

# J.D. Admissions and Courses

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Priority application deadline is April 15, but the school will review all applications on a rolling basis after that date. The school does not charge an application fee. Admission is only for the fall of each year, and only a full-time program is offered.

The School of Law prefers that prospective students apply online. The school may request more information than is listed below, but please do not send additional materials unless requested. Each file will be reviewed when it is completed.

## Prerequisites

Except for students in the 3/3 programs, applicants must have completed all requirements for a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to the date of enrolling in the School of Law.

## CAS

Applicants must participate in the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and be registered with CAS during the application year. Through CAS, you are required to send the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) official transcripts from all higher education institutions you have attended.

## LSAT

Applicants also must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) before the end of June of the year for which they seek admission. Applications to the School of Law may be submitted prior to taking the LSAT. Applicants must have taken the LSAT during the five years preceding the date of application. The school will use an applicant's highest LSAT score in calculating the applicant's prediction index.

The LSAT is given four times per year in Fayetteville and at other locations throughout Arkansas and in other states. Registration may be arranged online at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org). Applicants for admission are urged to take the test at least nine months prior to expected entrance in the School of Law.

## Prediction Index

The School of Law will grant index admission to non-residents who have a prediction index of 202 or above and to Arkansas residents who have a prediction index of 197 or above. If space permits, the school may offer index admissions to other applicants.

The prediction index is calculated as follows:  $(\text{LSAT score}) + (13.4 \times \text{UGPA}) = \text{Prediction Index}$ . For example, if you have an LSAT score of 160 and a 3.00 UGPA, your prediction index would be 202.

## Transfer Students

A law student who has completed one year of legal studies with satisfactory academic performance in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association is eligible to be considered for transfer to the University of Arkansas School of Law. The amount of transfer credit to be granted will depend on the quality of performance and the relation of completed courses to this school's program. A maximum of 30 credits may be accepted for transfer credit. Credit or units only (not grades) are transferable. Credits will not be accepted for any course or other work in which a grade below 2.00 or equivalent is given at another law school. Failure to disclose attendance at another college or law school or

expulsion or suspension is sufficient grounds to require withdrawal from the School of Law.

## Accelerated J.D. for Foreign-Trained Lawyers

Each year a small number of foreign-trained lawyers may be admitted to the J.D. program with the opportunity to complete the J.D. degree at an accelerated pace, via the acceptance of transfer credits from prior legal education.

## 3/3 Program – Arts and Sciences

The School of Law and the J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences offer a program that enables outstanding students to enter the School of Law after their third year of college. Students in the Fulbright College are eligible to begin at the School of Law after the completion of at least 94 hours of college work if they have:

- Completed all university, college, and major course requirements for their undergraduate degree;
- Earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50; and
- Received an LSAT score of at least 159.

Such students will receive a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree after the completion of sufficient hours of School of Law work to meet the regular requirements of the Fulbright College. These students will then receive a J.D. degree after completing the required number of hours of School of Law coursework.

## 3/3 Program – Agriculture

Exceptional students in the pre-law concentration in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences may enroll in the School of Law in their fourth year provided that all requirements have been met. Students must have:

- Completed all university, college, and major course requirements for the pre-law concentration;
- Completed 12 hours in the specialization list for pre-law;
- Earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 without grade renewal; and
- Received an LSAT score of at least 159.

A student admitted to this program may substitute School of Law course work for the remaining total hours required for the bachelor's degree in agricultural business.

It is a requirement of the School of Law's accrediting standards that no student be admitted to the School of Law until they have completed at least three-fourths of the work necessary for the baccalaureate degree. The requirements embodied in the 3/3 programs satisfy this requirement.

## J.D./M.A. Program

The School of Law and the department of political science provide the opportunity for a dual J.D. and M.A. in international law and politics. Students in this program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the Graduate School department of political science.

A maximum of 12 hours of approved, upper-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward the M.A., and a maximum of nine hours of approved graduate courses in political science may be used as credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about one academic year. The M.A. program offers a six-hour thesis or a paid, six-month internship.

## J.D./M.B.A. program

The School of Law and the College of Business Administration cooperate in offering an opportunity for students to pursue the J.D. and the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees concurrently. Students pursuing their degrees concurrently must gain admission to both the School of Law and the Graduate School and be accepted in the program of study leading to the M.B.A. degree. If the student is accepted into both programs, a maximum of six hours of approved, upper-level elective law courses may be used as duplicate credit toward the M.B.A. degree, and a maximum of six hours of approved graduate courses in business administration may be used as duplicate credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary for completion of the degrees.

