the progress of your application at the UC Davis Status Check website: law.ucdavis.edu/statuscheck. If you have a disability that does not allow you to use the electronic application process, please contact our office (admissions@law.ucdavis.edu) before the application deadline to determine an accessible alternative.

All applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Students can enroll only on a full-time basis and only in August. Fraudulent practices relating to the admission process are considered in admissions decisions and may be reported to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Students disqualified by another law school are ineligible for admission to the Law School.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

Applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test no later than February of the year in which the applicant seeks admission. We recommend taking the test as early as possible. LSAT scores earned before June 2012 are not valid for Fall 2018 admission. Although June 2018 test scores are accepted if a valid previous test score is already on file, most admission decisions are complete by early May, long before LSAC releases June scores in July.
**LSAC Credential Assembly Service**

Applicants should register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS) by creating an online account at www.LSAC.org. All applicants, including those who have completed a bachelor’s degree outside the United States (including its territories) or Canada, must submit transcripts to LSAC.

**Personal Statement**

To help highlight your qualifications and unique abilities, we ask applicants to write a statement that adds further dimension to the quantitative predictors. This statement may discuss any of a variety of factors, including academic promise, growth, and maturity; commitment to law study as evidenced by extracurricular activities, community service, employment experience, and advanced study; economic disadvantage or physical disability; or other factors relating to diversity, including multilingual skills and unusual accomplishments, skills, or abilities relevant to the legal profession. The personal statement is limited to two to four typewritten pages, double-spaced.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Use of the LSAC Letter of Recommendation (LOR) Service is required. The applicant must provide two letters of recommendation from responsible (and unrelated) persons who know the applicant well. Up to three letters of recommendation will be considered.
At least one recommendation from a faculty member under whom the applicant has recently studied is preferred. Applicants not currently enrolled in an academic program may use references from employers. The letters of recommendation should comment on the applicant’s academic abilities, character, and accomplishments, including extracurricular activities, community involvement, and prior work experience.

Résumé
Applicants must submit a résumé of academic and/or professional experience. Applicants are encouraged to limit the résumé to one to two pages.

Transcripts
Applicants currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program should submit directly to LSAC supplementary transcripts covering fall work as soon as the transcripts are available. All matriculating students must supply an official transcript, denoting degree conferral, prior to the start of the Fall Semester. We reserve the right to disenroll any students not meeting this requirement. Applicants whose final transcripts with degree conferral are a part of their CAS report are exempt from this requirement.

Early Decision
Applicants who have determined that UC Davis School of Law is their first choice may apply through our binding Early Decision program. The deadline to apply for Early Decision is November 1, 2017. By applying to the Early Decision program, an applicant commits to matriculating at UC Davis and agrees to withdraw all other applications upon acceptance to UC Davis School of Law. All applicants will receive an admission decision (admit, deny, wait list, or hold) on or before November 30, 2017. Those applicants who receive a “hold” decision will be considered along with the general applicant pool. That an applicant did not receive early admission will not be viewed negatively during this review.

Combined Degree Programs
Combined Degree Programs are available in conjunction with the UC Davis Graduate School of Management and most of the UC Davis master’s degree programs. Separate applications are required by each department. If admitted to both programs, the applicant must enroll at the School of Law for the first year. Contact the appropriate department for additional information.

Reapplication
UC Davis School of Law welcomes reapplicants, and a past wait list or denial decision is not a negative factor in review as a reapplicant. Applicants who reapply for admission must comply with all of the above procedures and do not need to repeat the LSAT (unless the score was earned before June 2012 and therefore is not valid). Reapplicants must submit a current 2017-2018 CAS report, in addition to all other required components of the Fall 2018 application. We encourage reapplicants to submit a new personal statement and updated résumé.

Commitment to Diversity
The students and faculty of UC Davis School of Law recognize the critical need for lawyers representing the diverse populations of California. Experience or background that enables an applicant to bring a unique perspective to the study of law, or contribute to serving the diverse populations of California, may be taken into account in the admission process. The personal statement can provide such information or applicants may submit a separate diversity statement. The combined length of the personal statement and diversity statement cannot exceed four double-spaced pages.
Visiting King Hall

Information Sessions
OCTOBER 2017 - FEBRUARY 2018

Each month from fall through early winter, applicants may attend one-hour information sessions that will explain general aspects of the admission process and answer prospective students’ questions. Discussion typically centers on content of the personal statement and admissions policy and procedure, and sessions include a (typically student-led) tour of King Hall’s outstanding facility. Most sessions take place Saturdays at noon or weekday evenings. Please refer to our website for the most current dates and times, as well as registration information (generally available in early fall).

Open House for Prospective Applicants
NOVEMBER 18, 2017

This day-long program offers a more comprehensive look at King Hall, with panel presentations, tours, and opportunities to meet members of the law school community, including deans, faculty, staff, and current students.

