UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

University of Colorado Boulder
By choosing to join us at the University of Colorado Law School, you are entering a top-tier law school that provides an impressive all-around legal education, unique opportunities for hands-on learning, a strong public service tradition, a supportive community, compelling opportunities for specialization and global interdisciplinary engagement, an outstanding and dedicated faculty, cutting-edge research, and an unparalleled location.
9.96:1
student-to-faculty ratio

9
legal clinics

3
research centers

3
student-run journals

6
nationally recognized law programs

550
total enrollment

161
median LSAT score*

3.65
median cumulative GPA*

51%
female students*

29%
students of diverse backgrounds*

70%
students from outside Colorado*

21–38
age range*

No. 1
healthiest city in America (Niche, 2017)

No. 1
smartest city in America (Bloomberg, 2017)

*Fall 2017 entering class profile

Academics

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AREAS OF STUDY

American Indian Law*
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Dispute Resolution
Entrepreneurial and Business Law*
Health Law and Policy
Immigration Law and Policy
International Law and Human Rights
Juvenile and Family Law*
Labor and Employment Law
Legal Theory
Legal Writing
Litigation
Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law*
Public Service Law*
Technology and Intellectual Property Law*

*Nationally recognized programs
ELECTIVE COURSES

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW
- Advanced Topics in American Indian Law
- American Indian Law I
- American Indian Law II
- American Indian Law Clinic
- Cultural Property

BUSINESS LAW
- Accounting Boot Camp
- Accounting Issues for Lawyers
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Antitrust
- Business Law Colloquium
- Business and Human Rights
- Counseling Families in Business
- Deals Lab: Venture Capital
- Deals Lab: Securities
- Deals Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions
- Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
- Bankruptcy
- Business Planning
- Business Transactions
- Compliance
- Ethics Compliance Capstone
- Construction Law
- Corporations
- Creditors’ Remedies and Debtors’ Protection
- Deals
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy
- Ethical Organizations and Professionals
- Insurance Law
- Introduction to In-House Practice of Law
- Law and Economics of Utility Regulation
- Law Practice Management
- Law & Mathematics
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law
- Transactional Drafting
- Advanced Transactional Drafting
- Venture Capital and Private Equity

CRIMINAL LAW
- Advanced Criminal Justice
- Capital Punishment in America
- Computer Crime
- Courtroom Observation: Criminal
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
- Criminal Law in Context
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
- Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
- Domestic Violence
- Gender and Criminal Justice
- Jury Selection and History
- Juvenile Justice
- Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
- Prosecutor’s Role in Criminal Justice
- Theory of Punishment
- White Collar Crime
- Wrongful Conviction

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW
- Counseling Families in Business
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Special Topics in Family Law
- Comparative Family Law
- Juvenile Justice
- Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
- Parent, Child, and State

HEALTH LAW
- Bioethics and Law
- Corporate Transactions in Health Law
- Federal Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- Health Care Compliance
- Health Law I: Finance, Administration, and Organization
- Health Law II: Medical Malpractice
- Litigation
- Health Law and Policy: Access, Cost, Quality, Choice
- Public Health Law and Ethics

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW
- Computer Crime
- Computers and the Law
- Copyright
- Cybersecurity
- Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
- E-Discovery
- Information Privacy
- Privacy and Security in the Digital Age
- Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Counseling and Licensing
- Law and Economics of the Information Age
- Patent Drafting and Prosecution
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation
- Special Topics in Intellectual Property
- Specialized Legal Research: Intellectual Property
- Tech Policy Advocacy
- Technology Law and Policy Clinic
- Telecommunications Law and Policy
- Technology of Privacy
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- Business and Human Rights
- Conflict of Laws
- Foundations of International Legal Thought
- International Business Transactions
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- International Trade Law
- International Trade Litigation Lab
- Global Law and Global Governance
- Human Rights in Regional Systems: The Inter-American System
- Human Rights in Regional Systems: Africa
- Indigenous Peoples in International Law
- Specialized Legal Research: International Special Topics in International Law: Racism
- U.S. National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND IMMIGRATION LAW
- Citizenship
- Colorado Workers’ Compensation
- Theory and Practice
- Disability Rights
- Employment Law
- Employee Benefits and Compensation Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Immigration and Citizenship Law
- Labor Law
- Refugee and Asylum Law