## J.D./M.P.A. Program

The University of Arkansas department of political science, the Graduate School, and the School of Law cooperate in offering a dual-degree program that allows students to pursue the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) and J.D. degrees concurrently. Students must be admitted to the M.P.A. program, the School of Law, and the dual-degree program. If a student seeks to enter the dual-degree program after enrolling in either the School of Law or the M.P.A. program, he or she must obtain admission to the other degree program and the dual program during the first year of study.

The School of Law accepts a maximum of nine hours of M.P.A. courses to satisfy requirements for the J.D. degree. To qualify for J.D. credit, the M.P.A. courses must come from a set of core courses and must be approved by the School of Law. For purposes of the M.P.A. degree, 15 hours of elective courses may be taken in the School of Law, subject to approval by the director of the M.P.A. program. Students must earn a grade of B or higher in any M.P.A. courses offered for credit toward the J.D. degree.

Students admitted to the dual-degree program may commence studies in either the School of Law or the M.P.A. program but must complete first-year course requirements before taking courses in the other degree program. If they do not maintain the academic or ethical standards of either degree program, students may be terminated from the dual-degree program.

Students in good standing in one degree program but not the other may be allowed to continue in the program in which they have good standing.

## J.D./M.S.W. Program

The Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work dual degree is awarded after completion of a four-year integrated course of study. This eliminates approximately one year of study, while meeting all accreditation requirements of the American Bar Association and Council on Social Work Education.

Upon completion of the dual degree, students have earned a total of 135 credit hours (as opposed to 153 credit hours if the degrees are earned separately). A total of 12 hours credit earned in the M.S.W. program count toward completion of the J.D. degree. A total of 6 hours credit earned in the J.D. program count toward completion of the M.S.W. degree. In order to receive dual credit, minimum grade standards for each program must be met.

Students who do not maintain the academic or ethical standards of either degree program may be terminated from the dual degree program. Students in good standing in one degree program but not the other may be allowed to continue in the program in which they have good standing

and must meet the degree requirements of that program. If for any reason a student admitted to the dual degree program does not complete the M.S.W. degree, the student cannot count the 12 hours of M.S.W. courses toward the J.D. degree. If for any reason a student admitted to the dual degree program does not complete the J.D. degree, the elective policy for the School of Social Work applies.

To be eligible for admission to the J.D./M.S.W. Dual Degree Program, students must apply separately and be admitted to the master's program at the School of Social Work, to the juris doctor program at the School of Law, and to the joint program. As such, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to each program. Upon application to the J.D./M.S.W. dual degree, the applicant shall provide a statement of intent for admission that includes a brief explanation of the reasons for pursuing this dual degree program as well as goals upon completion of the program. Each degree will be conferred when the student has met all the requirements of that degree.

Should a student enter one program and later become aware of the availability of the joint program, the student must be admitted to both programs and to the joint program during his or her first year of class work in the program of original enrollment.

## J.D. Courses

The first year at the School of Law consists of a rigorous course of study that you and all your classmates will follow. Starting at new student orientation and continuing throughout your first year, you will begin to learn, write, and think about the law.

The first-year courses are as follows:

### Required First-Year Courses

LAWW 4104	Civil Procedure (Fa)	4
LAWW 4024	Contracts (Irregular)	4
LAWW 4074	Criminal Law (Irregular)	4
LAWW 4013	Legal Research & Writing I (Fa)	3
LAWW 4113	Legal Research & Writing II (Sp)	3
LAWW 4054	Property (Irregular)	4
LAWW 4144	Torts (Irregular)	4
LAWW 5114	Constitutional Law (Sp)	4

### Required Upper-Level Courses

LAWW 5013	Professional Responsibility (Irregular)	3
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In addition, before graduation, each student is required to take:

Any course for three credit hours which has been certified by the law faculty as a Skills Course, or any combination of certified Skills Courses which total at least three credit hours, and

Any course for at least two credit hours that has been certified by the law faculty as an Upper Level Writing Course.

For students first matriculating in or after the 2016-17 year, a minimum of six credit hours of experiential learning courses as designated from time to time by the Dean.

All students first matriculating in or after the 2013-14 year must also complete a non-credit training session based on the Arkansas Mandatory Child Maltreatment Reporter law.

## Electives

Most of the curriculum in the second and third year is composed of electives. This elective system allows students to choose courses that interest them and that will be useful in the types of careers they choose. Students are required to consult an adviser before registering for upper-level courses.

Brief descriptions of the courses generally offered at the School of Law are set out below. Credit hours occasionally vary when a course is offered during the summer session.

