Your future starts here

Discover your path at Creighton University.

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An Education that Opens Doors

Prepare for your next step at Creighton University School of Law. With a dedication to academic excellence, a commitment to social justice and professors who really care, Creighton University provides a solid foundation that can become your launching pad. We have a variety of program options plus externships, summer excursions, dual-degree options and concentrations, so you can create a path that fits you.

**Our JD Options: Traditional, Accelerated and Part-time**

There are three ways to earn your Juris Doctor (JD) degree at Creighton University—pick the one that works best for you.

- **Traditional Full-Time JD Program**
  Our traditional full-time JD program is three years and begins each fall. Students in this program are not required to take classes in the summer, allowing them to take advantage of experiential learning opportunities in the summer via externships and internships.

- **Two-Year Accelerated JD Program**
  Creighton’s two-year Accelerated JD (AJD) program allows students to earn their law degree in two years instead of three years. Students in the AJD program take classes in four regular semesters (fall and spring) and two summer sessions.

- **Part-Time JD Option**
  Students also have an option to attend part time and can earn their JD in four to six years. Students attend classes with full-time students but take a course load that fits their busy lives.

“What I appreciated most about my time at Creighton University School of Law was the unwaivering support of the faculty and staff. It was what had the most positive impact on my law school experience and I know every other student equally benefited from the school’s dedication to its students’ health, happiness, and success.”

—Andrea Snowball, JD’20
Outstanding Faculty
Focused on Your Success

Creighton School of Law faculty members excel in teaching and legal knowledge that they bring to the classroom to empower you in your profession. Classes are small and professors’ open-door policies ensure that you get to know them—and they get to know you. They are scholars focused on the full range of legal specialties, and they’re eager to share their expertise, challenge theories or simply chat.

56
Faculty members

27
Full-time faculty

29
Adjunct faculty, including judges and working attorneys (2019–2020)

12:1
Student-to-faculty ratio

“I chose Creighton Law because I felt comfortable and welcome here. I completed my undergraduate education here and I couldn’t bear to leave such an amazing campus environment.”
–Kristyn Wong, BA’16, JD’20

“Student-faculty interactions add an essential dynamic to the learning environment, and I’m grateful accessibility is part of our culture at Creighton. Students and faculty learn—and grow—together here.”
–R. Collin Mangrum, JD, SJD
Professor, director of the litigation program and A.A. and Ethel Yossem Endowed Chair in Legal Ethics

“Faculty availability is so important at Creighton. Our open-door policy invites students in, and we genuinely enjoy getting to know them. Each year, we look forward to meeting the newest members of the Creighton family.”
–Kelly K. Dineen, RN, JD, PhD
Assistant professor and director of the health law program
School of Law Curriculum
A student must complete 89 credit hours to graduate. That means an average of 14–15 credit hours each semester after completing your required first-year curriculum. The number of credit hours is listed below with each class.

### FIRST YEAR

**Fall Semester**
- LAW 103 Civil Procedure I (3 credits)
- LAW 111 Contracts I (3 credits)
- LAW 117 Legal Research and Writing I (2 credits)
- LAW 125 Property (4 credits)
- LAW 131 Torts (4 credits)

**Spring Semester**
- LAW 104 Civil Procedure II (3 credits)
- LAW 108 Constitutional Law (4 credits)
- LAW 112 Contracts II (3 credits)
- LAW 115 Criminal Law (3 credits)
- LAW 118 Legal Research and Writing II (3 credits)

### SECOND YEAR

**Fall Semester**
- LAW 105 Legal Research and Writing III (3 credits)
- Other Required and Elective Courses (8–15 credits)

**Spring Semester**
- Required and Electives Courses (10–17 credits)

**Required Second-year Courses**
(/student may take these courses in either semester)
- LAW 203 Professional Responsibility (3 credits)
- LAW 335 Business Associations (4 credits)
- LAW 341 Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- LAW 355 Evidence (3 credits)
- LAW 429 Commercial Law (3 credits)
- LAW 457 Trusts and Estates I (3–4 credits)

### THIRD YEAR

**Fall Semester**
- LAW 302 Comprehensive Review (3 credits)

**Spring Semester**
- Required and Electives Courses (10–17 credits)

LAW 302 Comprehensive Review

*“LAW 302 Comprehensive Review is recommended for all students. It is required for students in the bottom 1/3 of the class.”*
Our 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio means you can get to know your professors personally. Interaction is common and consistent. Building those relationships opens doors to new opportunities and experiences. We offer an extensive list of externships and through 150 hours in that legal learning environment, you can explore future career options and learn from professionals.

Academic Support
At Creighton Law, our students’ success is our top focus, and we provide several academic support resources to help you thrive, including:

Law School EDGE
EDGE Academic Success has partnered with the law school to provide a legal-focused program to help students make a successful transition from undergraduate to legal studies, including:
- A nine-week seminar that explores effective learning and academic management strategies
- Individual academic support
- Professional academic coaching
- Bar exam preparation
- Assisting with writing and legal analysis

Legal Writing Center
The Legal Writing Center is available to all Creighton law students who want to strengthen their legal writing. The Legal Writing Center is staffed by writing associates, who are third-year students selected through an application and interview process. The Legal Writing Center and its writing associates are supervised by the director of legal writing.

