Experience... it's the difference
A Message from Our Dean

I AM PROUD TO INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC LAW SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD

We have everything other top law schools have – an accomplished and nationally known group of scholars, a rich and varied course offering, multiple dual-degree and certificate programs, and a world-class clinic.

But we offer you so much more – opportunities you simply can’t get anywhere else. Our rapidly expanding experiential learning program leaves you ready at graduation to hit the ground running. And our semester-long foreign study programs and externships are rare among law schools and give you the education you need to become a lawyer of the world.

Our faculty members work constantly to bring cutting-edge ideas into the classroom, spend long hours evaluating their own teaching, and are always available to our students, for everything from office conversations on important current issues to a beer at the Barking Spider.

Our faculty is also recognized internationally for its scholarship, and has been counted among the most productive faculty in the country. Its work not only advances knowledge and provides solutions to practical problems, but also finds its way into the classroom, as our scholars’ constant engagement with ideas keeps their teaching fresh and relevant.

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Finally, we are at the heart of a world-class university. Many of our schools and programs are at the top of their respective fields. Our students have the opportunity to take advantage of all of them, and we help and encourage them to do so.

No description of our law school is complete without mentioning our wonderful city. Our reach is global, but our home is Cleveland. And Cleveland is a great place to live and to study law. As a native New Yorker who retains undying loyalty to his home city, I can tell you that I fell in love with Cleveland in about 24 hours. To get a good look at Cleveland, please see our video at law.case.edu/clevelandvideo.

I look forward to welcoming you as a member of our next entering class.
J.D. Program

WE DON’T SIT STILL AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE

We anticipate fundamental changes in the world of law and we act on them.

We required two years of experiential education long before it became a buzz-word, and our innovative and visionary curriculum continues to combine the best of classical legal education with cutting-edge experiential opportunities. Our 200-plus courses, eight areas of concentration, 10 dual-degree and certificate programs, and unique opportunities to participate in practice laboratories, clinics, externships at home and abroad, and semester-long study abroad almost anywhere in the world give our graduates the skills, judgment, experience and confidence to practice 21st century law and to deal with the challenges of an ever-changing world.

FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM

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the CaseArc Integrated Lawyering Skills Program has revolutionized the way we teach law students
It brings together legal theory and fundamental practice skills with traditional classroom methods

The program puts you in the role of a practicing lawyer and leaves you with the necessary skills, knowledge and professionalism to enter the legal world.

CaseArc provides a four-semester series of classes in the first and second years, progressing from basic legal research and writing to complete lawyering skills. You will research and write memos and briefs, interview and counsel clients, draft and negotiate contracts and experience how lawyers make deals happen, solve legal problems, make presentations to courts, and negotiate criminal or civil settlements. All of these classes are taught by lawyers with a decade or more of experience, many of whom have left partnerships in prestigious firms to dedicate their careers to serving you.

The final course in the CaseArc sequence puts you directly in the lawyer’s role, exploring issues of ethics and judgment while engaging you in professional formation in the context of a simulated legal problem.

You can build on your CaseArc experience in our wonderful clinics. Or you might decide to enroll in other experiential courses, perhaps one in which you take a simulated company public or do a merger from beginning to end. You could choose to enroll in one or more of our labs, providing legal advice to real clients such as international war crimes tribunals, counseling entrepreneurs with respect to intellectual property issues or venture capital financing or working on the endless legal issues that arise in the operation of medical institutions, like the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic or our own University Hospital. If you want to get out and see the world a bit, you can take a semester studying at one of our partner schools in China, Europe or Canada, or choose your own study abroad program. Or you can serve abroad in one of our semester-long externships.
Whether you choose to pursue a broad-based course of study or focus in-depth on an area of particular interest, you can choose from more than 200 courses to achieve your educational goals. In addition to the foundational first-year courses and CaseArc, you are required only to take Professional Responsibility and complete a writing requirement. The rest is up to you (but we’ll be here to give you advice).

To learn more about our concentrations: law.case.edu/concentrations

What will you do?
customize your degree
Concentrations

If you want to focus on a particular area of law, you can pursue one of the following concentrations:

- Business Organizations
- Criminal Law
- Litigation
- Health Law
- International Law
- Law, Technology and the Arts
  - Law and Technology
  - Law and the Arts
- National Security Law
- Public Law
  - Individual Rights & Social Reform
  - Public & Regulatory Institutions

Or, if you’d like, our faculty are available to help you customize your course package to suit your needs.

