Drake Law

different
by design
Drake Law provides a different kind of legal education. Studying in the only law school in the capital city of Des Moines, our students have unique opportunities to gain experience in government, business, state and federal courts, the legal sector, and other professional settings.

Skills training is integrated into substantive coursework by faculty who have practiced law and is reinforced through our one-of-a-kind Trial Practicum, simulation classes, clinics, and internships. Clinical programs are available to any student who wishes to participate, and we help place students in individual internships anywhere in the country.

Other law schools are now beginning to value practical training, but it’s what we’ve offered—and how we’ve helped students succeed—for decades.

"With two jury trials, 10 bench trials, and an argument in front of the Court of Appeals as a student, Drake prepared me well to land my dream job in the Cook County Prosecutor’s Office."

—TONY GARCIA, CLASS OF 2014
Distinguished Faculty

You will engage with faculty members who are both scholars and experienced lawyers. Students receive individual faculty attention and guidance on academics and career success.

Uncommon among law professors, Drake faculty have practiced law and bring that experience into the classroom.

Visit www.law.drake.edu/faculty to get to know our professors.

Areas of Expertise

DRAKE LAW FACULTY OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTISE:

- Administrative Law
- Agricultural and Food Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business/Corporate Law
- Children’s Rights
- Civil Procedure and Jurisdiction
- Civil Rights
- Commercial Law and Bankruptcy
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Consumer Law
- Criminal Law and Evidence
- Cyberlaw
- Domestic Violence, Women’s Rights, Sexuality and the Law
- Employment Law
- Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate Planning
- Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Evidence and Trial Practice
- Family Law
- Gaming Law
- Health Care Law and Medical Issues
- Human Rights
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Insurance Law
- Legal Research and Writing
- Legislation
- Property and Real Estate Law
- Tax
- Torts
- “Through the clinics offered, the availability of professors, the collegiality, and the wealth of resources provided to students. Drake Law was the definite choice for me.”

—TAYLOR HARRETTY, CLASS OF 2015
Drake Law School's comprehensive curriculum strikes a balance between theory and practice. Here you will develop not only critical and analytical abilities and research techniques but also the communication skills necessary to practice in any jurisdiction, to achieve success in any career field.

Visit www.law.drake.edu/academics for a complete listing of courses, schedules, graduation requirements, and certificate programs.

REQUIRED COURSES
Advanced Writing Seminar
Civil Procedure: Constitutional Framework
Civil Procedure Process of Litigation
Constitutional Law I & II
Contracts I and II
Criminal Law
Evidence
First-Year Trial Practicum
Introduction to Law
Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Legal Research and Writing
Professional Skills Courses
Property
Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Practice

AGRICULTURAL LAW
Agricultural Law
Agricultural Law Journal
Environmental Law
Environmental Regulation of Agriculture
Federal and the Law
International Agricultural Development
Land Use Control
Ligation Risk Management in Agriculture
Summer Agriculture Law Institute
Sustainability
Wind Energy

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL LAW
Antitrust
Banking Law
Business Associations
Business Planning
Consumer Protection
Contract Drafting
Corporate Law
Corporate and Business Law
Debt/Contract Law
Data Use
Insurance Law
Labor Law
Macropolicy
Mergers and Acquisitions
Negotiable Instruments
Nonprofit Organizations
Payment Systems
Real Estate Transaction Drafting
Sale
Secured Transactions
Securities Law
Transactional Clinic

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW
Children and the Law
Children’s Rights Clinic
Dramatic Violence
Education Law
Family Law
General Practice Clinic
Sexuality and the Law

CIVIL LITIGATION
Civil Actions Complex Litigation
Conflict of Law
Constitutional Litigation
Employment Discrimination Litigation
Federal Jurisdiction
Moot Court Competitions
Pretrial Advocacy
Products Liability
Remedies
Scientific and Expert Evidence
Trial Advocacy
Workers’ Compensation

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
Administrative Law
Civil Rights
Comparative Constitutional Law
Constitutional Jurisprudence
Constitutional Litigation
Constitutional Theory and Interpretation
Death Penalty
Electoral Law
Employment Discrimination Litigation
First Amendment Seminar
Women and the Law

CRIMINAL LAW
Comparative Criminal Procedure
Constitutional Defense and Mental Disability
Constitutional Defense Clinic
Constitutional Motions Practice
Constitutional Procedure
Death Penalty
Federal Criminal Law
Federal Public Defender Internship
Prosecution and Defense
Prosecutorial Internship
Scientific and Expert Evidence