Mentor Program
Every incoming student is assigned both an upper-level student mentor and a faculty advisor. Student mentors guide first-year students through the ins and outs of the life of a law student. Your faculty advisor will assist you with a wide range of topics, including course scheduling, career tips and bar exam preparation questions.

Exam Preparation
At Creighton, many first-year law students take midterm exams. Midterm exams are worth a small percentage of a student’s grade and allow students to gauge their progress and understanding of the material before the final exam. All first-year law students may also take part in a seminar on how to take law school exams successfully.

Concentration
Law students wishing to specialize may pursue an area of emphasis as part of a JD degree. When you focus your education through a concentration option, you can focus on the areas of law you’re most passionate about. By choosing an area of emphasis, you’ll set yourself apart in the competitive job market.

At the end of your studies, you’ll do a substantial project, which might involve writing a paper, participating on a trial team, working in our legal clinics or participating in moot court.

Concentrations are offered in the following areas:
- Business Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Family Law
- Health Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Litigation
- Sports Law

Students have the option of earning more than one concentration.
JD/MS in Government Organization and Leadership (GOAL)

Students who participate in GOAL earn two degrees: a JD and a Master of Science (MS) in Government Organization and Leadership. The GOAL program will prepare you for leadership positions with government entities and the organizations that work closely with them. You’ll gain an invaluable mix of career-driven legal experience and professional subtleties that can’t be learned from a textbook.

The centerpiece of GOAL is an exciting practicum semester in your third year of law school, living and working in the nation’s capital. The full-time externship experience in Washington, D.C., provides 11 credits toward the GOAL degree. During the externship, you’ll secure five additional credits that may go toward the Juris Doctor degree.

Learn more: law.creighton.edu/goal

JD/MS in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (NCR)

Through the JD/MS in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, a joint program offered by Creighton School of Law and Creighton Graduate School, you’ll gain a comprehensive understanding of:

- The various dimensions of conflict
- The core competencies for effectively engaging in conflict situations in a constructive manner
- The collaborative process and working effectively with others to design conflict engagement processes across diverse groups

You’ll start your career with two graduate degrees that provide an essential skill set to advance you professionally while saving on tuition.

Learn more: gradschool.creighton.edu/msnrc

JD/MBA

With a JD from the law school and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Creighton’s Heider College of Business, you can bridge your passion for law with your excitement for business. The JD/MBA program allows you to complete both degrees in as little as three years. Benefits of the program include:

- Your Creighton degrees are built on a solid foundation of both law and business
- You’ll learn in small classes, enhancing your ability to interact with professors and peers
- You’ll have practical experiences outside of the classroom through externships and networking opportunities

Learn more: law.creighton.edu/mba-jd
Student Life and Competition Teams

Creighton University School of Law offers dozens of student organizations, from political and service organizations to student associations for women and those with ethnic and cultural interests. Students can learn more about our organizations at the Student Organization Fair each fall.

COMPETITION TEAMS
Another great way for law students to get involved is through our competition teams. Creighton law students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of successful competition teams led by expert faculty members that prepare students for the reality of trying cases in front of a courtroom. Students compete in national and regional competitions across the country and can choose from an array of competition teams to be involved with, including:

- American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division Arbitration
- ABA Law Student Client Counseling Competition
- Various moot court competitions
- National Trial Competition
- ABA-sponsored Negotiation Competition
- Trial Advocacy Competition

During school, law students have the opportunity to get involved in a variety of externships and judicial clerkships, thanks to the extensive alumni and legal network Creighton has built over the years.

Students by the Numbers
Looking at the school as a whole, law students come from 38 states, two U.S. territories and 156 undergraduate schools.

66% of our students are from states other than Nebraska.

23% of our students are students of color.
In an increasingly interconnected world, experiencing other cultures and other legal systems is enriching. Through the study abroad programs and service-learning programs at Creighton Law, you’ll enrich your legal education—and broaden your worldview—by being immersed in the culture of your host country.

Spain Student Exchange Program
The Creighton Law Student Exchange Program with our sister Jesuit law school in Spain, Universidad Pontifica Comillas de Madrid, gives Creighton students the opportunity to live and learn in Madrid—and to learn alongside Comillas students in their Creighton law classrooms. Students have an opportunity to expand their training in international and comparative law, particularly the laws of Spain and the European Union.

Ronald Volkmer Dominican Republic Immersion Trip
Through the Ronald Volkmer Dominican Republic Immersion Trip, Creighton Law students learn about the Dominican judicial system, participate in service projects, grow in their faith, and experience all aspects of Dominican life, law and culture.

For a full week in early January, about a dozen students and a Creighton law professor travel to the Dominican Republic. During their time, students visit the Supreme Court of the Dominican Republic and take field trips and perform service projects in and around Santiago.
Beyond Creighton’s campus, the University finds itself in the heartland of America, Omaha, Nebraska. With a population of nearly 1 million people in the metro area, Omaha offers a healthy mix of cosmopolitan sophistication and suburban relaxation. Described by WalletHub and Livability as one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live, Omaha is home to the headquarters of four Fortune 500 companies.

