

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

# **Guide for Admitted Students**

# Important Dates for Admitted Students

## March 1

Recommended FAFSA deadline

## March 15

Deadline for specialized scholarships and fellowships applications

## April 15

First seat deposit deadline (\$250 nonrefundable payment online)

*You may elect to pay a one-time \$700 nonrefundable seat deposit by this date. If so, your deposit responsibilities will be met.*

## June 5

Second seat deposit deadline (\$500 nonrefundable payment online)

## August 1

Final transcript from degree-granting institution showing degree conferral date must be received by LSAC.

Immunization requirements must be complete.

## August 12-14

Mandatory Orientation for Full-time JD students

## August 17

First day of fall semester classes for Full-time JD students

## August 21

Mandatory Orientation for Weekend JD students

## August 22

First day of fall semester classes for Weekend JD students

Please visit [LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/](https://luc.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/) on a regular basis for updates.



# Welcome to Loyola University Chicago School of Law



# Financial assistance

At Loyola University Chicago School of Law, incoming students may be eligible for one or more of the following sources of financial assistance including Loyola institutional aid and loans:

## Sources of Loyola institutional aid

- Merit scholarships
- Fellowships
- Specialized scholarships

## Sources of loans

- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Private Loans

## Merit scholarships

Loyola offers merit scholarships to entering students. Merit scholarships are awarded at the time of admission. Consideration is given to all admitted students and no separate application is required.

## Merit scholarship renewal

Renewal of merit scholarships is automatic in subsequent years as long as students remain in good standing. Merit scholarships are awarded up to six consecutive semesters for full-time JD students and eight consecutive semesters for weekend JD students, or until graduation from the JD program, whichever comes first. Merit scholarships are applied evenly to tuition for fall and spring semesters only, and cannot be applied to summer tuition. Merit scholarship award amounts do not increase with tuition increases.

Scholarship funds cover tuition costs only and cannot exceed tuition charges. If tuition charges for an academic semester are less than the merit scholarship for that term, the award amount will be reduced accordingly. In addition, if a student drops below the minimum credit hours required, the amount of the merit scholarship will be adjusted to cover about the same percentage of tuition the student would have received for their respective program. Pro-rated scholarships count towards a term of eligibility.

## Specialized scholarships/fellowships

Loyola offers several special interest scholarships and fellowships to entering students.

- Joseph Bernstein Scholarship Program – A scholarship awarded to an individual with demonstrated financial need.

- Circle of Advocates Scholarship – A scholarship awarded to an outstanding candidate with debate, moot court or mock trial experience.
- Judge William H. Campbell Public Interest Scholarship – A scholarship awarded to students with proven public interest experience.
- Loyola Community Service Scholarship – A scholarship awarded to students who engaged in community service work defined broadly to include employment, advocacy, and/or volunteer activities, both in government and nongovernment arenas, including (but not limited to) those who participated in Americorps, City Corps, City Year, Peace Corps, VISTA, Teach for America, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, or completed active military duty. A minimum of one year of full-time service is required.
- Martin J. Healy, Jr. Scholarship – A scholarship awarded to a student who is the first in their family to receive a college degree.
- Mark & Charlene Novak Scholarship – A scholarship awarded to a member of a trade union, or the child of a member of a trade union.
- ChildLaw, Health Law, and Intellectual Property Fellowships

Application requirements for specialized scholarships and fellowships can be found on the law school website. There is a March 15 deadline for consideration.

## Financial aid step-by-step guide

1. Submit the FAFSA (studentaid.gov). Loyola's school code is 001710. Parental information is not required. The FAFSA is used to determine federal aid eligibility. **Recommended: March 1**
2. Review your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) and correct any errors on your FAFSA.
3. Review and apply for specialized scholarships and fellowships. **Deadline: March 15**
4. If you complete the FAFSA and send information to Loyola University Chicago, the Financial Aid Office will email you a financial aid award notice. This will include the cost of attendance, your eligibility for Loyola aid programs and loans, as well as instructions on how to accept awards. For students who complete the FAFSA, notification will begin in late spring and continue on a rolling basis. For those who do not complete the FAFSA, this information will be available over the summer.
5. Research external law student scholarship opportunities through resources such as AccessLex Institute's Law Student Scholarship Database (<https://www.accesslex.org/databank>)
6. Loyola offers several payment plans for those who will be covering some portion of their tuition out-of-pocket.
7. Create a budget that includes expected resources (scholarships, loans, savings, etc.) and expenditures (tuition, fees, housing, etc.) to better plan and afford the expected cost of attendance.
8. The Financial Aid Office will provide you with next steps for applying for loans, after class registration.
9. We strongly encourage students to use Elmslect, a free resource to compare private loans details such as interest rates, repayment terms, and eligibility requirements.

