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 ambiance of the Law Quad: MICHIGAN IS A PLACE THAT WILL SHAPE YOU AS A LAWYER AND A PERSON.
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. Michigan is one of only a handful of states that allows students to represent clients in court after the 1L year, so we offer the 1L Advocacy Clinic, which allows second-semester 1Ls to begin lawyering even before their first summer jobs. Moreover, 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!

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 never venture out, instead taking law classes from faculty with interdisciplinary perspectives and approaches, including our experiential Problem Solving Initiative.

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Executive Editor, Michigan Technology Law Review; Latinx Law Students Association; Peer Tutoring Program

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I wanted to work in international law when applying to law school but wasn’t quite sure in which capacity. The breadth of resources at Michigan enabled me to explore these interests and chart my own path. The Michigan network helped me obtain a summer internship at a law firm in Brazil, where I learned more about international commercial law and practiced my Portuguese. Michigan also helped me devise a dual degree program with an Italian law school to study European business law.

As a result of the **UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES** afforded to me as a Michigan Law student, I secured a job with a law firm in London, where I plan to focus on cross-border transactions.

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.

STUDY AT THE PLACE THAT WROTE THE BOOK ON INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW.
I have been fortunate to participate in two different clinics—the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic. Both gave me **THE CHANCE TO HELP** underrepresented communities and to do some of the things I said I wanted to do in my law school application. I’m headed to a law firm after graduation, so I was glad to scratch my public interest itch so early in my legal career.

**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 U.S. 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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CLASS STATISTICS

2022 INCOMING CLASS (ESTIMATE AS OF JUNE 30)

APPLIED 6,300
ENROLLED 320

MEDIAN GPA 3.84
MEDIAN LSAT 171

48% WOMEN
50% MEN
2% NEITHER

RACIAL COMPOSITION

16% Multiracial
Asian American 28%
African American 11%
Native American 4%
Latino 11%
Not Indicated 2%
Caucasian 56%
Total percentage includes students who self-identify in more than one category.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE 14%

LGBTQ+ 24%

1 OR MORE YEARS OFF AFTER UNDERGRAD 75%

MICHIGAN RESIDENTS 20%

STATES REPRESENTED 44

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED 15

plus D.C. and Puerto Rico

THE INCOMING CLASS INCLUDES

1 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
5 TEACH FOR AMERICA ALUMNI
4 CITY YEAR ALUMNI
8 MILITARY VETERANS
4 FULLBRIGHT SCHOLARS

STUDENT LIFE

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

70+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

44 CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM SOLVING INITIATIVE COURSES
in the past five 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+

17 CLINICS
All Michigan Law students who want a clinic placement are guaranteed one.
- 1L Advocacy Clinic
- Child Advocacy Law Clinic
- Child Welfare Appellate Clinic
- Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Litigation Initiative
- Community Enterprise Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic
- Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Human Trafficking Clinic
- International Transactions Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Michigan Innocence Clinic
- Pediatric Advocacy Clinic
- Veterans Legal Clinic

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS THAT GET THEIR FIRST OR SECOND CLINIC CHOICES
100%
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 that 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

- 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
- 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 2021 GRADUATES WHO WERE EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

- Judicial Clerkships: 17%
- Public Interest: 13%
- Business: 2%
- Government: 4%
- Academia: <1%
- Law Firms: 60%

MOST POPULAR MARKETS (CLASS OF 2021)

- New York: 24%
- Washington, D.C.: 13%
- California: 12%
- Illinois: 11%
- Michigan: 8%

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

117 CLERKSHIPS SECURED ANNUALLY (2019–2021 AVERAGE)

530 OFFICES PARTICIPATED IN EARLY INTERVIEW WEEK (EIW) IN AUGUST 2021

18 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS PER STUDENT DURING EIW 2021

ALUMNI NETWORK

22,000+ MICHIGAN LAW ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

82 COUNTRIES WHERE MLAW ALUMNI ARE LIVING
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

300+ PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM

$97,572 INCOME CAP FOR PARTICIPATION (up to 175% of federal GS-11 payscale)

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

WHO IS COVERED?
In 2021–2022, most participants with an income of up to $83,634 (150% of federal GS-11 payscale) had payments fully covered. Those with incomes up to $97,572 (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.
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
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734.764.0537

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
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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.