Omaha attracts people for the work and educational opportunities—and the cost of living is 8% lower than the national average (Council for Community and Economic Research). It’s convenient, too. Most everything in the city—including the airport—is a short drive from Creighton’s campus. In fact, Omaha is known for having a commute-to-work time under 20 minutes, lower than the national average.

The CHI Health Center Omaha, home to the NCAA Division I Creighton Bluejays men’s basketball team, also hosts a variety of other entertainment events from major rock concerts to the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials—all conveniently located just a few blocks east of campus. Next door to the CHI Health Center is TD Ameritrade Park, home to the NCAA College World Series, which is also home field for Creighton Bluejay baseball.

Omaha combines big city convenience with a small town feel and has the amenities to fit:

- A thriving food scene supported by some of the nation’s best local produce
- A long list of excellent public and private schools throughout the city
- Three entertainment districts, all within proximity of Creighton
- Great people
- World-class health care

No matter what you’re looking for, you’ll find it in Omaha.
Career Development Office

The Career Development Office (CDO) at Creighton Law is the “go-to” place for students’ career and professional development needs, offering resources for students and alumni.

The CDO works to support students through timely and targeted recruiting services, including:

- On-campus interviewing
- Resume and cover letter review
- The Lawyer Lunch program series, which puts you face-to-face with current practitioners
- An Interviewing Skills Panel, where local hiring attorneys tell you how to stand out

At the CDO, we strive to set the bar in terms of counseling, responsiveness, professional development, market analysis and employer outreach. Our faculty and professional staff includes lawyers with extensive practice experience. Drawing on their expertise, they work to prepare students to realize their professional ambitions. Whether they choose to work in firms across the U.S., work as public interest lawyers or pursue non-traditional legal positions, the CDO is dedicated to helping students meet their career objectives.

Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic

Through the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, our upper-level students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience managing real cases with real clients.

The Nebraska Supreme Court authorizes third-year law students to practice law under the supervision of clinic faculty and staff attorneys. Creighton law students learn valuable skills, substantive law, procedure and professionalism in the Abrahams Legal Clinic.

The clinic’s focus areas are domestic violence and housing law, but we will accept novel cases if deemed a good learning opportunity for students. Low-income Douglas County residents are eligible for legal services.

The clinic experience in the third year embodies critical thinking, effective communication and a commitment to community service. Senior certified law students move from the doctrinal setting to the office and the courtroom. The classroom component trains them in a variety of skills necessary for practice, gaining the skills and the confidence to represent and protect clients and their families from physical and emotional harm, from loss of housing and more in a variety of cases. Our clinic, at its best, can transform our law students, clients and the community as we work to provide access to justice.

“T“I chose Creighton Law School because the faculty and staff were truly dedicated to training and mentoring students. At Creighton, the professors go above and beyond to help each student achieve his or her dreams and goals.”
— Hallie Hamilton, BA’16
JD Candidate 2021

90.9%

of 2019 graduates were employed, in graduate school or not seeking a job within 10 months after graduation

97.3%

of the jobs held by our 2019 graduates required or strongly preferred a JD degree
Creighton University School of Law enrolls two first-year JD classes (one Accelerated JD program that starts in May and one traditional JD program that starts in August) each year. Applicants to Creighton University School of Law have several options to choose from when applying. Each option has its own requirements and characteristics. Please see law.creighton.edu for more information.

For an application to be complete, it must include:
- All transcripts
- LSAT scores from LSAC
- Your personal statement—no more than two double-spaced, typed pages
- Your resume—no more than three pages
- Explanations to affirmative answers to any character and fitness questions
- Your signature or electronic certification on the completed application
- Letters of recommendation
- Supplemental statements—such as explanation of low GPA or LSAT score (optional)

Documents should be submitted through LSAC. Our application for the fall 2021 entering class opened on September 1, 2020.

To be considered timely, an applicant for regular admission must:
1. Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) no later than February 2021. (Later tests will be considered, when possible.)
2. Register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS). This includes applicants presenting foreign credentials.
3. Complete the LSAC Electronic Application.
4. Submit your application by March 31, 2021 for priority scholarship consideration. The application deadline is July 1, 2021.

“There is a genuine concern from the faculty to produce outstanding lawyers, and they are willing to do what it takes to help accomplish that. The open-door policy has been critical to my success.”
—D. Addison Hunter, JD 20

“Along with being exposed to some of the finest professors and legal minds in the country, Creighton has instilled in me the passion to be a ‘person for others’ and to work for the betterment of all society. Choosing Creighton has been the best decision I have ever made.”
—Leonardo D. Garingan, JD Candidate 2021
“During my law school career, I was given many opportunities to connect and learn from nationally renowned attorneys and judges. Specifically, Christopher Darden, a prosecutor on the O.J. Simpson case; the former Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell; and United States Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, to name a few. I am glad I chose Creighton because of the connections I have made.”

—Jamel Walker, JD'20