Dual-Degree and Certificate Programs

We offer 10 dual-degree/certificate programs with some of the other schools at our world-class research university:

- J.D./M.B.A. (Management)
- J.D./M.A. (Art History and Museum Studies)
- J.D./M.A. (Legal History)
- J.D./M.A. (Bioethics)
- J.D./M.A. (Political Science)
- J.D./M.S.S.A. (Social Work)
- J.D./C.N.M. (Certificate of Nonprofit Management)
- J.D./M.P.H. (Public Health)
- J.D./M.D. (Medicine)
- J.D./M.S. (Biochemistry)

To learn more about our Dual-Degree and Certificate Programs: law.case.edu/dualdegree
Experience... It’s the Difference

ACADEMIC CENTERS

The programs offered by our Academic Centers provide international learning opportunities and help you choose a focused education organized by our expert faculty. The Centers coordinate and sponsor clinics, labs, lecture series, moot courts, publication projects, seminars and symposia, internships and fellowship programs. Each center is unique and gives you the chance to specialize in your chosen field.

The Law-Medicine Center
We created the first health law program in the country, and offer a broad variety of courses and extracurricular opportunities to prepare our students for the rapidly evolving world of health care law. The Law-Medicine Center offers an array of experiential opportunities, including a hospital law externship program and support for summer internships in placements such as the Center for Ethical Solutions, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Senate Aging Committee, Veterans

“Our graduates apply the skills they’ve learned in our program in practices that span the health care industry and its regulatory environment. They occupy important positions in government, hospital legal departments, drug and biotech companies, health insurers, private law firms and public interest organizations. We give our students a combination of intensive training in the technical aspects of the law together with an appreciation of the broader policy issues underlying the issues they will confront.”

Ruqaijah A. Yearby
Professor of Law
Associate Director, Law-Medicine Center

Maxwell J. Mehlman
Arthur E. Petersilge Professor of Law
Director, Law-Medicine Center

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Affairs Office of Regional Counsel, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/the Department Appeals Board. We are currently working on developing an exchange program with Southern China Medical University, which has asked us to help develop its own law and medicine program. The Law-Medicine Center also sponsors the Student Health Law Association and Health Matrix, the oldest, and one of the most prestigious, law journals in the country devoted to health law. The Law-Medicine Center equips you to practice in the rapidly evolving world of health care law.

Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

To help students gain employment in the field of international law, the Cox Center provides summer, semester-long (for academic credit), and post-graduation international internship grants. Our students have interned at the United Nations in New York; the International Trade Center and World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva; the International Bar Association in London; the international criminal tribunals for the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Cambodia and Lebanon; law firms in China, Vietnam and India; and at Human Rights Watch and several other human rights organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Cox Center also sponsors the Jessup Moot Court Team which has won the U.S. Regional Rounds four of the past five years and won the World Championship in 2008.

“Jessup is the world’s largest and most prestigious international moot court competition. CWRU is known worldwide for consistently fielding one of the world’s top Jessup teams year after year, and their experience in the Jessup competition has launched dozens of our students into prestigious positions in the field of international law.”

Michael P. Scharf
John Deaver Dranko – Baker & Hostetler
Professor of Law; Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center
Center for Law, Technology and the Arts
The Center for Law, Technology and the Arts (LTA) teaches you to counsel all types of creative clients, including inventors, musicians, visual artists and athletes. In addition to our rich curriculum, LTA offers the chance to intern in cultural and technological organizations like the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland; the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the International Foundation for Art Research in New York City; the Patent & Trademark Office in Arlington, Virginia; Vuguru Studios in Los Angeles; and UNIDROIT in Rome, Italy. Moreover, our sports law courses are taught by one of the most distinguished sports lawyers in the world, and our Great Lakes Sports & Entertainment Law Academy gives you hands-on experience in counseling famous athletes. You can also learn to counsel entrepreneurs creating new businesses by interning in one of Cleveland’s incubator houses, and study in our own innovative FUSION program, an interdisciplinary joint venture with our engineering and management schools that provides you with a university-wide Graduate Certificate in Design, Innovation & Intellectual Property.

“FUSION is a nationally distinctive, interdisciplinary program that will prepare our students to become leaders in the field of innovation management.”

