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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
LAW SCHOOL



JOIN AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY OF UNIMAGINABLY TALENTED PEOPLE.

Our students converge on Ann Arbor from across the nation and around the globe. The real magic at Michigan Law is how extraordinary individuals form a community. The intimacy and energy of the Law School leads them to find close friends in their classmates—a development that few expect and that few law schools offer. At Michigan Law, students and faculty create an intellectually stimulating and close-knit community whose norms are rooted in respect and professionalism. Chalk it up to the vibrancy of Ann Arbor or the ambience of the Law Quad:

**MICHIGAN IS A PLACE THAT WILL SHAPE YOU
AS A LAWYER AND A PERSON.**

APPLY



APPLICATION FEE

\$75



REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 28

EARLY DECISION DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 15



REQUIRED MATERIALS

Completed application form

Letter(s) of recommendation
(one required, three recommended)

Résumé

Personal statement

OPTIONAL MATERIALS

Up to two additional essays
(from among a variety of topics)



TIPS, GUIDANCE, AND FAQs

michigan.law.umich.edu/apply

A2Z Vlog (search youtube.com/umichlaw)

law.jd.admissions@umich.edu

734.764.0537



FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

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JACINTA ONU, '25



Student-Attorney, Community Enterprise Clinic;
Development Co-chair, OUTlaws; Co-chair, Black
Law Students Association

“ I decided to get a JD/MBA because I’m interested in corporate mergers and acquisitions, which involves a lot of work with investment bankers. Developing those skills and gaining a better understanding of the industry will make me a better attorney. At Michigan, the business school and law school are **EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS**, with a straightforward process for dual degrees. So I get to have these two great degrees and am able to think about issues facing my clients from business and legal standpoints. ”

BE CAREER READY WITH A DEGREE FROM MICHIGAN LAW.

The proof lies in our expansive alumni network, whose members include managing partners at global law firms, public interest advocates, cabinet members and legislators in the United States and abroad, judges and justices on international and US courts, C-suite executives, academics, and more. Time and again, employers in all sectors tell us that they know hiring a Michigan Law graduate means hiring a smart, team-oriented leader. We will prepare you not just for your first job out of law school but for your entire career—and your global network of Michigan alumni and the resources of our Office of Career Planning always will be available to guide you, whatever your next step might be.

LEARN MORE:

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A MICHIGAN LAW EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE,

and our dedicated counselors in the Office of Financial Aid will work with you throughout the application process and your time on campus to identify the resources, including scholarships, summer funding, and our Debt Management Program (LRAP), that will help you achieve your goals.

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GUARANTEED

SUMMER FUNDING FOR ALL 1Ls,
regardless of job sector, and for
all 2Ls working in government
and public interest

\$5M

IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
IS AVAILABLE TO EACH 1L CLASS

75-80%

OF MICHIGAN LAW STUDENTS RECEIVE
STAFFORD OR GRAD PLUS LOANS

INCOME-BASED DEBT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

10

YEARS YOU CAN
RECEIVE SUPPORT

250+

PEOPLE PARTICIPATE
IN THE PROGRAM

\$103,808

INCOME CAP FOR
PARTICIPATION

(up to 175% of federal
GS-11 pay scale)

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Michigan Law will cover, depending on your income, all or part of your required monthly federal loan payment as long as your loans are enrolled in one of the federal government's eligible income-driven repayment plans.

WHO IS COVERED?

In 2023–2024, most participants with an income of up to \$88,979 (150% of federal GS-11 payscale) had payments fully covered. Those with incomes up to \$103,808 (up to 175% of GS-11) received partial coverage on a sliding scale.

WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE COVERED?

Any job that is full-time, paid, and law-related (including jobs that aren't public interest!) will be covered.

WILL I BE REQUIRED TO REPAY ANY OF THE SUPPORT I RECEIVE IF I DON'T PARTICIPATE FOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS?

No. You can participate for as little as one year or as many as 10 years. Those years do not have to be consecutive.

WILL MY LOANS BE FORGIVEN?

The federal government offers public service loan forgiveness for certain eligible public service jobs after 10 years of on-time payment. Our program can, depending on a graduate's job type, dovetail with Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), though eligible employment for our program is broader than federal PSLF eligibility.

It will not surprise you that this program and federal loan repayment and forgiveness options are complicated, and we can't include every detail here. Some details are fine print; others are extra benefits. For more information, please visit our website or contact us at lawfinaid@umich.edu.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE LAWYER'S LIFE.