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Administrative Law
Environmental Law
Environmental Law and Climate Change
Environmental Practice
Environmental Regulation of Agriculture
Land Use Control
Sustainability

ESTATE PLANNING
Elder Law Clinic
Estate Planning
Federal Estate and Gift Tax
Trust Construction and Taxability

GENERAL LAWYER SKILLS
Clinical Program
Consumer Protection Practice
Endurers’ Protection Clinics

INTERNATIONAL LAW
Art
Commercial Law
Comparative Law
European Union Law
Immigration Law

LEGAL PRACTICE
Administrative Law
Civil Law
Criminal Law
Legislation
Legislative Practice
Legislative Practice Internship
State and Local Government Law

INTERNATIONAL LAW
American Samoa Law
Comparative Law
European Union Law
Immigration Law

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights
International Intellectual Property Law
International Trade
International Trade Law
International Visits Program
Recent Visitors Included:
Representatives from China, England, France, and Italy

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW
Administrative Law
Competition Law
International Environmental Law
International Environmental Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights
International Intellectual Property Law
International Trade

PUBLIC LAW
Administrative Law
Civil Law
Criminal Law
Employee Law
Legislation
Legislative Practice
Legislative Practice Internship
State and Local Government Law

TAXATION
Business Planning
Business Taxation
Federal Estate and Gift Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Tax Procedure
Income Tax Clinic

Chart Your Course
Drake Law alumni work in all 50 states and internationally.
Drake Law has a number of unique centers and programs that offer opportunities to prepare you for professional practice and career success.

Agricultural Law Center
Students in the Agricultural Law Center work in an internationally recognized program to conduct research, publish an agricultural law journal, and benefit from extensive course offerings and internship opportunities related to food and agricultural law. Students accompany the program director on trips to conferences and a travel seminar to Cuba.

Constitutional Law Center
The Drake Constitutional Law Center is one of four such centers established by Congress and funded by the federal government. The Center’s mission is to foster study of the U.S. Constitution and its roots, formation, principles, and development. Students have the unique opportunity to discuss current issues with the nation’s leading constitutional scholars who come to campus each year.

Intellectual Property Law Center
The Intellectual Property Law Center is ranked 15th in the nation and is home to one of the top five programs in the Midwest, according to U.S. News & World Report. Students are engaged in an innovative curriculum with courses such as Entertainment Law, Mass Media, International Intellectual Property Law, IP in the Internet Age, IP Licensing, and IP Litigation, and also learn from IP experts who come to campus each year for a symposium sponsored by the Center.

Legislative Practice Center
Drake is one of a select few schools in the country that engages students in the legislative process by combining coursework with legislative internships. Students working through the center draft bills, lobby legislators, and attend subcommittee meetings. Completion of the Legislative Practice Center program will prepare you for careers in lobbying and legislative practice and with administrative or government agencies, public interest groups, trade associations, unions, businesses, and private law firms that do governmental work.

Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children’s Rights
The Middleton Center pursues a broad agenda, advancing children’s rights through the legal process, public service information, and legislative advocacy. As part of a multidisciplinary team that includes licensed teachers, students represent children and parents in child abuse and juvenile delinquency cases, research policy issues, work on reform with the Legislative Practice Center, provide information to the public, and draft and lobby legislation to improve the child welfare system.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
A certificate represents a subject matter emphasis that may demonstrate to potential employers your commitment to a practice area. Drake certificate programs include:
- Business Law
- Constitutional Law and Civil Rights
- Criminal Law
- Environmental and Sustainability Law
- Food and Agricultural Law
- Global Intellectual Property Law
- Health Law
- International and Comparative Law and Human Rights
- Legislative Practice
- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Public Service

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Draft Legislation
Legislative Practice Center
“Through my legislative internship I helped draft a bill dealing with human trafficking and was involved in every step of the legislative process. I met with the attorney general’s office, the bill drafter, and various advocates to help create a workable bill. It was pretty cool, after the bill passed the House and the Senate, to watch the governor sign into law a bill I helped create.”
—DAVE BLAKE, CLASS OF 2015

Advocate for Children
Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children’s Rights
“I completed two clinical programs at Drake (delinquency and children’s rights); was a policy intern at an advocacy organization called Voices for America’s Children in Washington, D.C.; and interned at the Polk County Attorney’s Office in the juvenile division. I’ve had the opportunity to actively participate in every aspect of child law.”
—AMBER RIVERA, CLASS OF 2014

Experience Agricultural Policy Abroad
Agricultural Law Center
“The Agricultural Law Center at Drake Law School has allowed me to gain practical experience and travel to Cuba where I experienced foreign agricultural law firsthand. The opportunities in the Center are second to none, and they have prepared me to practice agricultural law and agribusiness in the future.”
—ANDREW EWING, CLASS OF 2015
First-Year Trial Practicum
This one-of-a-kind program adds an important dimension to your legal education in your first year. You’ll observe a real trial—from jury selection to verdict—in the Clinic courtroom. State-of-the-art courtroom technology, breakout discussion groups, and debriefings of lawyers who tried the case and the jurors who decided it will bring relevancy to what you learn in the classroom.

