Congratulations on your admission to Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and welcome to our community!

At Loyola, we are committed to ensuring that you thrive as a law student, and we will support you every step of the way. We are confident that you will succeed in law school and that you will make a wonderful contribution to the legal profession. We also believe that you will find your law school experience rich, exhilarating, and even fun!

Loyola's faculty members are not only renowned legal scholars and experts in their fields; they are caring educators who will inspire you to learn. Our law school’s unique mission statement calls us to ensure that you develop your professional identity, as well as the knowledge, skills, and values that will empower you to serve your clients and to promote racial and social justice.

You will benefit from Loyola’s nationally recognized Centers of Excellence in children’s law and policy, criminal justice, health law, and advocacy, and from our school’s distinguished specialty programs in public interest, business and tax, education law and policy, intellectual property, consumer antitrust, and international law and human rights. In addition, our faculty members are leaders in areas like environmental justice, corporate social responsibility, education equity, and police accountability.

In your first year, you will work closely with your professors to learn the art of legal analysis and to explore the foundations of the United States legal system. You also may choose from a host of elective courses that will inspire you to approach the study and practice of law from diverse perspectives. We do our best to keep class sizes small so that you will receive individual care and attention from your faculty. You also will have a law school dean or administrator assigned to you to offer individual academic counseling and professional guidance. In an effort to ensure your success in law school and in the legal profession, we will offer you a comprehensive academic support program that includes the assistance of academic tutors, constructive feedback from faculty on practice exams, and ongoing workshops and seminars designed to help you master the important skills of legal analysis and writing.

Following your first year of law school, you will have an opportunity to enhance your professional development by working as an extern for a state or federal judge. We offer more than 100 externship placement sites and a variety of live-client litigation and transactional clinical experiences. Loyola is one of only a handful of law schools to ensure that students gain invaluable work experience before graduation from either a legal practice or clinical setting. You also will have a number of opportunities to explore a variety of interesting courses, seminars, externships, clinics, impactful research projects with faculty, and other experiential learning offerings.

As you may already know, Loyola is the nation’s leading law school in online learning and is at the forefront of hybrid Weekend JD programs. We are setting the standard for law school teaching in every mode of learning, including on campus, online, and the perfect blend of both.

In this powerful learning environment rooted in a rich Jesuit identity, you will look deeper, work harder, and listen more attentively in pursuit of wisdom, justice, and the rule of law. As you begin your legal studies at Loyola, we are here to support you in this exciting stage of your professional development. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,
Loyola’s Administrative Team

**DEADLINES:**

**March 1**  
Recommended FAFSA deadline  
Deadline for specialized scholarships and fellowships applications  

**April 18**  
First seat deposit deadline ($250 nonrefundable payment online)  
You may elect to pay a one-time $700 nonrefundable seat deposit by this date. If so, your deposit responsibilities will be met.  

**June 1**  
Second seat deposit deadline ($500 nonrefundable payment online)  

**August 1**  
Final transcript from degree-granting institution showing degree conferral date must be received by LSAC.  
Immunization requirements must be complete.

Please visit [LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/](http://LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/) on a regular basis for updates.
FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Financial assistance

At Loyola University Chicago School of Law, incoming students may be eligible for one or more of the following sources of financial assistance including Loyola institutional aid and federal loans:

Sources of Loyola institutional aid
- Merit scholarships
- Fellowships
- Specialized scholarships

Sources of federal loans
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans

Merit scholarships
Loyola offers merit scholarships to entering students. Merit scholarships are awarded at the time of admission based on academic record, background, and capacity for the study of law. Consideration is given to all admitted students and no separate application is required.

Merit scholarship renewal
Renewal of merit scholarships is automatic in subsequent years as long as students remain in good standing. Merit scholarships are awarded up to six consecutive semesters for full-time JD students and eight consecutive semesters for weekend JD students, or until graduation from the JD program, whichever comes first. Merit scholarships are applied evenly to tuition for fall and spring semesters only, and cannot be applied to summer tuition.

