Founded in 1899, the University of Washington School of Law is one of the nation’s top public law schools and one of the world’s most respected centers for interdisciplinary legal studies. Guided by what is relevant in the 21st century, we provide our students with the skills that give them a competitive edge in the changing legal profession and an awareness of their ethical and public service responsibilities.

The law school offers the unmatched assets of a place and partnership; a major research center located in a thriving city that is one of the world’s leading economic and cultural hubs. Clinical programs and law centers present students with the chance to collaborate and work alongside faculty and alumni to obtain the hands-on legal experience that propels professional success. The University of Washington School of Law is committed to effectively preparing our students as leaders for the global common good. We look forward to you joining our community.
Top ten reasons to study here

1. Nationally recognized academic programs
2. A 9:1 student-faculty ratio
3. Our commitment to public service
4. Experiential learning
5. State-of-the-art facilities
6. Active mentoring programs for all entering students
7. One of the best law libraries in the West
8. Affordable tuition
9. Our long-standing dedication to diversity in the law
10. Ranked among the top public law schools in the country
By attending the University of Washington School of Law, you’ll have the chance to receive a world-class education in a world-class city. Renowned for its scenic views and vibrant culture, Seattle provides both city dwellers and outdoor enthusiasts with opportunities unlike anywhere else.

SEATTLE: INSPIRATION AWAITS

“SEATTLE IS JUST AS INTELLECTUALLY ACTIVE AS IT IS PHYSICALLY ACTIVE. EVERYTHING I WANT IN A CITY, I’VE FOUND IN SEATTLE.”

JOSEPHINE ENNIS, CLASS OF 2013

SEATTLE BY THE NUMBERS

- 37.4” Average annual rainfall (49” Average rainfall of New York City)
- 36.1 Median Age
- 635,000 City Population
- 3.5 million Metro population
- 7: Number of hills Seattle is built on
- 3 Bodies of water that border Seattle
- 4: Number of professional sports teams
- 400: Number of parks maintained by Seattle Parks and Recreation

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Seattle Businesses

Set in an amazing urban center—the city of Seattle—the law school is located in one of the most innovative, dynamic and livable regions of the country. Thanks to the dynamic nature of business in Seattle, our students have the opportunity to network with, and learn from, top practitioners in their fields. From start-up companies to mature businesses, the vibrancy of the Seattle community provides opportunities for cutting-edge legal research and scholarship and for students and faculty to establish connections with the business community.
Greg Gorder ’85 has helped reinvent invention by utilizing his UW legal education in high-technology and corporate law to co-found Intellectual Ventures, a novel, interdisciplinary business practice that has created a market for invention capital by pursuing and purchasing patents, financing innovation and partnering with other invention-producing institutions. Intellectual Ventures, located twenty minutes from UW’s campus, works with universities, research labs and NGOs, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to tackle global problems and find innovative, technological solutions.

“Ideas have value.”

Greg Gorder, ’85

Nestled between two mountain regions and adjacent to Puget Sound, Seattle offers a variety of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, including biking, hiking, fishing and boating. A short drive out of the city leads to skiing, snowboarding, river rafting and camping in some of the most scenic parks in the world.

In addition to many local community arts organizations, Seattle has a professional symphony, ballet and opera. Concerts and other live performances take place at downtown theaters such as the Paramount, the Moore and Benaroya Hall, as well as UW campus venues. Seattle’s biggest events include Bumbershoot, the Seattle International Film Festival, the Northwest Folklife Festival, Bite of Seattle and Seattle’s traditional summer festival, Seafair.

Along with its picturesque views and vibrant arts scene, Seattle also features world famous coffee shops and farmers’ markets as well as neighborhoods that are just as diverse as the people who live there.

There truly is something for everyone.

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With more than 100 courses and seminars in specialized areas of the law, our students learn both the law and the intellectual skills necessary for a successful legal career. We emphasize thorough analysis of cases, statutes, and other legal materials, and an in-depth understanding of the structure and operation of the legal system.
LL.M. PROGRAMS
www.law.washington.edu/LLM_PHD
Asian Law (LL.M.)
Global Business Law (LL.M.)
Health Law (LL.M.)
Intelectual Property Law and Policy (LL.M.)
Sustainable International Development Law (LL.M.)
Taxation (LL.M.)