Information about how to register for these events will be on our website in September 2017.

Individual Visits

Applicants are welcome to visit King Hall on an individual basis. Appointments are strongly recommended. Class visits and tours led by current students are generally available during the academic year; to ensure availability, please complete the request form on the “Visiting King Hall” page of the Admissions website: law.ucdavis.edu/jd/visiting-our-school.aspx.

Off-Campus Recruitment Events

Representatives of UC Davis School of Law will be available to speak with prospective applicants at various locations throughout California and the United States, including most of the LSAC Law Forums. Consult the LSAC website, www.LSAC.org, for forum locations and times.

Call 530-752-6477, send an e-mail message to admissions@law.ucdavis.edu, or go to our website (law.ucdavis.edu/jd/recruitment-events.aspx) for specific times, locations, changes, or additions to the 2017-2018 recruitment schedule.
International Applicants

Applicants who have completed a bachelor’s degree outside the United States (including its territories) or Canada must submit transcripts to LSAC using the Credential Assembly Service (CAS). An International Credential Evaluation will be completed and submitted to the School of Law as part of the CAS report. A TOEFL score is required of all applicants educated outside the U.S. and for whom English was not the primary language of instruction. Contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that your TOEFL score be sent to LSAC. LSAC’s TOEFL code is 8395. Your score will be included in the International Credential Evaluation document as part of your CAS report.

Transfers

UC Davis School of Law is pleased to welcome applications for transfer admission. Each year, we admit a group of exceptional transfer students with proven records of achievement. These students often go on to experience extraordinary success in their legal careers. Many of these students are past applicants for first-year admission who received denials or wait list decisions, and we encourage past applicants to apply for transfer admission. Applicants who complete at least one full-time year of work in another American Bar Association-approved law school may matriculate with advanced standing with credit for not more than one year of such work. Students who were disqualified at another law school may not apply for transfer admission to UC Davis. Registration with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service is required. Required documents include application for admission, letter of good standing from any law school previously attended, class rank (if school provides ranking), one letter of recommendation from a law professor, an official law school transcript, LSAT score, an official undergraduate transcript with degree posted, and a personal statement. We will accept applicants for transfer admission from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Transfer admission is for Fall enrollment only.

EARLY TRANSFER ADMISSION

Those applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic performance in the fall term may receive an offer of admission before completion of the first year of law studies. Offers are contingent upon completion of the first year within the top one-third of the class, or we reserve the right to reconsider the offer of admission. The application opens January 1, 2018.

Visitors

Each year, non-matriculant, or visiting, students are admitted to UC Davis School of Law for one semester or one academic year. All coursework is credited to the law school from which the student will earn the Juris Doctor degree. Only students currently enrolled in an American Bar Association-approved law school will be considered for admission as a visitor. Visitors are not eligible to enroll in clinical program courses or Law Review. Visitors pay fees to UC Davis School of Law.

California Residency

The School of Law admissions process does not consider residency, and the School of Law has no authority regarding residency determinations for tuition purposes. Students moving to California to attend UC Davis may establish residency for tuition purposes after one year. Detailed information about residency is available at https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/residence/students-new/eligibility.cfm. For specific questions about residency, please contact the UC Davis Residency Deputy using the contact information on the website.
Why Choose UC Davis School of Law

“This is the place to come for both a top caliber legal education and superior quality of life. When I came to UC Davis, I knew that the school was one of the top five law schools on the West Coast, so I expected—and received—an excellent education. But I had no idea when looking at schools that King Hall also offered such a supportive learning environment, which is a product of its vibrant college town setting, small class sizes, highly accessible professors who volunteer their time for various student activities, and collegial student culture.”

JEFFREY OSOFSKY ’09
J.D. / MBA, UC Davis  •  B.A., UCLA
Legal Counsel for Square, Inc., San Francisco; Previously an Associate at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, San Francisco and Los Angeles
At King Hall, we believe finances should not be a barrier to engaging in our high quality public legal education. We offer a wide variety of funding options, and our extraordinarily generous merit- and need-based gift aid ensures that the UC Davis School of Law remains financially accessible.

In 2017, U.S. News & World Report ranked UC Davis School of Law #2 among public law schools awarding the most financial aid.

