

# SCHOOL OF LAW

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## Description

As a Jesuit institution founded in 1843, Saint Louis University School of Law strives to foster an environment of academic excellence and a commitment to public service and professionalism. With an accomplished faculty and a diverse curriculum designed to prepare students for all areas of legal practice, the school provides an ideal environment for those committed to succeeding. Through its Center for Health Law Studies, it also offers one of the premier health law programs in the nation, along with specialized centers in employment law and international and comparative law. Whatever the interest — corporate, criminal, employment, entrepreneurship, finance, health, international, intellectual property, tax, real estate or litigation — the SLU School of Law can help students achieve their desired career goals.

In the fall of 2013, the School of Law moved to a new building, Scott Hall, in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The building provides top-rate facilities to our students and allows them to integrate their legal education with the downtown legal community.

The School of Law offers full-time day, part-time day and part-time evening programs. Students are presented with a variety of opportunities for experiential education. Experiential learning courses are available to all students after the first year of study. Students have options including simulated arguments before the Supreme Court, contract-drafting and participating in our legal clinics. Under supervision from trained faculty, the legal clinics allow students to represent clients in need at court. Additionally, students have opportunities to clerk for judges and participate in externships at various corporations and government agencies. Our students annually provide more than 47,000 hours of free legal services to the community through our clinic programs.

In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>) of “men and women for and with others,” there is a focus on the commitment to public service as part of the legal profession. Public service projects begin at orientation and opportunities continue throughout the program.

## Accreditation

Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

## Programs

- American Law for Foreign Lawyers, LL.M. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/american-law-foreign-lawyers-llm/>)
- Health Law, LL.M. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/health-law-llm/>)
- Law, J.D. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor/>)
- Law, J.D. (Two-Year for Foreign Lawyers) ([https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor\\_foreign/](https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor_foreign/))

## Dual-degree Programs

SLU LAW also offers dual-degree programs in partnership with several schools within the University. Dual-degree programs allow students to obtain two degrees in significantly less time than if the degrees were obtained separately.

- Law, J.D. and Accounting, M.Acc. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/accounting-jd-macc/>)
- Law, J.D. and Business Administration, M.B.A. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/business-administration-jd-mba/>)
- Law, J.D. and Health Administration, M.H.A. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/health-administration-jd-mha/>)
- Law, J.D. and Health Care Ethics, Ph.D. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/health-care-ethics-dual-degree-jd-phd/>)
- Law, J.D. and Political Science and Public Affairs, M.A. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/political-science-jd-ma/>)
- Law, J.D. and Public Health, M.P.H. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/public-health-jd-mph/>)
- Social Work, M.S.W. and Law, J.D. Dual Degree (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/social-work-dual-degree-msw-jd/>)

## Accelerated Bachelor's to Graduate Degree Programs

- American Studies, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/american-studies/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)
- Bioethics and Health Studies, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/health-care-ethics/bioethics-health-studies-accelerated-jd/>)
- Business Bachelor's to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/business-accelerated-jd/>)
- Communication, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/communication/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)

- Criminology and Criminal Justice, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program ([https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/accelerated\\_ba\\_ccj\\_jd/](https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/accelerated_ba_ccj_jd/))
- English, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)
- Health Sciences, B.S. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-sciences-jd-accelerated/>)
- History, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/history/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)
- Philosophy, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/philosophy/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)
- Political Science, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/political-science/accelerated-bachelors-jd/>)

## Policies

### Law School Student Handbook (<https://www.slu.edu/law/academics/student-handbook.php>)

The student handbook is published each August and describes the procedures and rules that will ordinarily govern academic and student life at the School of Law. The most up-to-date version of the handbook replaces previous versions.

Students are obligated to know and follow the procedures and rules contained in the handbook. The handbook is reviewed and amended annually and as deemed necessary by University and/or School of Law administration, committees or faculty (hereinafter collectively “administration”). The rules and procedures in the handbook may also be superseded, suspended or complemented by the administration as they may deem it necessary and proper. Nothing in this handbook is intended to create, nor shall anything be understood to create contractual or legally enforceable rights.

## Faculty

Additional Faculty Information (<http://slu.edu/law/faculty/>)

Kathryn Banks  
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