The University of Chicago Law School
“When you come to study at the Law School, you will join a small and diverse student body that is deeply committed to studying the law, developing life-long friendships and professional relationships, and changing the world.”

Thomas J. Miles
Dean and Clifton R. Musser Professor of Law

What is the UChicago Law classroom experience like? Our professors are committed to teaching and our students are devoted to learning for learning’s sake. Faculty members expertly use the Socratic Method to engage students in an active dialogue, and use their training from other academic disciplines to deepen discussions that often continue well after class time. Read more about our extraordinary legal education at www.law.uchicago.edu/academics-student-life.

Will I be able to get to know faculty members? Yes—better here than anywhere else. UChicago Law’s small size makes faculty-student interactions a certainty. Faculty frequently host students in their homes (even teaching classes there!), meet for meals in Hyde Park, learn together in small Greenberg seminars, and co-author papers together. Meet our faculty at www.law.uchicago.edu/faculty.
How will I gain practical experience while I’m a student?
UChicago Law has 15 clinics where second and third year students practice real litigation, advocacy, and corporate work. All students gain practical experience through pro bono opportunities. We also offer a wide variety of experiential and simulation courses to prepare you for the practical work of being a lawyer. Learn more at www.law.uchicago.edu/experiential.

What kinds of classes can I take?
UChicago’s Quarter System lets you take more classes. In the 1L year, you take foundational legal classes, like property and torts, legal research and writing, and unique classes such as Elements of the Law, Transactional Lawyering, a legislation course, and two elective classes. As a 2L and 3L, you chart your own path through nearly 200 law classes and thousands of classes all over the University of Chicago. Explore our varied and deep curricular options at www.law.uchicago.edu/prospective/curriculum.

How can I engage with other academic disciplines outside the Law School?
At UChicago Law, you can take classes at the other graduate divisions. You can research and engage with peers across the campus through our certificate-granting programs. Students can also pursue joint and dual degrees with our PhD programs and Masters Programs, including our three-year JD/MBA program. www.law.uchicago.edu/joint-degrees.
What can I expect from student life outside the classroom? UChicago Law students participate in more than 60 student organizations. Student diversity of every kind shows in the activities you can choose. Our students have a balanced approach to the world that makes the Law School both a vibrant place and an amazing jumping-off point for the future. More about student life is at www.law.uchicago.edu/life.

What are Hyde Park and the city of Chicago like? Hyde Park is a beautiful, vibrant neighborhood, and Chicago is a cosmopolitan, diverse, yet affordable city. It’s the best of both worlds: a world-renowned university in an international city. Information is available at visit.uchicago.edu/neighborhood-attractions/ and www.law.uchicago.edu/life.

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CLERKSHIPS—2021 TERM

Where can I work once I have a UChicago Law degree? Our graduates find work in every part of the legal profession. They work all over the country, including in our top five legal markets: New York, Washington DC, California, Texas, and Illinois. Our alumni work in more than 70 countries world-wide, leading the way in private practice, government, public service, business, academia, and the judiciary. Comprehensive employment data showing clerkships, types of employers, geographic information, and salaries are available at www.law.uchicago.edu/employment-data.

98%
OF THE CLASS OF 2020 EMPLOYED
10 months after graduation

Employment Statistics
2021 Term Judicial Clerkships........... 123
2020 Employment Rate.............98.0%

Employment by Geography—Class of 2020
East North Central (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI).................. 32.7%
East South Central (AL, KY, MS, TN).................. 3.5%
Foreign Countries.................. 2.5%
Mid-Atlantic (NJ, NY, PA)............... 19.6%
Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)........... 4.5%
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT).................. 2.5%
Pacific (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)........... 13.1%
South Atlantic (DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)........... 12.1%
West North Central (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)........... 3.0%
West South Central (AR, LA, OK, TX).................. 6.5%

Employment by Type—Class of 2020
Private Law Firms.................. 62.8%
Judicial Clerkships (immediately after graduation)........... 31.2%
Government/Public Interest........... 5.5%
Business/Corporate/Finance........... 0.5%
Will I be able to work in the public interest sector? Of course! UChicago Law graduates work in nearly 500 different public interest organizations and government entities. The Law School is proud to provide significant support to students and graduates entering public service through scholarships, substantial summer and postgraduate funding, and a generous loan forgiveness program. Learn more at www.law.uchicago.edu/publicinterest.

$190,000 MEDIAN SALARY
Class of 2020

How can I put my best foot forward in my application? Pay close attention to requirements and deadlines, and show us who you really are. Our goal is to put together a class of smart, diverse, engaged people, and we do that by taking a careful look at your entire application. Take a look at our FAQs at www.law.uchicago.edu/jdfaq and don’t forget to look at some sample Admissions Essays That Worked at www.law.uchicago.edu/essaysthatworked.

200+ STUDENT GROUP TALKS AND EVENTS
2020-2021 school year

SUPREME COURT CLERKS FOR 9 JUSTICES
October 2021 Term

Law School Clinics
- Abrams Environmental Law Clinic
- Civil Rights and Police Accountability Project
- Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project Clinic
- Employment Law Clinic
- Exoneration Project Clinic
- Federal Criminal Justice Clinic
- Global Human Rights Clinic
- Housing Initiative Transactional Clinic
- Immigrants’ Rights Clinic
- Innovation Clinic
- Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship
- Jenner & Block Supreme Court and Appellate Clinic
- Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab Clinic
- Poverty and Housing Law Clinic
- Prosecution and Defense Clinic
September 1: Application Opens

December 1: Early Decision Deadline

March 1: Regular Decision Deadline

Student Body at a Glance
Total J.D. Student Body, 2020-2021 622
Men 51.9%
Women 47.6%
Non-Binary 0.5%
Asian American (76) 12.2%
Black or African American (40) 6.4%
Latinx (106) 17.0%
Two or More Races Reported (24) 3.9%
Foreign National (7) 1.1%

Class of 2024
LSAT 75th Percentile 175
LSAT Median 172
LSAT 25th Percentile 169
LSAT Range 155–180
GPA 75th Percentile 3.98
GPA Median 3.91
GPA 25th Percentile 3.81
GPA Range 3.35–4.13

States Represented 35
Undergraduate Institutions Represented 88
Average Age at Matriculation 24

Public Interest Careers and Funding
Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
• Benefits available to alumni who work in qualifying public interest, judicial clerkships, or government jobs and earn up to $80,000 a year
• Provides assistance for Income-Based Repayment (IBR), Pay As You Earn (PAYE), or Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE) payments each year for a maximum of 10 years after graduation
• Each year’s LRAP loan is fully forgiven the year after it is made
• Participation in LRAP and Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) for 10 years can potentially result in having all your Law School eligible federal loans forgiven through PSLF

Summer Public Interest Funding
Both 1L and 2L students who work in eligible summer nonprofit or government law positions are guaranteed an award of $5,000.

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All data as of 9/9/2021