**Types of Assistance**

**MERIT-BASED GIFT AID (SCHOLARSHIPS)**

UC Davis School of Law offers the Dean's Merit Scholarship and more than two dozen privately funded scholarships. All admitted students automatically receive scholarship consideration—no separate application is required. Scholarship notifications begin in February and continue on a rolling basis.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP**

As part of our commitment to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Law School has established two $60,000 scholarships, awarded to recipients who best exemplify the spirit of Dr. King's efforts to achieve social and political justice through lawful and orderly means. The application period for the Scholarship is October 1, 2017 to March 30, 2018. Typically, recipients receive notification during the first week of April. For more information, see law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid/king-hall-scholarships.html.
If your goal is to advocate for the rights of those who lack equal access to the legal system, serve as a public defender or prosecutor, or work for a nonprofit conservation program, the UC Davis Loan Repayment Assistance Program (UCD LRAP) can provide loan payment relief. UCD LRAP provides qualified graduates with forgivable loans for eligible employment with a qualifying nonprofit or government agency.

For current information on the UCD LRAP program, visit law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid/loan-repayment-assistance-program.html.

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Early Decision Select Scholars Program

Those students admitted under the Early Decision program receive exclusive consideration for one of four $60,000 scholarships: the UC Select Scholarship (for graduates of the University of California system), the Innovation and Science Scholarship (for science, technology, engineering, and math majors with an interest in intellectual property law), the Spirit of Service Scholarship (for those with a history of public service), and the Environmental Leadership Scholarship (for those with a background in environmental science and policy). Recipients will receive notification prior to the Early Decision deposit deadline on January 5, 2018. No separate application is required and additional information about these scholarships is available on our website at law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid.

Need-Based Gift Aid (Grants)

UC Davis School of Law also offers generous need-based gift aid (grants) in addition to its merit-based gift aid. Those students receiving the highest levels of gift aid typically receive need and merit-based gift aid. To ensure you receive consideration for the maximum amount of gift aid, please submit a financial aid application before the March 2 priority deadline, even if you have not received an admission decision yet. Information about the need aid application process is on our website at law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid/prospective/applying-for-aid.html.

Grants recipients do not need to repay the funds, as long as the student makes satisfactory academic progress and maintains full-time enrollment status (i.e., of 10 units or more). If a student becomes ineligible after disbursement of grants, a student may be required to return the grant funds.
Financial Aid continued
Detailed financial aid information and application instructions at law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid

FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS
Graduate and professional school students may borrow no more than $20,500 per year in Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans. The interest rate is fixed, and interest accrues from the day of disbursement until the borrower repays the loan in full. Borrowers may pay the interest while in school, during the grace period, or during deferment, or capitalize the interest (by adding it to the total principal of the loan at graduation).

DIRECT GRADUATE PLUS AND ALTERNATIVE LOANS (PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL LOANS)
Students may also borrow additional funds in the form of the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS (Grad PLUS) Loan or the Alternative Loan (private educational loan). The Grad PLUS Loan has a fixed interest rate, and all of the federal student loan benefits (e.g., flexible repayment plans, eligibility for federal public service forgiveness) are available during the life of the loan. The annual borrowing limit for the Grad PLUS is the cost of attendance less other financial aid received (i.e., combined total of scholarships, grants, and Direct Unsubsidized Loans); there is currently no aggregate borrowing limit. While a credit check is required to qualify for the Grad PLUS Loan, the credit criteria are less strict than those associated with private student loans.

The credit check will take place automatically upon acceptance of the loan as part of the aid package offered upon admission. For more information about Alternative Loans, visit financialaid.ucdavis.edu/loans/alternative.html.

Please note that financial aid may change based upon changes in federal, state, and institutional policies, without prior notice.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES
The Office of Admission and Financial Aid helps students connect with a variety of external agencies that are potential sources of scholarships, fellowships, and prizes. There are civic organizations, bar associations, and other groups that provide scholarships, and staff can help students find those that are most appropriate. For more information (including a sampling of scholarships and access to the scholarship search engine), visit law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid/prospective/king-hall-scholarships.html.

Financial Aid for International Students
International students automatically receive consideration for merit-based gift aid (scholarships) upon admission, but are not eligible for need-based gift aid (grants) or federal financial aid. Funding for the entire period of study should be in place before law studies begin. Alternative loans may be available to international students; however, most lenders require that an international student enlist a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to co-sign on the loan.

Financial Aid for Veterans
The Law School welcomes current military members and veterans to apply. The Office of Admission and Financial Aid works closely with the UC Davis Veterans Affairs Office to coordinate education benefits. The School of Law also coordinates benefits for the Cal Vet Tuition/Fee Waiver program for veteran dependents. For more information about benefits, please visit http://success.ucdavis.edu/trv/veteran/index.html.
Why Choose UC Davis School of Law

“One thing that sets King Hall apart from other law schools is its culture of collegiality. The students are friendly and supportive, and the faculty are always accessible. I got to know most of my classmates and professors on a personal level, and that meant a lot to me. The nurturing environment I encountered at UC Davis School of Law helped me to reach my full potential.”

JESSICA HAWK ’12
J.D., UC Davis  •  B.A., UC Santa Barbara
Associate at Jones Day, San Diego