## Scholarship policies

All institutional funding with a renewal clause is intended for the academic year only and cannot be used for summer school or study abroad programs. Scholarship amounts will be adjusted if students change divisions or reduce their class hours in any given semester. Students enrolled in dual degree programs will receive funding for the first nine hours of study in the other program.

## Determining your financial aid needs

While tuition and fees are fixed costs, it is important to compare each with every school you are considering. Scholarship awards should be subtracted from tuition to determine the net cost of tuition. It is also important to consider your lifestyle choices while in law school. The cost of attendance will include a budget for living expenses. You should, however, determine whether you can reduce some of your personal costs. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Living with family or with a roommate will lower your monthly cost for rent. Residing in a less expensive neighborhood is another way to reduce your expenses. Purchasing used books or renting books is another option for cutting costs. Most of our law students live below the budget allocated and further reduce their loans with part-time employment in their upperclass years.

## Financial education programming

The decision to attend Loyola University Chicago School of Law is a substantial investment that promises many rewards. As the cost of professional education continues to rise, many more students are turning to loans to help finance their education. It is our hope that as a Loyola law student, you will make a concerted effort to learn about managing your finances. Our office will provide workshops for entering students and continue this financial education initiative throughout your time here.

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to ease the burden for its recent graduates who are engaged in full-time public service employment. Assistance awarded under the LRAP program is in the form of a forgivable loan. Awardees can receive up to three years of awards, which need not be in consecutive years, within ten years after graduation.

More information is available at [LUC.edu/law/LRAP](https://www.luc.edu/law/LRAP).

## Contact information

The JD Admission and Scholarships Office can assist with general questions about the financial aid process and scholarship inquiries at [law-admissions@LUC.edu](mailto:law-admissions@LUC.edu). If you have a question about your FAFSA or financial aid awards, the Financial Aid Office can help. They can be reached at [lufinaid@LUC.edu](mailto:lufinaid@LUC.edu).

To learn more about Loyola's financial assistance, please visit [LUC.edu/law/FA](https://www.luc.edu/law/FA).

Law school is a significant investment in your future. We provide workshops to help boost your financial literacy and stay on top of expenses.



**MAPPING YOUR COURSES**

# First-year curriculum guide\*

Our curriculum provides you with the opportunity to specialize in cutting-edge areas of the law and to develop the real-life lawyering skills necessary for success. We require first-year students to take substantive courses that provide the essential building blocks for the study and practice of law. Our

highly regarded faculty will teach you the art of legal analysis and foundations of the legal system. In the fall semester of your first year, you will also take Professional Identity Formation, which was designed to advance our mission of ensuring that our entire community is supportive, diverse, and inclusive. In addition, full-time students take an elective class in the spring of their first year, an early opportunity to begin exploring areas of particular interest. Students in the Weekend JD program will have an opportunity to enroll in elective courses after the completion of their first year.

The JD Admission Office assigns incoming students to first-year class sections. Schedules are sent by email in mid-July. All first-year classes will be taken with other students in that section.

Full-time classes in the first year are typically scheduled Monday through Thursday. Doctrinal classes generally take place between 9:00AM and 5:00PM. Professional Identity Formation is typically scheduled between 5:00PM and 7:00PM and some Legal Writing I & II classes may meet as late as 7:00PM-9:00PM. Doctrinal classes typically meet twice

per week, while other first-year courses generally meet once per week.

Classes for the Weekend JD program meet every other weekend during fall and spring semesters. In Fall 2026, incoming 1L classes will meet in person three times per semester, with the remaining class material delivered through a combination of remote synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Classes for Weekend JD students are typically scheduled on Saturdays from 9:30AM to 6:00PM and Sundays from 8:30AM to 4:00PM.

**Full-time JD program:**

Required courses/number of credit hours

**FIRST YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Civil Procedure.....	4
Property .....	4
Torts .....	4
Legal Writing I & Legal Research .....	2
Professional Identity Formation .....	1

**FIRST YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Constitutional Law .....	4
Contracts .....	4
Criminal Law .....	3
Legal Writing II .....	2
Perspective Elective course(s) .....	2 or 3

**Weekend JD program:**

Required courses/number of credit hours

**FIRST YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Civil Procedure .....	4
Torts .....	4
Legal Writing I & Legal Research .....	2
Professional Identity Formation .....	1

**FIRST YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Contracts .....	4
Criminal Law .....	3
Legal Writing II .....	2

To earn a JD degree, you must complete 86 credit hours of coursework. A minimum of 6 credit hours of experiential learning are required. For more information about JD degree requirements, please visit [LUC.edu/law/currentstudents/registrar/registrationplanning/degreerequirements/](https://luc.edu/law/currentstudents/registrar/registrationplanning/degreerequirements/)

\*Subject to change



# Programs and services

## Academic Success and Bar Program

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is committed to every student's success during law school and beyond. Resources are available for you from orientation until you pass the bar examination.