Raymond S. Ku
Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Law, Technology and the Arts

Craig A. Nard
Tom J.E. and Bette Lou Walker Professor of Law
Founding Director, Center for Law, Technology and the Arts
Center for Business Law and Regulation
The Center for Business Law and Regulation gives you a dynamic and comprehensive combination of curricular offerings and extra-curricular programs in business law and regulation. Center programs include a series of public lectures and symposia, fellowships, conferences and academic workshops. Through these programs, the Center gives you the core knowledge, theory, skills and values necessary for successfully representing entrepreneurs and large business organizations in a constantly evolving, increasingly complex domestic and international marketplace. You can also participate in the Center’s extensive curricular offerings, including everything from traditional Securities Regulation and Mergers and Acquisitions courses to unique offerings like Financial Sector Integrity, a unique Business Organizations Concentration, and collaborations with related institutions, including the Weatherhead School of Management.

“Through curricular and extra-curricular programs, the Center for Business Law and Regulation exposes students to a wide range of subjects and perspectives that are valuable for successful careers in business-related fields.”

Jonathan H. Adler
Johann Verheij Memorial Professor of Law Director, Center for Business Law and Regulation

To learn more about our Academic Centers: law.case.edu/centers
Law Clinic

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH SIMULATION COURSES AND REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CURRICULUM

Here you don’t merely study law; you live law through our clinics, externships and labs. You’ll have many opportunities to apply your classroom learning to real-world situations.

The Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic puts your lawyering skills to work representing real clients in civil, criminal and business matters. Students handle a broad range of legal matters: consumer issues (such as deceptive sales practices and predatory lending), mediation, elder and disability law (encompassing Social Security and public benefits), nonprofit incorporation, and criminal misdemeanors (such as petty theft, DUI and domestic violence). Because students in our clinics have already had four semesters of lawyering experience, they pretty much run the show, with the gentle guidance of a world-class clinical faculty.

Students in our Clinic have the opportunity to learn from professors like Louise McKinney, who recently completed work as a Fulbright Scholar in Botswana.

The inspiration and guidance of our clinic professors has helped our students obtain favorable outcomes for their clients. This year a team of our students argued a case for a family victimized by a fraudulent home-repair and financing scheme and won a landmark jury verdict of more than a million dollars.

To learn more about our clinic: law.case.edu/clinic
“My work involved creating a pro-bono and social justice ethic within the legal system, including encouraging law students to serve those who are underserved. This is very similar to our focus at the Clinic, where students receive experiential learning opportunities. Once law students are exposed to the plight of the underrepresented and poor, they get a sense of obligation to give back.”

Professor Louise McKinney
Study Abroad Opportunities
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<td>We host the Summer Institute for Global Justice at Utrecht University in The Netherlands, in partnership with Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. In this six-week, ABA-approved summer study abroad program, our students earn eight credits by taking four courses taught by prominent international law experts from the U.S. and Europe. The program also features guest lectures by international officials and visits to the nearby international institutions in The Hague and Brussels.</td>
<td>We encourage you to spend a semester studying at virtually any university in the world. In 2010, we launched a formal exchange program with three of China’s top law schools: Fudan University, Shanghai; East China University, Shanghai; and Southwest University, Chongquin. We also have formal student and faculty exchange programs with our Canadian sister school, the University of Western Ontario, as well as the University of Ottawa (common law and civil law) and the European Business School where, in addition to law, you can study international business and finance. The Case Global program helps you secure an internship with a war crimes tribunal or identify other foreign schools, develop a curriculum and writing project, and defray expenses for your study abroad.</td>
<td>Designed to enhance and expand our international law curriculum, the Case Abroad at Home program brings distinguished foreign scholars to the law school to teach intensive mini-courses during the week before fall semester. This innovative program allows us to offer you a wide variety of comparative and international law topics. To date, the program has hosted 17 international visiting professors from France, Canada, Australia, England, The Netherlands, Italy, Hungary, Argentina, Ireland and China, among others.</td>
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Living Law
our city – Cleveland
CLEVELAND IS AN EXCITING, ATTRACTIVE AND AFFORDABLE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

Cleveland, Ohio, has a business and legal community that rivals those of many larger cities, with over 50 private equity companies located within our region and an active venture capital community. Home to several of the nation’s top 100 law firms, Greater Cleveland also boasts a number of Fortune 500 companies and is a leader in biomedical technology, polymers, electronics, manufacturing, publishing and the arts. Cleveland is also known as a city of medicine. The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and MetroHealth Medical Center are internationally renowned for their outstanding patient care and contributions to medical research.