Scholarship funds cover tuition costs only and cannot exceed tuition charges. If tuition charges for an academic semester are less than the merit scholarship for that term, the award amount will be reduced accordingly. In addition, if a student drops below the minimum credit hours required, the amount of the merit scholarship will be adjusted to cover about the same percentage of tuition the student would have received for their respective program.

Specialized scholarships/fellowships
Loyola offers several special interest scholarships and fellowships to entering students.

• Joseph Bernstein Scholarship Program – A scholarship awarded to an individual with demonstrated financial need.

Financial aid step-by-step guide
1. Submit the FAFSA (fafsa.gov). Loyola’s school code is 001710.
2. Review your student aid report (SAR) and correct any errors on your FAFSA.
3. Review and apply for specialized scholarships and fellowships.
4. The Financial Aid Office will send you notification of your financial aid award, which will detail the cost of attendance and include your eligibility for Loyola aid programs and federal loans, and instructions on how to accept awards.
5. Research external law student scholarship opportunities.
6. Review your credit report at annualcreditreport.com to correct potential credit issues that may affect your ability to obtain the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan.
7. Create a budget that includes expected resources (scholarships, loans, savings, etc.) and expenditures (tuition, fees, housing, etc.) to better plan and afford the expected cost of attendance.
8. The Financial Aid Office will provide you with next steps for applying for loans, after class registration.

Scholarship policies
All institutional funding with a renewal clause is intended for the academic year only and cannot be used for summer school or study abroad programs. Scholarship amounts will be adjusted if students change divisions or reduce their class hours in any given semester. Students enrolled in dual degree programs will receive funding for the first nine hours of study in each program.

Determining your financial aid needs
While tuition and fees are fixed costs, it is important to compare each with every school you are considering. Scholarship awards should be subtracted from tuition to determine the net cost of tuition. It is also important to consider your lifestyle choices while in law school. The cost of attendance will include a budget for living expenses. You should, however, determine whether you can reduce some of your personal costs. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Living with family or with a roommate will lower your monthly cost for rent. Residing in a less expensive neighborhood is another way to reduce your expenses. Purchasing used books or renting books is another option for cutting costs. Most of our law students live below the budget allocated and further reduce their loans with part-time employment in their upperclass years.

Financial education programming
The decision to attend Loyola University Chicago School of Law is a substantial investment that promises many rewards. As the cost of professional education continues to rise, many more students are turning to federal loans to help finance their education. It is our hope that as a Loyola law student, you will make a concerted effort to learn about managing your finances. Our office will provide workshops for entering students and continue this financial education initiative throughout your time here.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
Loyola University Chicago School of Law offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to ease the burden for its recent graduates who are engaged in full-time public service employment. Assistance awarded under the LRAP program is in the form of a forgivable loan. Awarded can receive up to three years of awards, which need not be in consecutive years, within seven years after graduation.

More information is available at LUC.edu/law/LRAP.
First-year curriculum guide

Our curriculum provides you with the opportunity to specialize in cutting-edge areas of the law and to develop the real-life lawyering skills necessary for success. We require first-year students to take substantive courses that provide the essential building blocks for the study and practice of law. Our highly regarded faculty will teach you the art of legal analysis and foundations of the legal system. In the fall semester of your first year, you will also take Professional Identity Formation, which was designed to advance our mission of ensuring that our entire community is supportive, diverse, and inclusive. In addition, full-time students take an elective class in the spring of their first year, an early opportunity to begin exploring areas of particular interest.

Full-time JD program:

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Experiential learning

Because hands-on learning is a necessary component in the preparation for practicing law, our students complete at least six credit hours of experiential learning. Your options for this valuable experience include our six live-client clinics, a vibrant externship program, and a variety of simulation-based courses. Every student will have the opportunity to serve clients in a real practice setting before graduation.