LEGAL THEORY
- Advanced Torts
- Class and Law
- Constitutional Theory
- Criminal Law in Context
- Critical Law and Economics
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Economics of American Legal System
- Equality, Speech, and Religion: Constitutional Values in Tension
- Fascism and the Liberal State
- Law and Feminism
- Jurisprudence
- Poverty & Inequality in Comparative Perspective
- Problem Solving and Writing
- Problem Solving, Professional Judgment, and Decision Making
- Problems in Constitutional Law
- Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion
- Theory of Punishment

LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Arbitration
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Deposition Skills
- Evidence and Trial Practice
- Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial
- Judicial Opinion Writing
- Jury Selection and History
- Legal Negotiation
- Legal Reasoning
- Mediation
- Motions Advocacy
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- Advanced Energy Law
- Advanced Environmental Law: Air Pollution
- Advanced Natural Resources Law
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Energy Justice
- Energy Law and Regulation
- Environmental Law
- Environmental and Climate Justice
- Environmental Decision Making
- Foundations of Natural Resources Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- Mining & Mineral Development Law
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Oil and Gas Law
- Oil and International Relations
- Public Land Law
- Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development
- The Law of the Colorado River
- Water Resources

PUBLIC LAW
- Access to Justice?: The Provision of Legal Services for Middle- and Low-Income People
- Administrative Law
- Citizenship
- Civil Rights
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Theory
- Consumers and the Law
- Education and the Constitution
- Education Law
- Election Law
- Federal Courts
- First Amendment
- Food Law
- Food Law and Policy
- Food Law and Practice
- Foreign Corrupt Practices, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Terrorizing
- Local Government
- Poverty Law
- Poverty Health and Law Practice
- Regulation and Innovation
- Regulation of Marijuana
- Sexuality and the Law
- Statutory Interpretation

PRACTICE: CLINICAL
- American Indian Law Clinic
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Sustainable Community Development Law Clinic
- Technology Law and Policy Clinic

PROPERTY
- Advanced Deals Lab: Advanced Real Estate Transactions
- Cultural Property Law
- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Planning
- Real Estate Transactions
- Wills and Trusts

RESEARCH AND WRITING
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Legal Writing: Across Practice Areas
- Advanced Legal Writing: Persuasion
- Advanced Legal Writing: Fundamentals
- Advanced Legal Writing: Immigration
- Advanced Legal Writing: Torts
- Analytical Strategies
- Colorado Legal Research
- Foundations of Legal Research
- Judicial Opinion Writing
- Law and Literature
- Legal Research Skills for Practice
- Legal Interpretations and Legislative Process
- Special Topics: Legal Research
- Foreign & International Legal Research
- Specialized Legal Research: Intellectual Property
- Specialized Legal Research: International Specialized Legal Research: Selected Topics
- Transactional Drafting
- Research and Writing in the Regulatory State

TAXATION
- Corporate Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Federal Estate and Gift Tax
- Income Taxation
- International Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Tax Policy
- Tax Law, Economics, and Policy

NOTE: Not all courses are offered each year. This is a composite list of the last three years of course offerings and new course approvals.
FIRST-YEAR COURSES

FALL
Civil Procedure
Contracts
Legal Writing I
Legislation and Regulation
Torts

SPRING
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Legal Writing II
Property
1L Electives

1L ELECTIVES OFFERED
Foundations of Legal Research
Intensive Introduction to Financial Information, Accounting, and Law
Legal Analysis
Legal Ethics and Professionalism
The Philosophy of Entrepreneurship

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
American Indian Law
Entrepreneurial Law
Environment, Policy, and Society
(offered through CU’s Environmental Studies program)
Health Law and Policy
International Law
Juvenile and Family Law
Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resource Law and Policy
Tax Emphasis

DUAL DEGREES
JD/MBA
JD/Master in Environmental Studies
JD/PhD in Environmental Studies
JD/MD (Anschutz Medical Campus)
JD/Master of Public Administration (CU Denver)
JD/Master of Science, Telecommunications
JD/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (CU Denver)

MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW (MSL)
Ethics and Compliance
Human Rights

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)
Entrepreneurship and Business Law
Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy
Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications Law
International Law and Human Rights
Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law
U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers

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Location

Receive a top-notch legal education while enjoying one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S. From hiking, biking, and viewing the Flatirons from the state-of-the-art LEED Gold-certified Colorado Law building, to visiting Denver and towns along the Front Range, there are plenty of opportunities to create a healthy work-life balance during law school.
BOULDER
No. 1 college town in America (American Institute for Economic Research, 2017)
280 restaurants in downtown Boulder alone
5.5-mile Boulder Creek Path to get around town

ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITY
The city of Boulder boasts a thriving startup community, including opportunities for entrepreneurial law. Rated among the 20 most entrepreneurial universities (Forbes, 2015), we not only create entrepreneurial ideas on campus, we also help students develop connections with the community.