## Academic Tutor Program

A central part of the law school's academic success initiatives is the Academic Tutor Program. The Academic Tutor Program is designed to help first-year students develop the skills and strategies necessary to succeed in law school. Academic tutors are highly qualified upper-division law students who attend most first-year courses and work closely with your professors. Some resources academic tutors offer include guidance on law school study skills, office hours and review sessions.

## Bar preparation

In addition to the core bar preparation courses, Loyola offers various bar programs, workshops, and one-on-one consultations.

## Wellness

As a law student and future attorney, it is important to take care of yourself so that you can maximize your learning while in law school and be prepared to effectively serve your clients and the public interest. Resources are available if you find you need support handling issues that you encounter in your classes, externship, outside work, or personal life.

## Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) fosters an exchange of ideas and shared experiences. Our office works in partnership with the School of Law's academic and administrative departments, as well as student groups, to promote diversity, equity and inclusion both in and out of the classroom. Our goal is for all members of our law school community to feel valued and supported. We offer programming and resources to help you expand your vision of what the legal profession can and should be.

## Accommodations

The School of Law works closely with the University's Student Accessibility Center (SAC) to ensure that students

with disabilities are provided the necessary support to succeed. Students must be registered with SAC in order to receive academic accommodations, and all requests for accommodations are determined on a case by case basis by SAC staff. Students can register with SAC at any point during their academic career, although accommodations will not be given retroactively. For more information about SAC, please visit [LUC.edu/sac/applywithsac/](https://luc.edu/sac/applywithsac/).

## Career services

Your job search needs a superior road map. Accessing the best available resources will help you follow the career path of your choice.

The Office of Career Services at Loyola University Chicago School of Law is dedicated to providing the tools and resources necessary for our students and alumni to engage in effective job search strategies. Our services include:

- One-on-one counseling appointments
- Mock interviews
- Educational programs including resume, cover letter, and job search workshops
- Networking opportunities
- On- and off-campus recruitment programs
- Job postings for both students and alumni

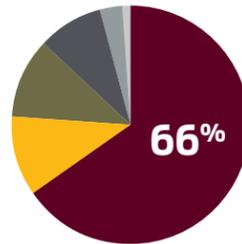
Our first-year students typically spend the first summer working in a law firm, the judiciary, a corporation, a public interest organization, a government agency or as a research assistant to a professor.

To learn more about Loyola's career services, please visit [LUC.edu/law/studentlife/career-services](https://luc.edu/law/studentlife/career-services).

### Employment Information for 2024 Graduates

#### EMPLOYED BY JOB TYPE\*

\*percentages are out of total employed ten months after graduation



Law firms:	66%
Business:	11%
Government:	11%
Public interest:	9%
Judicial clerkships:	3%
Education:	1%



**Resources are available to students starting at orientation and until you pass the bar exam.**

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# Student groups and activities

### Student Bar Association (SBA)

Loyola strives to provide every student with a legal education grounded in scholarship and complemented by practical experiences and opportunities.

To round out your law school career, the SBA provides a variety of social programs and events, addresses student concerns to the administration, and works with other student organizations to ensure each student has many opportunities outside the classroom to grow as a student and a person. Represented by two elected members of each class section, the SBA stays engaged throughout the year to make sure you have the best law school experience possible.

We hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the SBA and other student organizations.

### Other student activities

#### Organizations

The School of Law's 30+ student organizations offer a broad scope of opportunities for professional growth, from general participation in the profession of law to involvement in specialized areas of professional interest to membership in affinity groups.

#### Journals

Our students serve in editorial and business capacities on the seven academically significant journals published by the School of Law:

- *Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences*
- *Children's Legal Rights Journal*
- *Loyola Consumer Law Review*
- *Loyola University Chicago International Law Review*
- *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*
- *Public Interest Law Reporter*
- *Loyola University Chicago Journal of Regulatory Compliance*

#### Competitions

In keeping with the School of Law's nationally renowned advocacy programs, our students continually bring home international, national, and regional honors in moot court, mock trial, and alternative dispute resolution and skills competitions.

For details on organizations, competitions and other aspects of student life, visit [LUC.edu/law/resources](https://luc.edu/law/resources).



**Loyola's tradition of preparing well-rounded individuals for effective and ethical advocacy is reflected in our diverse cocurricular offerings.**



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## A WORLD-CLASS CITY

# Living in Chicago

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to more than 9.5 million people, with 2.7 million residing within city limits. The legal community here is large and diverse, offering our students unique opportunities to form connections with practicing attorneys.

