

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

LAW SCHOOL

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Public/private Affiliation	Public
	No Affiliation
Student-faculty ratio	9:1
% faculty part-time	31
% faculty female	44
% faculty underrepresented minority	18
Total faculty	72

SURVEY SAYS...

Students love Boulder, CO, Great research resources, Abundant externship/internship/clerkship opportunities, Good social life

STUDENTS

Enrollment of law school	509
% male/female	54/46
% from out-of-state	33
% part-time	0
% underrepresented minority	18
% international	1
# of countries represented	5
Average age of entering class	26

ACADEMICS

Academic Experience Rating	90
Prof's interesting rating	87
Prof's accessible rating	85
Hours of study per day	4.12

Academic Specialties

Constitutional, Corporation Securities, Criminal, Environmental, Labor, Taxation, Intellectual Property

Advanced Degrees Offered

JD, 3 yrs; LLM, 1 yr; MSL, 1 yr

Combined Degrees Offered

JD/MBA, 3.5 to 4 yrs; JD/MPA, 3.5 to 4 yrs; JD/Master of Science and Telecommunications, 3.5 to 4 yrs; JD/PhD in Environmental Science; JD/Master of Environmental Science, 3.5 to 4 yrs; JD/MURP, 3.5 to 4 JD/MURP

Academics

Colorado provides aspiring lawyers with an "intellectually challenging" environment and a myriad of opportunities in which "to begin honing [their] experiential skills." Indeed, the "emphasis on clinical programs and practical experience is second to none." When it comes to environmental law, Colorado is a powerhouse. As one second-year brags, "Our environmental law program is either one of the best or the best in the country depending on who you ask."

Students at Colorado are also privy to "top-notch" facilities and "excellent computer and library resources." A thrilled third-year adds, "The physical building that houses Colorado Law is stunning. It's hard to complain about spending a Saturday studying when you can see the mountains from the library windows." Additionally, the fantastic library staff is always "eager to help with research." They continually "partner with legal writing professors to introduce students to resources early on in the year." The Career Development Office also receives high marks. The office is "comprised of outstanding individuals who always make time to work with students, inform them of opportunities that interest them, and advise whenever required."

However, what "really makes Colorado Law stand out is the accessibility—and quality—of its faculty." For starters, the professors here continually show "genuine... interests in students." Another second-year boasts that, "every professor I have had at CU has known not only who I am, but my academic interests and how they correspond to their own." A deeply satisfied third-year interjects, "Most of the professors here are brilliant intellectuals and wonderful people. I will have lasting relationships with many of them long after I am graduated."

Echoing the care and openness displayed by the faculty, administrators are also heralded as "highly responsive" to the students' needs. A veteran third-year explains, "CU is such a small law school that I see everyone from the Deans to the Registrar, to the office assistants regularly, and I feel comfortable going to any of them with questions or problems that I need help resolving." Moreover, "they also go out of their ways to get to know students, share relevant information, and make it a positive academic experience."

Life

Though one might not associate legal education with the notion of good vibes, the sentiment does ring true for Colorado. Indeed, "the students who comprise CU Law are reflective of the friendly, caring administration and faculty. It's hard to stay cross at CU Law for more than an hour, because the positive atmosphere engulfing you makes you appreciate how good you have it." Truly, "this school's trump card is its quality of life." The "students, faculty, and staff here are all exceptionally friendly, and almost all seem to recognize that being a person should come before being an attorney."

Additionally, Colorado offers many educational opportunities beyond the classroom. As a second-year shares, "The school has gotten great guests during my two years (two Supreme Court justices, the Colorado Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit, the Federal Circuit, the Colorado Court of Appeals, and countless stars from the public and private sectors)." Of course, there are plenty of opportunities to kick back as well. In fact, "many students arrange their schedules so as not to have class on Friday so they can go skiing all weekend, and I have personally had an adjunct prof cancel a Thursday night class so he could go to Steamboat Springs with his family." Further, "there are loads of people who go out on weekends, whether it be partying, camping, exercising, or travelling. If you want to become a lawyer AND have a good time doing it, this is the place for you."

Getting In

The Colorado admissions office maintains some impressive stats. Amongst accepted applicants, the median undergraduate GPA is 3.62 and the median LSAT score is 161. While the school does not require any specific pre-law curriculum, classes that place an emphasis on analytical and writing skills are highly recommended. Finally, the program operates on a rolling admissions basis. Therefore, the earlier you apply the stronger your chances.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Career Rating	93
Total 2014 JD Grads	165
% for whom you have useable information	99
% grads employed ten months out	93
Median starting salary	\$57,500
# employed full-time	142
# employed part-time	12
# employed bar required	131
# employed JD preferred	21
# employed professional/other	2
# pursuing advanced degree	2
# unemployed and seeking employment	6
# not seeking employment	1
% grads employed by school	11
State for bar exam	CO, CA, TX, NY, WA
Pass rate for first-time bar	81.5

Prominent Alumni

Wiley B. Rutledge, Former Associate Justice, US Supreme Court; Bill Ritter, Jr., former Governor of Colorado; Roy Romer, former Governor of Colorado

Grads Employed by Field (%)

Academic (3)
 Business/Industry (11)
 Government (17)
 Judicial Clerkship (15)
 Federal: (1)
 State or local: (13)
 Private Practice (38)
 2-10: (12)
 11-25: (5)
 26-50: (5)
 51-100: (2)
 101-250: (1)
 251-500: (6)
 501+: (6)
 Size Unknown: (1)
 Public Interest (10)

Clinical program required	No
Legal writing course requirement	Yes
Legal methods course requirement	Yes
Legal research course requirement	Yes
Moot court requirement	No
Public interest law requirement	No

ADMISSIONS

Selectivity Rating	89
# applications received	2,174
% applicants accepted	47
% acceptees attending	16
Average LSAT	159
Median LSAT	161
LSAT Range (25th to 75th percentile)	156-163
Average undergrad GPA	3.54
Median undergrad GPA	3.62
Application fee	\$65
Regular application deadline	3/15
Regular notification	4/30
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Evening division offered	No
Part-time accepted	No
CAS accepted	Yes

International Students

TOEFL required of international students.	Yes
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FINANCIAL FACTS

Annual tuition (in-state/ out-of-state)	\$29,718/\$36,504
Books and supplies	\$1,800
Fees	\$2,168
Room & Board (on/ off campus)	\$17,486/\$18,210
Financial aid application deadline	3/1
% first-year students receiving some sort of aid	93
% all students receiving some sort of aid	92
% of aid that is merit based	26
% receiving scholarships	81
Average grant	\$12,999
Average loan	\$36,947
Average total aid package	\$39,415
Average debt	\$116,280