DENVER
Top employment market for new lawyers
40 minutes from campus
8 major professional sports teams, 40+ museums and centers, and 20+ music venues in the Denver area

ROCKY MOUNTAINS
45 minutes away from Boulder is our local ski spot, Eldora Mountain Resort
1 hour from Boulder is the stunning Rocky Mountain National Park
< 2-mile walk from the law school to Chautauqua Park
We offer a rigorous academic environment while fostering a friendly sense of community. About 60 to 70 percent of our students are from states other than Colorado, bringing together diverse backgrounds and experiences.

40+ active student organizations

8,181 hours of public service work volunteered by the Class of 2018

1st law school selected to participate in the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative

30 approximate number of cases investigated annually by the Korey Wise Innocence Project

100+ undergraduate institutions represented by our diverse student body
“In addition to its reasonable tuition and fantastic reputation, Colorado Law has great professors and an alumni network that is deeply entrenched in the Colorado legal community. More importantly, it is a community of people who support each other during law school and throughout their careers.”

**Abigail Wallach (’15)**

“Colorado Law strikes the perfect balance: a high-quality learning environment with a collegial, collaborative student body.”

**Josh Luna (’17)**

“Never have I been in a more welcoming environment where everyone works together and helps each other—from sharing notes from class to learning how to ski.”

**Amanda Miller (’18)**

“Come for the strong and supportive community, incredible surroundings, and great network in Colorado and beyond.”

**John Cook (’15)**
Colorado Law has shaped legal professionals for more than 125 years. As a Colorado Law graduate, you will join a global network of 7,000+ living alumni across all 50 states, four U.S. territories, 18 countries, and six continents.
“Colorado Law’s world-class professors, challenging classes, and amazing clinics provided me with a great foundation for my legal career. Since graduating, I have utilized these skills daily as a judicial law clerk and an attorney.”

Tracy Williams (’02)

Colorado Law ranked 28th in the nation for Class of 2017 graduates employed in judicial clerkships.

Colorado Law ranked 40th nationally for Class of 2017 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, non-school-funded jobs that required bar passage.
Career Development

We care about the success and well-being of our students and alumni. Colorado Law’s Career Development Office (CDO) comprises four dedicated professionals with JDs who specialize in connecting law students with employers throughout the year. Our commitment to helping you excel begins at 1L Orientation, where career development is a central theme, and where we encourage students to take an intentional and creative approach to career planning. Our goal is for each student to obtain at least four quality work experiences while in law school.

A degree from Colorado Law positions you for success. Employers recognize the value of our graduate education, and it shows in our employment outcomes:

- **85%** of graduates employed in full-time, long-term positions that required bar passage or for which a JD was an advantage*
- **77%** of graduates employed in full-time, long-term jobs for which bar passage was required*
- **98%** of the Class of 2019 were working in substantive legal or law-related jobs in the summer of 2017
- **95%** of the Class of 2018 were working in substantive legal or law-related jobs in the summer of 2017
- **$5,500** individual loan repayment assistance awards to 54 alumni working in qualifying public interest legal positions, 2018
- **145** extern student placements, 2017–18

*Class of 2017 graduates, within 10 months of graduation

**Class of 2017 employment** (% of reported jobs by employment sector)

- **35%** Law firms
- **18%** Government
- **18%** Judicial clerkships
- **15%** Business
- **9%** Public interest
- **3%** School-funded*
- **2%** Education

*Law school-funded positions include postgraduate fellows working for judges and government agencies.
By earning your degree at Colorado Law, you’ll gain exposure, experience, and leads on jobs through a high-quality education and extensive resources. Our nationally recognized centers provide students with crucial connections.

**Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship:**
Serves students, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals at the intersection of law, policy, and technology through papers, conferences, roundtables, and other events.

**Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment:**
Convenes national thought leaders from public and private sectors to further true sustainability for our lands, waters, and environment.

**Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law:**
The cornerstone of our public service program that serves as a hub for engaging law students, lawyers, judges, high school students, public school teachers, and interested citizens in our nation’s constitutional conversation.

**Best-value law school**, 2017, *The National Jurist*
**Top 50 most affordable** law schools in the U.S., 2018, Student Loan Hero
**Out-of-state students** have the opportunity to claim in-state status after the first year.

colorado.edu/law/careers
JD ADMISSION STANDARDS

Above all, Colorado Law values leadership, character, diversity, and commitment to service in its students. The small size of the student body—about 170 in each entering class—and the large volume of applications requires a very selective admissions process. Admissions decisions are based on many factors, including undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, as well as other indicators of ability, motivation, and achievement.

JD APPLICATION PROCESS

The Admissions Committee considers applications beginning in October. Applicants are notified of decisions on a rolling basis from October until the class is filled, usually in May. Admission from the waitlist, which is not ranked, can occur as late as August, and the number of offers varies from year to year. Find complete application instructions at lsac.org and colorado.edu/law/admissions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants have additional requirements as explained on our website, including transcripts showing completion of the equivalent of an American bachelor’s degree, foreign degree verification, and transcript translation, if applicable. The TOEFL is required of all students whose native language is not English, as a thorough and excellent command of written and spoken English is crucial to success in law school. After admission, international students must submit a financial affidavit stating that they have the financial resources to support themselves while attending school in the United States, because Colorado Law cannot offer loan assistance to international students. All admitted international students are considered for merit-based scholarships.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have completed at least one full year of JD study (approximately 30 semester credits) at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association may apply for fall transfer admission to Colorado Law. The number of transfer students admitted varies each year, and only those who have done very well in their law studies elsewhere have a substantial chance of admission.

VISITING STUDENTS

Colorado Law admits a very limited number of students who are receiving their law degree from another law school to study here for the fall or spring semester. Admission as a visiting student is available to applicants who have completed one or two years of high-quality work at another law school, and have demonstrated a compelling need to attend Colorado Law. Financial aid for visiting students is handled by a consortium agreement between Colorado Law and the degree-granting institution.
MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW AND LLM

The Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified via email of the committee’s decisions. Please submit all materials directly to the Colorado Law Admissions Office. Find complete application instructions at colorado.edu/law/msl and colorado.edu/law/llm.

FINANCIAL AID

All admission decisions are made without regard to students’ financial need. Every attempt is made to provide full financial assistance through federal and private educational loans, grants, work study, and scholarships. Students applying for financial aid, private law scholarships, or grants based on financial need must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, fafsa.ed.gov) as soon as possible after January 1. Eligible students are awarded Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan aid up to a maximum of $20,500 per year. Graduate PLUS loans are available to students when financial need exceeds Stafford loan limits, up to the cost of attendance. Graduate PLUS loans are federally guaranteed, but unlike Stafford loans, they have good-credit requirements for borrowers. Private alternative law loan programs have interest rates and fees that vary according to the lender, the credit rating of the student, and whether there is a co-signer. Both loan fees and interest rates may be higher than those of the Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans, and there is no cap on interest rates. Additionally, private loan aid is not eligible for any of the federal repayment or forgiveness programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

All admitted first-year JD students are automatically considered for scholarships, as recipients are selected by the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee after an offer of admission has been made. Scholarships may be awarded through August. Colorado Law also offers scholarship money to second- and third-year students each spring. More than 100 scholarships, fellowships, and awards are given annually based on academic and financial considerations. These scholarships are awarded based on multiple criteria, such as service to the law school, economic need, and demonstration of assistance in advancing the diversity of the student body.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords certain rights with respect to a student’s education records. Copies of the policy are available in the Wise Law Library and the Rules of the Law School on the website.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

October 1
JD application opens lsac.org
MSL application opens colorado.edu/law/MSL
LLM application opens colorado.edu/law/LLM

April 1
JD application deadline

May 1
MSL and LLM application deadline

July 1
Transfer and visitor JD application deadline

colorado.edu/law/admissions