This dynamic, world-class city is a major draw for our students—and for our alums, many of whom stay to practice in the metropolitan area after graduation. Our loyal alumni are invested in the life of the law school, serving as adjunct

professors, guest speakers, coaches, and mentors, as well as offering externships and post-graduation employment to many of our current students.

## Finding housing

Most of our law students live in various neighborhoods throughout the city. Our admitted student website provides tips on neighborhoods, apartment sizes, and prices; offers useful resources, including rental services; and includes information on the Loyola Law Roommate Network. In addition, Loyola law students share their own tips for finding your perfect Chicago home and choosing the neighborhood that's right for you in the housing guide on the website. Visit [LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/housinginformation](https://luc.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/housinginformation) to learn more.

## Getting around

As a major metropolis, Chicago offers a variety of options for traveling around the city:

- Loyola full-time law students receive the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Ventra U-Pass, a cashless pass for unlimited rides on the CTA's extensive rail and bus network during the fall and spring academic semester.
- A free University bus shuttles students, faculty, and staff between the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses multiple times daily. This option is particularly useful for law students who choose to live near the Lake Shore Campus.
- There is an evening shuttle bus that travels to Union Station and Ogilvie Transportation Center from the Water Tower Campus at 9:05 p.m. Monday through Friday during the academic year.

- Loyola offers validation for several non-University parking lots near the law school. Visit [LUC.edu/campustransportation/](https://luc.edu/campustransportation/).
- Zipcar ([zipcar.com](https://zipcar.com)) is a car sharing program for people who want to have access to a car without owning or renting one.
- Divvy ([divvybikes.com](https://divvybikes.com)) bike sharing system has hundreds of stations and is a fun, affordable option for short trips around the city.

## The innumerable treasures of Chicago

Our city is home to several world-class museums; hundreds of theaters, concert venues, and art galleries; thousands of restaurants; an infinite variety of shops; and numerous professional and semiprofessional sports teams.



## Orientation and next steps for enrollment

Orientation is mandatory for both full-time and weekend students. Orientation for full-time students is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 through Friday, August 15. For students in the Weekend JD program, orientation is scheduled for Friday, August 21. In addition, there will be a number of tasks that need to be completed prior to your enrollment at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Information about the various deadlines and requirements will be posted to the admitted student website during the spring and summer.

### Registration

The JD Admission and Scholarships Office will assign incoming students to class sections, and you will be required to register for classes over the summer. We will not be able to make changes to assigned course schedules.

### Weekend JD program

In early August, students enrolling in the Weekend JD program will receive information on logging into Sakai and the Weekend JD Resource Site, where you can preview your course technology and review important schedules and policy information. You will be able to access your Fall 2026 courses in Sakai, and your instructors will list reading and other assignments that **you must complete before your first class sessions**. Please plan to spend some time orienting yourself to these online resources and preparing for your first classes prior to first-year orientation.

### Notice of non-discriminatory policy

Loyola adheres to all applicable federal and state civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in private institutions of higher education. Loyola does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, sex, age, ethnic origin, ancestry, marital status, parental status, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

## Continuing duty to disclose

As an admitted student, you have a continuing responsibility, prior to enrollment and throughout your legal education, to disclose matters that may affect your answers to questions asked in the Character and Fitness portion of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law application for admission. Please contact the JD Admission and Scholarships Office at [law-admissions@luc.edu](mailto:law-admissions@luc.edu) to make any amendments to your application, prior to enrollment. For any changes needed after enrolling, please contact Law Student Services at [law-studentservices@luc.edu](mailto:law-studentservices@luc.edu).

## Bar admission requirements

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners ([ncbex.org](http://ncbex.org)).

## Upcoming Loyola School of Law events

We encourage you to explore the opportunities Loyola has to offer. For event information, check out the School of Law calendar of events and join the **Class of 2029 GroupMe**.

## Learn more online

For more information, visit our admitted student website at [LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/](http://LUC.edu/law/admission/jdadmittedstudents/).

## CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

# Getting to know Loyola

We hope you will have an opportunity to learn more about the Loyola Law community. During the spring semester, we offer special opportunities for admitted students to interact with

administrators, faculty and current students as well as explore programs and resources available to Loyola students. Registration information will be sent separately.

If you are unable to participate in an admitted student program, you are welcome to schedule a tour of the Phillip H. Corboy Law Center or a virtual appointment to speak with a member of Loyola's JD Admission team, a current student or a faculty member. We invite you to schedule a virtual visit at [LUC.edu/jdvisit](http://LUC.edu/jdvisit).

## WATER TOWER CAMPUS



NOTE: Loyola does not own or operate these commercial parking facilities, which offer discounted rates. For a full list of facilities, restrictions, and rates, please visit [LUC.edu/parking](http://LUC.edu/parking).



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