Opportunities for fun abound in Cleveland. We have a nationally recognized vibrant restaurant and club scene in trendy and fashionable neighborhoods downtown and in the more relaxed college-town environment of neighboring Coventry, where many of our students choose to live. We have the country’s second-largest theater district, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, three professional sports teams (all playing within five miles of campus), and the extensive and beautiful Cleveland Metroparks system. The Cleveland Orchestra, one of the nation’s top five, performs in Severance Hall on campus, and literally next door to us are the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Cleveland Institute of Art (and its art house theater, Cinematheque) and the Cleveland Institute of Music. The city’s location on the shores of Lake Erie provides countless recreational opportunities. And if you need to get away for a weekend, Boston, New York, Chicago, Toronto and Washington all are an easy hour’s flight away.

The law school is a part of Case Western Reserve University, a leading private university known for its rigorous academics and groundbreaking research. The Case Western Reserve campus is located in beautiful University Circle which, in its one-square-mile, park-like setting, is unsurpassed in the world for its concentration of institutions of culture and higher education.

Unique neighborhoods like Little Italy, Coventry and Shaker Square are within a short distance of campus. These neighborhoods offer students and young professionals a variety of housing options, from hip and modern lofts and condos to fun college town apartments.
Student Life
You will find accessible faculty and administrators, individualized support services and a richly diverse student body. We have a student organization for almost any group or activity you might want to pursue, from Law Students for Social Justice to the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, the Women’s Law Association to the International Law Society. Of course, if you don’t find a group that suits your interests, there is always the opportunity to create your own organization.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students’ Association
- Big Buddies
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Finance and Law Alliance
- Cultivating Connections
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Immigration Law & Policy Association

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DIVERSITY

We are a national law school committed to recruiting a diverse student body. More than half of our class comes from states other than Ohio and nations other than the United States, and we attract non-traditional students who bring critical skills and work experience to our incoming class.

“Diversity is an essential part of any education but it is especially important in understanding the law. There are many student organizations that are funded through the Student Bar Association that promote diversity. We consider these organizations to be instrumental to our education because our students benefit from different viewpoints, new ideas and different experiences to help them better understand that the law is not simply about theory, but about the people that we serve.”

Jocelyn Hsaio
President of the Student Bar Association

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

International Law Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Lambda Law Students Association
Law Students for Alternative Careers
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
Law Students for Social Justice
Military & National Security Law Society
National Lawyers Guild
Phi Alpha Delta
Phi Delta Phi
South Asian Law Students Association
Sports & Entertainment Law Society
St. Thomas More Society
Street Law Program
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
Student Bar Association
Student Health Law Association
Student Intellectual Property Law Association
Student Public Interest Law Fellowship
The Docket
Women’s Law Association
Competition for the spaces in our entering class is high. When we review your file our questions are these: Are you ready to meet the intellectual challenges of our program? Do you possess the characteristics necessary to lead our profession in the 21st century? Our admissions committee evaluates each file, looking carefully at the undergraduate grade-point average and LSAT score as well as other non-quantitative factors, such as level and difficulty of undergraduate course work, writing skills, and work experience. We also encourage you to learn more about us by accepting our invitation to interview with an alumnus in or near your home town.

While our selection process is rigorous, it is not rigid. We insist upon diversity in our student body because we believe that the entire law school community benefits from it. We will consider with sensitivity any information about your special circumstances. We have a rolling admissions policy and will notify you as soon as a decision is made.

Our application is available September 1, and can be found at law.case.edu/admissions/apply. We waive the application fee if you apply online. All deposits are non-refundable and are required of all entering students. We strongly recommend that you secure information about the character and other qualifications for admission to the bar in the state(s) in which you intend to practice law.

For complete details about the Case Western Reserve University School of Law admission process, please go to: law.case.edu/admissions/apply.

EARLY DECISION TIMETABLE
November 15 – Submit Early Decision Agreement
November 30 – Complete and submit the application
December 15 – Applicants notified of decision
January 10 – Deposit due ($400)

REGULAR DECISION TIMETABLE
February 1 – Priority Application Deadline
January 1 – May 1 – Applicants are notified of decision
April 1 – Regular Application deadline
April 15 – First seat ($300) or first choice ($400) deposit deadline (rolling thereafter)
June 15 – Second seat deposit ($400) deadline (rolling thereafter)

TRANSFER DECISION TIMETABLE
December 1 – For entry Spring Semester; applicants are notified by December 15
March 30 – Early Action application deadline; applicants are notified by April 30
May 15 – Early Action seat deposit deadline ($250)
July 1 – Regular Action application deadline; Applicants will be notified by August 1, or later as completed
Two weeks after date of admission – Regular Action seat deposit deadline ($250)

Please contact the Admissions Office with questions: Email lawadmissions@case.edu Phone (216) 368-3600 Toll free (800) 756-0036 Fax (216) 368-1042