PH.D. PROGRAM
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Ph.D. in Law

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
www.law.washington.edu/ExchangePrograms
UW Law students study abroad at prominent universities in the following international locations:
Bangkok, Thailand
Daegu, Korea
Dresden, Germany
Duesseldorf, Germany
Hong Kong
Jakarta, Indonesia
Kobe, Japan
Lyon, France
Mexico City, Mexico
Rome, Italy
Seoul, Korea
Singapore
Taipei, Taiwan
Tokyo, Japan
Utrecht, Netherlands

And more…
In 2003, the law school moved to its new home, the beautiful and technologically advanced William H. Gates Hall. The building’s features include:

- Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library with generous law student only study spaces and commons area, natural light and 24/7 access
- Unparalleled research instruction and support from outstanding library staff
- Wireless internet access and interactive media throughout the building
- Computer labs, cafes and remote learning rooms for students with children
- Multi-functional trial courtroom and appellate courtroom for instructional use, competitions and actual court proceedings.

www.law.washington.edu/library

Curriculum emphasizing research, writing, and advocacy

- First-year required curriculum includes International & Comparative Law
- Two first-year curricular tracks: traditional and integrated
- Multiple service-learning projects develop first-year research, writing and advocacy skills
- Skills-based workshops sponsored by our Writing Center and Academic Support Program
- Quarter academic system, allowing for more elective courses
- J.D. students may elect to specialize in one of eight subject areas after their first year.
  1. Asian Law
  2. Dispute Resolution
  3. Environmental Law
  4. Health Law
  5. Intellectual Property
  6. International & Comparative Law
  7. Law, Business & Entrepreneurship
  8. Public Service Law

www.law.washington.edu/Students/Academics/Concentration
Legal practice and legal policy today are interdisciplinary and global.

Lawyers need a sophisticated understanding of legal and regulatory systems beyond their own in order to advise and lead in a complex world of global challenges. The UW School of Law is unique among U.S. law schools in offering a Ph.D. in Law. Founded in 1972, it is a highly competitive academic program where UW leads in the education of future U.S. and international legal scholars and policymakers. The program has drawn students from Afghanistan, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States. Our graduates are leaders in industry, government and nongovernmental organizations.

The LL.M. programs focus on global and cross-jurisdictional issues in international governance, institution building, regulation, commercial transactions and sustainability.

- Asian Law (LL.M.)
- Global Business (LL.M.)
- Health Law (LL.M.)
- Intellectual Property and Policy (LL.M.)
- Sustainable International Development Law (LL.M.)
- Taxation (LL.M.)

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The practice of law has become increasingly complex, requiring lawyers to think broadly as problem-solvers. Concurrent or joint degree programs permit students to personalize their study of law by adding knowledge, skills and analytical tools from other disciplines.

Over 100 programs are available in the University of Washington Graduate School, including: Biochemistry, Business, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Communications, Forestry, International Studies, MLIS Law Librarianship Program, Marine Affairs, Pharmaceutics, Philosophy, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology and Urban Planning.

www.law.washington.edu/Admissions/Why/Concurrent.aspx
At the UW School of Law we believe the best way to educate future lawyers and leaders is to provide them with a strong foundation in legal theory and the opportunity to experience the law first-hand. We also believe that the law is a calling in the spirit of public service, and that professional responsibility is a quality that can be learned best through experience and dialogue.

For these reasons, the School of Law provides a variety of opportunities for students to serve the broader community.
The UW School of Law’s Clinical Law Program provides an innovative, student-focused learning environment that prepares our students with the skills needed to succeed in the evolving legal profession.

Students work on real cases, transactions and projects that make a real difference for people in the community.

Currently over 65% of our J.D. students graduate having participated in at least one clinic.

www.law.washington.edu/Clinics

“Participating in a clinic has been one of the most rewarding things I’ve done in law school.”

EDWIN LINDO, CLASS OF 2012

The UW School of Law and its scholarly centers and programs contribute to the body of legal knowledge through research and scholarship.

Faculty and students work closely to develop their interests through our dynamic and nationally recognized scholarly research centers and institutes. These centers provide a place for students and faculty to work together on challenging issues in collaboration with practitioners, constituent groups, the media and the general public.

www.law.washington.edu/Programs

“In a nation where technology moves at an ever-rapid rate, policymakers can lack the technical knowledge they need to address how networks, devices and software operate, so the lab’s deeply interdisciplinary approach to addressing these issues marks a creative, critical step forward.”

RYAN CALO, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF UW’S FIRST-OF-ITS KIND TECH POLICY LAB

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The UW School of Law has maintained a consistently high employment rate for its current and graduating students. Our graduates are advancing their careers in all areas of the law, including private firms, judicial clerkships and public service work. The Center for Professional and Leadership Development helps our students succeed by providing: Career advising and counseling, professional development coaching, recruiting opportunities, electronic job-search tools, mentoring, on-campus interview programs, participation in national and regional career fairs, judicial clerkship placement, and networking opportunities to create and promote new relationships among attorneys, alumni, and UW law students.

Externships: Our students also experience the law and advance their careers through externships, which allow them to develop relationships with alumni, government officials and faculty. Students receive classroom credit for public service externships with judges, government agencies, not-for-profit organizations and state courts.

www.law.washington.edu/Career

Law journal staff experience the law as they critically engage in current legal issues and collaborate closely with other students to study the nuances of contemporary legal scholarship.