Summer in France Program
You can add an international element to your legal education by participating in our summer program at the University of Nantes Law School in France. Classes in comparative and international law and on-site visits to European legal institutions will allow you to experience another country’s legal system and to be better prepared to practice law in a global society.

Advanced Degree Programs
Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degrees are available in Intellectual Property Law or Individualized Legal Studies with concentrations in Business Law, Criminal Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, Human Rights and Global Citizenship, Legislative Practice and Government Relations, and Sustainable Economic Development, or you may design an individualized curriculum to fit your personal and professional goals.

Summer Start Program
You have the option of beginning Drake Law School classes in our Summer Start Program. This program provides a unique opportunity for first-year law students to develop the skills needed to succeed in law school one course at a time before beginning full-time study in the fall. Participants can then enroll in an upper-level class during the spring semester of their first year and graduate a semester early if they elect to take courses in additional summers.

3+3 Program
Qualified students can earn an undergraduate degree and a law degree in six years rather than the usual seven. Drake Law School has 3+3 programs established with Drake University, Simpson College, and Iowa State University. Students at other schools may also pursue the 3+3 option with approval from their undergraduate institution. Please contact the Drake Law School Office of Admissions to discuss admission requirements for the 3+3 Program.

Joint Degree Programs
As a qualified graduate student, you can enhance your career options by combining your legal studies with other academic disciplines in one of several joint degree programs. You will earn both degrees in less time—with less cost—than it would take to earn them separately. You may combine your Juris Doctor (J.D.) with one of the following:

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- Doctor of Pharmacy
- Master of Arts in Political Science* 
- Master of Science in Agricultural Economics*
- Master of Social Work**
- Master of Health Care Administration***
- Master of Public Health***

* In cooperation with Iowa State University
** In cooperation with the University of Iowa
*** In cooperation with Des Moines University College of Health Sciences

"The First-Year Trial Practicum is unique to Drake. The ability to see a full trial in our courtroom sets Drake apart from other law schools. Speaking with the judge and jury after the trial demonstrates Drake’s dedication to educating practice-ready lawyers."—Zach Foxx, Class of 2016
The Neal and Bea Smith Legal Clinic

Clinical programs are available to any student who wishes to participate. The architecturally stunning clinic is among the best training facilities in the country. Inside the courtroom, students view federal and state proceedings, where judges and attorneys use the latest technology. With office space for students, a library, and seminar rooms, the clinic operates as a real law firm, providing unique, hands-on experiences for student-attorneys working in the Drake Legal Clinic.
Career Success

Drake Law alumni work in all 50 states and several foreign countries in private practice and the judiciary, in business and industry, in government and public service.

Career Development

The Career Development Office helps you develop professional connections, find internships and employment as a student, and launch your career. Our comprehensive program includes:

- Career planning
- Assistance with résumés and cover letters
- Interviewing strategies
- Out-of-state job searches
- Obtaining judicial clerkships
- Networking

Drake Law students consistently rate job search support significantly above the national average in the Law School Survey of Student Engagement.

Internships

Administration Law
Advanced Prosecution
Children’s Rights Center
Consumer Law
Criminal Appeals
Disability Rights
Environmental Law
Energy
Federal Public Defender
Forensic Defense
Iowa Judicial
Independent
Insurance Law
Iowa Attorney General’s Office
Iowa Civil Rights Commission
Iowa Public Information Board
Iowa Supreme Court Administration
Iowa Supreme Court Scholar
Iowa Workers’ Compensation Commissioner’s Office
Judicial
Juvenile Court
Juvenile Law Appellate
Juvenile Law
Legislative
Legislative Practice
Polk County Prosecutor
The Principal Financial Group
Promotion
State Public Defender
State Public Defender Appellate
Securities Law
U.S. Attorney’s Office
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Of Drake Law’s Class of 2014

85.4% had positions requiring bar passage or where a J.D. was preferred, higher than the national average.

88.4% were employed nine months after graduation, higher than the national average.

84% passed the Iowa bar exam on the first try.