Recommended core courses

The School of Law faculty also highly recommends that students enroll in the following core foundational courses as soon as practical in their law studies:

- Administrative Law (3 credit hours)
- Business Organizations (4 credit hours)
- Evidence (4 credit hours)
- Federal Income Tax (3 credit hours)
- Torts (4 credit hours)
- Property (4 credit hours)
- Constitutional Law (4 credit hours)
- Civil Procedure (4 credit hours)
- Legal Writing I & Legal Research (2 credit hours)
- Professional Identity Formation (1 credit hour)

Even first-year students have the opportunity to choose an elective course at Loyola’s School of Law.
Programs and services

Academic Success and Bar Program
Loyola University Chicago School of Law is committed to every student’s success during law school and beyond. Resources are available for you from orientation until you pass the bar examination.

Academic Tutor Program
A central part of the law school’s academic success initiatives is the Academic Tutor Program. The Academic Tutor Program is designed to help first-year students develop the skills and strategies necessary to succeed in law school. Academic tutors are highly qualified upper-division law students who attend first-year courses and work closely with your professors. Some resources academic tutors offer include guidance on law school study skills, office hours and review sessions.

Bar preparation
In addition to the core bar preparation courses, Loyola offers various bar programs, workshops, and one-on-one consultations.

Wellness
As a law student and future attorney, it is important to take care of yourself so that you can maximize your learning while in law school and be prepared to effectively serve your clients and the public interest. Resources are available if you find you need support handling issues that you encounter in your classes, externship, outside work, or personal life.

Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity
The Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) fosters an exchange of ideas and shared experiences. Our office works in partnership with the School of Law’s academic and administrative departments, as well as student groups, to promote inclusion, diversity, and equity both in and out of the classroom. Our goal is for all members of our law school community to feel valued and supported. We offer programming and resources to help you expand your vision of what the legal profession can and should be.

Career services
Your job search needs a superior road map. Accessing the best available resources will help you follow the career path of your choice.

The Office of Career Services at Loyola University Chicago School of Law is dedicated to providing the tools and resources necessary for our students and alumni to engage in effective job search strategies. Our services include:

- One-on-one counseling appointments
- Mock interviews
- Educational programs including resume, cover letter, and job search workshops
- Networking opportunities
- On- and off-campus recruitment programs
- Job postings for both students and alumni
- Joint advising program with career counselor and academic advisor

Our first-year students typically spend the first summer working in a law firm, the judiciary, a corporation, a public interest organization, a government agency or as a research assistant to a professor.

To learn more about Loyola’s career services, please visit LUC.edu/law/studentlife/career-services.

Employment Information for 2020 Graduates

**EMPLOYED BY JOB TYPE**

- Law firms: 57%
- Business: 19%
- Government: 7%
- Public interest: 7%
- Judicial clerkships: 7.5%
- Education: 2%
- Unknown: 0.5%

*Percentages are out of total employed ten months after graduation.*

Resources are available to students starting at orientation and until you pass the bar exam.
Student groups and activities

Student Bar Association (SBA)
Loyola strives to provide every student with a legal education grounded in scholarship and complemented by practical experiences and opportunities.

To round out your law school career, the SBA provides a variety of social programs and events, addresses student concerns to the administration, and works with other student organizations to ensure each student has many opportunities outside the classroom to grow as a student and a person.

Represented by two elected members of each class section, the SBA stays engaged throughout the year to make sure you have the best law school experience possible.

We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the SBA and other student organizations.

Other student activities

Organizations
The School of Law’s 30+ student organizations offer a broad scope of opportunities for professional growth, from general participation in the profession of law to involvement in specialized areas of professional interest to membership in affinity groups.