All journals are student-run, and each publishes distinct, innovative articles by law professors and legal practitioners from across the country and around the world.

• Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal
• Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts
• Washington Law Review
• Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy

The UW School of Law’s Moot Court Honor Board provides students with substantive courtroom experience through mock trial and moot court teams and competitions. Our students have consistently won local, national and international competitions.

www.law.washington.edu/mchb

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Public service is a core value of the UW School of Law and our students are presented with many opportunities to engage in public service, including volunteer activities, class offerings, and special programs, such as:

- Clinical Law Program
- Pro Bono Honors Program
- Public Service Externship Program
- Moderate Means Program
- Public Service Law Concentration Track
- Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program

The Center for Public Service Law offers a wide array of programming, professional development, and career coaching to help students fulfill their public service goals.

www.law.washington.edu/Pservice

“NO MATTER WHAT THEIR INTERESTS, EVERYONE HERE SEEMS TO REALLY BELIEVE IN GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.”

BRYSON DAVIS, CLASS OF 2013

MINIMUM OF 60 HOURS OF PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDED TO GRADUATE; MOST STUDENTS DEVOTE HUNDREDS OF HOURS TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

Where will you go?

Our students study abroad at prominent universities all around the world, as well as participate in international externships with foreign courts, non-profit organizations and government agencies.

www.law.washington.edu/StudyAbroad

INTERNATIONAL EXternships & EXChange PRogramS

THAILAND  MEXICO  ITALY
KOREA  KOREA  KOREA
GERMANY  SINGAPORE  TAIWAN
HONG KONG  NETHERLANDS
INDONESIA  JAPAN  FRANCE

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At the UW School of Law, we provide more than an exemplary education and valuable field experience. We also provide the post-graduate network and services to ensure success beyond your academic experience.

Graduates of our law school have been leading practitioners, highly respected judges and innovative business leaders. Through their scholarship and service, UW law faculty have influenced public policy, legal theory and law reform. Reflecting a longstanding commitment to public service, countless UW law alumni are employed in government or with public interest organizations, while others have given of their time and talent through law firm pro bono activities.

www.law.washington.edu/About
Global Reach  Map of alumni around the world

Every US State, DC, two overseas US military bases and three US territories are represented in this Alumni Population.

Additionally, we have alumni representation in 30 foreign countries and 149 international cities.
Seattle's diverse legal community provides UW law students with outstanding opportunities to learn about their many legal career options.

Through our Professional Mentor program, the law school pairs students with practicing professionals and judges in the Seattle area. Mentors and students are selected based on common characteristics such as areas of interest, undergraduate alma mater, or previous employment experiences.

Mentors meet with their mentees throughout the academic year to offer guidance and encouragement, facilitate networking opportunities and share specialized knowledge. In addition to our Professional Mentor program, students also benefit from peer and faculty advising.

www.law.washington.edu/Admissions/Why/Outside.aspx

An expansive and deep legal education begins with exceptional faculty. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 9:1, students have remarkable access to some of the brightest minds in the legal field.

Our faculty are recognized experts in such fields as constitutional law, criminal law and trial advocacy, intellectual property, taxation, technology law, international and human rights law, Asian and comparative law, Native American law and health law. Nearly 43 percent hold advanced degrees beyond their J.D.s; 10 percent hold Ph.D.s or M.D.s.

Adjunct faculty within the UW’s other academic units and part-time instructors from the area’s vibrant legal community further enrich the education we offer.

www.law.washington.edu/Faculty
Join the ranks of engaged UW School of Law graduates who are part of our vast alumni network.

Our alumni continue to engage with the law school after graduation by serving as advisors to the law school deans and mentors for current students, assisting in career planning, networking and recruitment, speaking at the law school and through financial gifts.

The UW Law School Alumni Association (LSAA) offers regional events and networking opportunities and is a great way to stay connected to the UW School of Law.

www.law.washington.edu/Alumni/Default.aspx

“THE ALUMNI AT THE UW SCHOOL OF LAW ARE INCREDIBLY INVOLVED. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE MY FUTURE IN THE LAW THROUGH THEIR EXPERIENCE AND MENTORSHIP.”

ALYSON PALMER, CLASS OF 2013

The Economist magazine in London recently ranked the University of Washington among the top 20 universities anywhere.

In the past few years, the UW has emerged as a research powerhouse and currently receives the most federal research money of any public university in the country.

Founded in 1861, the University of Washington is one of the oldest state-supported institutions of higher education on the Pacific coast.

#2.slate.com/#5 forbes: America’s most beautiful campuses

#1 FEDERAL RESEARCH MONEY RECEIVED
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