The core of the Michigan Law experience is rigorous doctrinal training, complemented by the critical development of practical skills. The individualized instruction of our Academic Writing Support Program and our required Legal Practice Program will help you hone your expertise in legal research, analysis, writing, oral advocacy, and negotiation. Our 1L advocacy clinic allows second-semester 1Ls to practice before an administrative law judge even before their first summer jobs. And because Michigan is one of only a handful of states that allows students to represent clients in court after their 1L year, our upper-level clinical program is exceptionally robust; we guarantee at least one clinic to every 2L and 3L student. You also can contribute to a student-managed journal, lead a student organization, experience a full-time or part-time externship at a wide range of nonprofit and government employers, or devote yourself to a specific cause through our Pro Bono Program. Or all of the above!

RINA ZHANG, '25



Managing Online Editor, *Michigan Law Review*,
3L Representative, Asian Pacific American Law
Students Association

“ Before law school, I had never worked in a legal setting, so I **VALUED MY EXPERIENCE** in the 1L Advocacy Clinic. I was a guardian ad litem, working to determine what was in the best interests of a child. I also gained an understanding of basic elements of practice, like court procedures. And I really appreciated collaborating with a clinical professor, understanding how he thought about legal issues, and hearing his feedback. I chose the firm where I worked my 2L summer partly because of its commitment to pro bono, and I can see myself doing family law work on a pro bono basis in the future. ”

GAIN COMPREHENSIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE LAW.

Michigan is not merely a top law school. It is part of a comprehensive research university that, over the course of two centuries, has earned a worldwide reputation for academic excellence and an unmatched commitment to discovery. Working with brilliant minds in business, engineering, medicine, public health, and more, we have taken a multidisciplinary approach to complex problem solving that addresses today's challenges and anticipates tomorrow's. To supplement their study of the law and its applications, we encourage our students to explore all that U-M offers—including through a formal dual-degree program or an ad-hoc one that you design, or simply by taking up to 12 credits outside the Law Quad in any field of graduate work. Or, in the Quad, take law classes from faculty with interdisciplinary approaches, including our experiential Problem Solving Initiative.

COLE NEWCOMB, '25



Executive Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, Research Assistant and Student-Attorney, Human Trafficking Clinic + Lab; Volunteer, Syrian Accountability Project and International Refugee Assistance Project

“ I’ve learned from international law experts in the classroom and from individuals personally grappling with human rights struggles abroad. Their guidance has equipped me with the **TOOLS AND PERSPECTIVE** to join the community trying to solve pressing problems around the world—particularly those related to global inequality and human dignity. I am so grateful I have been able to apply the knowledge I’ve gained to my semesters working in South Africa and Pakistan, and with a student organization working on global human rights and war crimes accountability. ”

STUDY AT THE PLACE THAT WROTE THE BOOK ON INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW.

Or more precisely—many books. Our faculty are globally recognized experts on all the major economies outside the United States as well as transnational challenges such as refugees and human trafficking. They have served on the European Court of Justice, advised the United Nations on prosecuting the Khmer Rouge and civil rights violators in Sri Lanka, and much more. But you won’t just *learn* about global law; you can *experience* it. Whether you’re participating in an international externship, interning in a global law firm or NGO, studying abroad in one of our established programs, or working in one of our clinics involving cross-border issues, your affiliation with Michigan Law will open doors around the world.



CLASS STATISTICS

2024 INCOMING CLASS (ESTIMATE AS OF JULY 9)

APPLIED
6,500

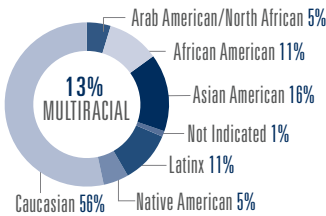
ENROLLED
320

MEDIAN GPA
3.86

MEDIAN LSAT
171



48% WOMEN
50% MEN
2% NONBINARY



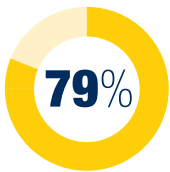
Percentages of minoritized students include students who self-identify in more than one racial category.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE

13%

LGBTQ+
25%

1 OR MORE YEARS OFF AFTER UNDERGRAD



MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

22%

STATES REPRESENTED



plus DC, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



THE INCOMING CLASS INCLUDES

1
PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER

36
ADVANCED
DEGREE HOLDERS

3
CITY YEAR
ALUMNI

13
MILITARY
VETERANS

6
FULBRIGHT
SCHOLARS

1
TRUMAN
SCHOLAR

STUDENT LIFE



70+

**STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS**

ABOUT HALF
OF THE 1L CLASS LIVES
IN THE LAWYERS CLUB



8

**STUDENT-RUN
JOURNALS**

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

OVERSEAS EXTERNSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



STUDY ABROAD

Amsterdam Law School
Bucerius Law School (Hamburg)
European University Institute (Florence)
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
KU Leuven (Belgium)
University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law
Waseda University Law School (Tokyo)

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS/ INTERNSHIPS

AIRE Centre Internship (London)
Geneva Externship Program
Law and Development Program
(Cambodia, Namibia)
South Africa Externship Program

HANDS-ON LAWYERING

53

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM SOLVING INITIATIVE COURSES

in the past seven years have covered topics that include climate change, targeted surveillance, fake news, and slavery and the built environment

AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRO BONO
PROGRAM EACH YEAR

200+

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO GET THEIR
FIRST OR SECOND CLINIC CHOICES



17 CLINICS

All Michigan Law students who want a clinic placement are guaranteed one.