Journals
Our students serve in editorial and business capacities on the seven academically significant journals published by the School of Law:

- Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences
- Children’s Legal Rights Journal
- Loyola Consumer Law Review
- Loyola University Chicago International Law Review
- Loyola University Chicago Law Journal
- Public Interest Law Reporter
- Loyola University Chicago Journal of Regulatory Compliance

Competitions
In keeping with the School of Law’s nationally renowned advocacy programs, our students continually bring home international, national, and regional honors in moot court, mock trial, and alternative dispute resolution and skills competitions.

For details on organizations, competitions and other aspects of student life, visit LUC.edu/law/resources.

Loyola’s tradition of preparing well-rounded individuals for effective and ethical advocacy is reflected in our diverse cocurricular offerings.
A WORLD-CLASS CITY

Living in Chicago

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to more than 9.5 million people, with 2.7 million residing within city limits. The legal community here is large and diverse, offering our students unique opportunities to form connections with practicing attorneys.

This dynamic, world-class city is a major draw for our students—and for our alums, many of whom stay to practice in the metropolitan area after graduation. Our loyal alumni are invested in the life of the law school, serving as adjunct professors, guest speakers, coaches, and mentors, as well as offering externships and post-graduation employment to many of our current students.

Finding housing

Most of our law students live in various neighborhoods throughout the city. Our admitted student website provides tips on neighborhoods, apartment sizes, and prices; offers useful resources, including rental services; and includes information on the Loyola Law Roommate Network. In addition, Loyola law students share their own tips for finding your perfect Chicago home and choosing the neighborhood that's right for you in the housing guide on the website. Visit LUC.edu/law/admission/jadmittedstudents/housinginformation to learn more.

Getting around

As a major metropolis, Chicago offers a variety of options for traveling around the city:

- Loyola full-time law students receive the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Ventra U-Pass, a cashless pass for unlimited rides on the CTA’s extensive rail and bus network during the fall and spring academic semester.
- A free University bus shuttles students, faculty, and staff between the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses multiple times daily. This option is particularly useful for law students who choose to live near the Lake Shore Campus.
- Loyola offers validation for several non-University parking lots near the law school. Visit LUC.edu/campustransportation/.
- Chicago has two popular car sharing programs, Enterprise CarShare (enterprisecarchare.com) and Zipcar (zipcar.com), for people who want to have access to a car without owning or renting one.
- Divvy (divvybikes.com) bike sharing system has hundreds of stations and is a fun, affordable option for short trips around the city.

The innumerable treasures of Chicago

Our city is home to several world-class museums; hundreds of theaters, concert venues, and art galleries; thousands of restaurants; an infinite variety of shops; and numerous professional and semiprofessional sports teams.
Orientation and next steps for enrollment
Orientation will take place in August and is mandatory for both full-time and weekend JD students. Exact dates will be released at a later date in a separate communication. In addition, there will be a number of tasks that need to be completed prior to your enrollment at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Information about the various deadlines and requirements will be posted to the admitted student website during the spring and summer.

Registration
The JD Admission and Scholarships Office will assign incoming students to class sections, and you will be required to register for classes over the summer. We will not be able to make changes to the assigned course schedule due to nonlaw school activities.

Weekend JD students
In early August, entering Weekend JD students will receive information on logging into Sakai and the Weekend JD Resource Site, where you can preview your course technology and review important schedules and policy information. You will be able to access your Fall 2022 courses in Sakai, and you will be able to access the Weekend JD Resource Site.

Upcoming Loyola School of Law events
We encourage you to explore the opportunities Loyola has to offer. For event information, check out the School of Law calendar of events and join the Class of 2025 Facebook Group.

Learn more online
For more information, visit our admitted student website at LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/.

Continuing duty to disclose
As an admitted student, you have a continuing responsibility, prior to enrollment and throughout your legal education, to disclose matters that may affect your answers to questions asked in the Character and Fitness portion of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law application for admission. Please contact the JD Admission and Scholarships Office to make any amendments to your application.

Bar admission requirements
In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.