The curriculum at any good law school is always in the process of being studied and revised. Experimentation in the educational program is necessary to meet the needs of the future. The following pages describe recently offered elective courses at the University of Arkansas School of Law. For the most accurate list of course offerings, please visit [law.uark.edu](http://law.uark.edu).

## Elective Courses

LAWW 400V	Entertainment Law (Irregular)	1-6	LAWW 6253	Federal Income Taxation of Business Entities (Irregular)	3
LAWW 4173	Criminal Procedure I (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6262	Estate Planning (Irregular)	2
LAWW 4294	Business Organizations (Irregular)	4	LAWW 633V	Intellectual Property (Irregular)	2-3
LAWW 4442	Law & Accounting (Irregular)	2	LAWW 6343	Conflict Resolution (Irregular)	3
LAWW 500V	Special Topics (Irregular)	1-18	LAWW 6364	Legal Clinic: Immigration (Irregular)	4
LAWW 5013	Professional Responsibility (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6374	Legal Clinic: Federal Practice (Sp, Fa)	4
LAWW 502V	Remedies (Irregular)	3-4	LAWW 6393	Legal Clinic: Transactional (Irregular)	3
LAWW 5073	Domestic Relations (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6403	Land Use (Irregular)	3
LAWW 5083	First Amendment (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6453	American Legal History (Irregular)	3
LAWW 510V	Law: Study Abroad (Irregular)	1-6	LAWW 648V	Special Topics (Skills) (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-3
LAWW 5133	Real Estate Transactions (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6513	Immigration Law and Policy (Irregular)	3
LAWW 5163	Administrative Law (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6523	Employment Law (Irregular)	3
LAWW 520V	Employment Discrimination (Irregular)	2-3	LAWW 654V	Public Interest Externship (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-3
LAWW 5213	Business Lawyering Skills (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6613	Bankruptcy (Irregular)	3
LAWW 5313	Payment Systems (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6633	Criminal Procedure II (Irregular)	3
LAWW 550V	Wills, Trusts, and Estates (Irregular)	1-4	LAWW 671V	Judicial Externship (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-3
LAWW 5513	Labor Law (Irregular)	3	LAWW 681V	Legislative Externship (Irregular)	2-3
LAWW 599V	Debtor-Creditor Relations (Irregular)	3-4	LAWW 6814	Corporate Counsel Externship (Irregular)	4
LAWW 602V	Independent Legal Research (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-3	LAWW 6822	Patent Law (Irregular)	2
LAWW 603V	Federal Courts (Irregular)	1-3	LAWW 6913	Environmental Law (Irregular)	3
LAWW 6093	Basic Evidence (Irregular)	3	LAWW 6924	Legal Clinic: Civil Litigation and Advocacy Clinic (Sp, Fa)	4
LAWW 611V	Interschool Competition Team (Sp, Fa)	1-2	LAWW 6943	Public International Law (Irregular)	3
LAWW 6133	Antitrust Law (Irregular)	3	LAWW 697V	Legal Clinic: Advanced Federal Practice (Sp, Fa)	2-3
LAWW 6143	Oil and Gas (Irregular)	3	LAWW 7012	Juvenile Justice Seminar (Irregular)	2
LAWW 614V	Board of Advocates Credit (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-4	LAWW 706V	Sports Law (Irregular)	2-3
LAWW 615V	Elder Law (Irregular)	1-2	LAWW 7073	Mediation in Practice (Irregular)	3
LAWW 616V	Law Review Credit (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-4	LAWW 7243	Health Law (Irregular)	3
LAWW 618V	Journal of Food Law & Policy Credit (Sp)	1-5	LAWW 760V	Bankruptcy - Business Reorganizations (Irregular)	2-3
LAWW 6192	Workers' Compensation (Irregular)	2	LAWW 7612	Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy (Irregular)	2
LAWW 6193	Workplace Legislation (Irregular)	3	LAWW 7662	American Indian Law (Irregular)	2
LAWW 6203	Trial Advocacy (Sp, Fa)	3	LAWW 770V	Advanced Writing in Agricultural and Food Law (Sp)	1-4
LAWW 6213	Product Liability (Irregular)	3	LAWW 771V	Independent Research in Agricultural and Food Law (Sp, Su, Fa)	1-2
LAWW 6223	Oil & Gas Regulation and Agreements (Irregular)	3	LAWW 796V	Agriculture and the Environment (Fa)	1-3
LAWW 6233	Federal Income Tax of Individuals (Irregular)	3	LAWW 7773	Water Law (Irregular)	3
LAWW 6243	Federal Estate and Gift Taxation (Irregular)	3	LAWW 778V	Agricultural Labor Law (Sp)	1-2
			LAWW 786V	Food Law and Policy (Irregular)	1-3