- 1L Advocacy Clinic
- Business and Human Rights Lab
- Child Advocacy Law Clinic
- Child Welfare Appellate Clinic
- Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Litigation Initiative
- Community Enterprise Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
- Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic
- Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Human Trafficking Clinic + Lab
- International Transactions Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Michigan Innocence Clinic
- Pediatric Advocacy Clinic
- Zell Entrepreneurship Clinic

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL encourages interested students to pursue dual degrees in law and other areas of study, and provides significant opportunities for doing so. In obtaining a dual degree, students can benefit from the reputation and prestige not only of Michigan Law but of the University as a whole, with more than 100 top-rated schools and departments; act on their personal intellectual interests; maximize the interdisciplinary perspective of a Michigan Law education; broaden their career options; and enhance their attractiveness to potential employers. To make the dual-degree option even more realistic—and convenient—the Law School is located at the heart of the University campus, with the schools of business, social work, education, and public policy located within one block, and others within easy walking distance.

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DUAL DEGREES OFFERED

18+ 

- Business Administration
- Economics
- Environment and Sustainability
- Information
- International and Regional Studies (African; Islamic; Middle East and North African; South Asian; Chinese; Japanese; Russian, East European, and Eurasian; and Southeast Asian Studies)
- Public Health (MPH, MHSA)
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Urban and Regional Planning
- World Politics

WE ALSO ALLOW YOU TO DESIGN YOUR OWN

Recent student-created dual degrees blended the study of law with graduate programs in American culture, education, geology, history, kinesiology, and philosophy.

 **110**
TOP 10

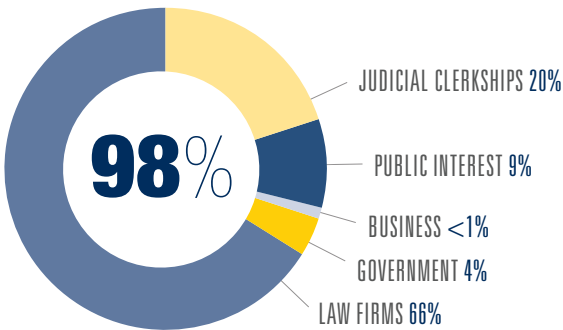
GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

PERCENTAGE OF THE
STUDENT BODY THAT TAKES
CLASSES OUTSIDE THE LAW
SCHOOL IN A GIVEN YEAR

20%

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES WHO WERE
EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION
10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION



10

ATTORNEY-COUNSELORS WHO COLLECTIVELY
HAVE NEARLY 70 YEARS OF DIVERSE PRACTICE
EXPERIENCE IN THE LARGEST LEGAL MARKETS
IN THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS

125

CLERKSHIPS SECURED ANNUALLY (2021–2023 AVERAGE)

500+

FIRMS PARTICIPATED IN THE OFFICE OF CAREER
PLANNING'S ORGANIZED INTERVIEW PROGRAMS IN 2023

19

AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS PER 2L
DURING SUMMER 2023

MOST POPULAR MARKETS
(CLASS OF 2023)



NEW YORK
26%



WASHINGTON, DC
15%



ILLINOIS
12%



CALIFORNIA
10%



MICHIGAN
10%

ALUMNI NETWORK



22,000+

MICHIGAN LAW ALUMNI
CONNECTIONS



82

COUNTRIES
WHERE MLAW ALUMNI
ARE LIVING



**AT MICHIGAN, OUR PEOPLE AND APPROACH
SET US APART.**

You'll receive exceptional teaching in the foundations of the law along with the practical training you need to make a lasting impact on society. But Michigan Law is more than academics and opportunity. Bonds formed here last a lifetime because our students and faculty believe that one person's success doesn't have to come at someone else's expense. Our collaborative pursuit of excellence makes us better scholars and lawyers and creates a law school **EXPERIENCE THAT STAYS WITH YOU FOREVER.**

So as you think about law school, consider not just where but how and with whom you want to spend the next three years.

Think Michigan.

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