“I was impressed with the practical education Drake provided. My legislative internship provided me the opportunity to engage in the lawmaking process firsthand.”

—SYDNEY KRONKOW, CLASS OF 2013
Student Life

Engagement—with your education, the community, and your peers—is an important part of a Drake legal education. Whether through participation in student organizations, public service, moot court, moot trial, or lively debate, you'll find a culture characterized by camaraderie—not competition. Our students come from all over the United States and abroad. The friendly and supportive culture provides a welcoming atmosphere for your studies and helps you maintain balance between your work and social life. With two student-published journals, national award-winning moot court and mock trial teams, and public service projects, you'll have plenty of opportunities for personal and professional engagement.

Moot Court and Mock Trial

- Drake’s mock trial team has won the regional title four times and twice reached the final round of the national tournament over the last ten years.
- Drake’s ABA Client Counseling team won the National Championship and traveled to Scotland to compete in the International Competition in 2013.
- Drake’s moot court team won the regional tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals of the national tournament in 2015.

Drake Law School Organizations

Active student organizations connect you with other students with similar interests. Our student organizations include:

- Agricultural Law Society
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
- American Bar Association (ABA)—Student Division
- American Constitution Society
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Justice Society
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
- Distinguished Gentleman of Drake
- Drake Association for Child Advocacy
- Drake Law Democrats
- Drake Law Republicans
- Drake Law Review
- Drake Law Women
- Drake Secular Society
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Student Association
- Hispanic Latino Law Student Association
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Society
- Journal of Agricultural Law
- Latino Law Student Association
- Military Law Student Association
- Moot Court Board
- Public Interest Law Association
- Student Bar Association
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Des Moines

The Professional Advantage

As the only law school in Iowa’s capital city, Drake Law students have a competitive advantage obtaining clerkships, internships, and professional employment. Our campus is 10 minutes from the state capitol; state and federal courts; and a dynamic business district that is national headquarters for insurance, banking, and publishing firms—many of which are led by Drake alumni.

Life in Des Moines

With more than a half million residents, the Des Moines metropolitan area is home to art and music festivals, a thriving nightlife, several professional sports teams, world-class restaurants, and Broadway shows. There are hundreds of miles of recreation trails, and Des Moines’ vibrant downtown is only a few minutes from campus.

DES MOINES IS A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND LIVE.

• The Des Moines Arts Festival is consistently ranked among the top five in the country.
• The annual four-day 35/35 Music Festival brings 50+ music acts to downtown Des Moines and draws fans from across the country.
• The Civic Center of Greater Des Moines hosts performances from Broadway shows to nationally recognized comedians and musicians.
• Sports fans have plenty to cheer for with six professional teams: Iowa Cubs baseball, Iowa Energy basketball, Iowa Barnstormers arena football, Iowa Wild and Des Moines Buccaneers ice hockey, and Des Moines Menace soccer.
• More than 80 public parks in the Des Moines area provide outdoor enthusiasts myriad options—from boating and kayaking to hiking, biking, disc golf, and everything-in-between.

Don’t Take Our Word For It

Drake is the only law school in Iowa’s capital city. Internships and clerkships are plentiful in state and federal courts, the state legislature, law firms, and businesses. Students have myriad opportunities for professional success as well a vibrant social life.

Des Moines ranks:

• “Wealthiest City in America”
  — TODAY Show, 2014
• “Best Places for Business and Careers”
  — Forbes, 2013
• “Best Midwest Cities for Young Adults”
  — The Business Journals, 2013
• “Best Cities for Families”
  — Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2012
• “Best Cities for Young Professionals”
  — Forbes, 2011
Financial Assistance

Drake Law School’s tuition and debt levels have consistently been well below the national averages for private institutions. Our scholarship renewal requirements are generous, and students who do not have a scholarship in their first year may earn one for their second and/or third years. We offer a number of full-tuition scholarships to students who contribute diversity to the entering class as well as those who have a strong record of public service. The Dwight D. Opperman Scholarships, our most prestigious awards, provide recipients with a full-tuition scholarship plus annual living stipend.

Costs (2015-2016)

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More than 65 percent of students receive scholarships totaling more than $4 million.
Nondiscrimination Policy:
Drake University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or veteran status in administration of its employment and personnel policies, educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs. Further, Drake University reserves the right to take affirmative action in connection with this policy in accordance with applicable law.

Drake University admits students, without regard to sexual orientation, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the University, and does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in administration of its employment and personnel policies, educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs, except when such discrimination is required by Federal or State law or regulations.