



SEATTLEU

SCHOOL OF LAW



Our Seattle U Law community

is an extraordinary one that welcomes wonderfully diverse and well-rounded students, and educates them with a student-centered and cutting-edge curriculum rooted in Jesuit ideals of rigorous inquiry, excellence, and social justice. We graduate leaders of the legal profession and of our society as a whole. For 50 years, we have developed sought-after graduates known for their talent and tenacity, and have cultivated a dynamic community of students and alumni renowned throughout the nation and the world as passionate practitioners committed to justice, equity, and excellence.



ANTHONY E. VARONA
DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW



“Seattle University is not the kind of law school that asks you to check your deepest commitments at the door. Instead, it challenges you to sharpen your understanding of them and to become an advocate with integrity.”

PRESIDENT EDUARDO PEÑALVER



HERE'S HOW SEATTLE U LAW CAN BENEFIT YOU



TOP-RANKED LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM

GIVING STUDENTS THE
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO ANALYZE,
WRITE, AND ADVOCATE FOR CLIENTS



NATIONALLY RENOWNED CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

WHERE STUDENTS HELP CLIENTS
RESOLVE ACTUAL LEGAL ISSUES



500+
EXTERNSHIP SITES
THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON STATE,
THE U.S., AND THE WORLD



ONE OF NATION'S **MOST
DIVERSE LAW STUDENT
BODIES**, WITH A STRONG
COMMITMENT TO
ENHANCING DIVERSITY,
EQUITY, AND INCLUSION
WITHIN THE PROFESSION



EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY
WHO ARE OUTSTANDING
TEACHERS, POWERFUL
ADVOCATES, AND TOP
SCHOLARS IN THEIR FIELDS



**DYNAMIC GUEST
SPEAKERS AND
SPECIAL EVENTS**
TO KEEP STUDENTS
INSPIRED THROUGHOUT
LAW SCHOOL



FLEX JD PROGRAM,
OFFERING A PART
TIME SCHEDULE IN A
HYBRID ONLINE FORMAT
FOR STUDENTS WITH
JOBS AND FAMILIES



**RENOWNED ACCESS
ADMISSION PROGRAM**
PROVIDING LIFE-CHANGING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STUDENTS FROM
UNDERREPRESENTED
COMMUNITIES



**MOST COMPREHENSIVE
INDIAN LAW PROGRAM**
IN THE PACIFIC
NORTHWEST



**ROBUST ACADEMIC
RESOURCE CENTER,**
PROVIDING SUPPORT
SO ALL STUDENTS
CAN SUCCEED



**ADVANCED COURSES
IN TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION LAW** TO
PREPARE STUDENTS FOR
THE MODERN JOB MARKET



**ENGAGED AND
WELL-CONNECTED
ALUMNI NETWORK**
EAGER TO SUPPORT
STUDENTS IN LAW
SCHOOL AND BEYOND

YOU BELONG HERE

SEATTLE U
SCHOOL OF LAW

BY THE

NUMBERS



681

TOTAL JD STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

513 / 75%

FULL TIME STUDENTS

168 / 25%

PART TIME STUDENTS



\$56,340

2023-24 TUITION
(\$1,878 per credit)

2023 FIRST-YEAR ENROLLMENT



29

AVERAGE
STUDENT AGE



214

STUDENTS IN
FALL 2023 CLASS



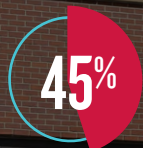
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COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES
REPRESENTED

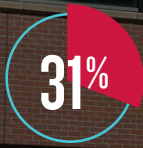


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STATES
REPRESENTED



BIPOC



FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS



WOMEN

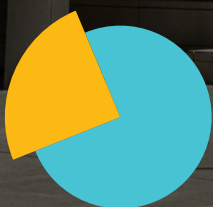


MEN



NON-BINARY

31% LGBTQ+



159 / 74%

FULL TIME

55 / 26%

FLEX JD

LSAT MEDIAN

152

157

160

GPA MEDIAN

3.14

3.49

3.74

GRE scores accepted in lieu of the LSAT.

Information on this page is correct as of publication date.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Our approach to legal education is centered on our students and driven by our values. We believe lawyers are helpers. We believe law is a tool for social change. We believe one person can make a difference, and we believe that one person is you.

You'll undertake a rigorous course of academic study, with our accomplished faculty and staff there to support and guide you every step of the way. A sense of purpose, combined with a focus on practical lawyering skills, produces graduates who are both compassionate and highly capable. You'll gain the essential skills you need to practice law and advance equity, dignity, and justice at home and around the world.

Camaraderie is a hallmark of our law school. Your classmates will be your biggest champions and your friends for life.



“Seattle U Law educates and empowers law students to not only see the world as it really is, but to have the courage to challenge our systems and the underlying assumptions so that justice is fully realized in the here and now. Seattle U Law is where I find our greatest advocates for equality and justice.”

JUSTICE MARY I. YU, WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT
DISTINGUISHED JURIST IN RESIDENCE AT SEATTLE U LAW





KNOWLEDGE SKILLS VALUES

At Seattle University School of Law, you'll receive a comprehensive legal education from leading scholars, public intellectuals, and seasoned practitioners by learning to analyze problems from every angle, as only a lawyer can (and must).

And while you build your critical thinking abilities, we'll also teach you practical skills, so you'll be truly ready to practice after graduating.

OUR **LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM** IS NATIONALLY RENOWNED. WHY?

- › Innovative curriculum, where students work with actual clients in their first year
- › Faculty who are respected leaders in the field
- › One-on-one attention and coaching
- › Integrated skills courses

LAW.SEATTLEU.EDU/LEGALWRITING

"I specifically chose Seattle U Law because of the Legal Writing Program. As an advocate, I understood how crucial it was to also have the tools necessary to become a highly effective legal writer. I am confident Seattle U Law is going to prepare me to master critical research and writing skills."

JASMINE SALGUERO, CLASS OF 2024

DEGREE OPTIONS

CHOOSE THE PROGRAM THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

Juris Doctor (JD)

- › Full-time or part-time Flex JD
- › Start in summer or fall
- › Daytime and evening classes

Master of Laws Program (LLM)

- › American Legal Studies
- › Technology and Innovation

Master of Legal Studies (MLS) for non-lawyers

- › Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
- › Health Law
- › General Studies
- › Sports Law

Fully online programs

- › Compliance and Risk Management
- › Sports Law Compliance

Doctor of Juridical Science Program (SJD)

- › Individually tailored advanced legal study

Joint Degree options in:

- › Business Administration
- › Finance
- › Public Administration
- › Professional Accounting
- › Sport and Entertainment Management
- › Criminal Justice



"I was drawn to Seattle U's focus on social justice, as well as the ability to enroll in the Flex JD Program so that I could continue to work part-time. The Flex JD cohort is made up of generous, thoughtful, and impressive classmates who support each other, hold Seattle U to a high standard, and make me laugh every day. I look forward to having them as peers long after we graduate."

HEATHER MALCOLM, CLASS OF 2024

FLEX JD FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

Our innovative hybrid format allows students to complete most coursework online, making a JD accessible for those with jobs and families, and those who live outside the Seattle area.

- › Complete this year-round program in just 3.5 years.
- › Courses and curriculum combine weekly live online sessions with carefully designed elements that can be undertaken on your own schedule.
- › Exceptional faculty teach a balanced curriculum that emphasizes both legal theory and practical skills.
- › Flex JD students have access to clinics, externships, and student organizations for a well-rounded education.
- › Five weekend campus visits per year build camaraderie and community.

ALUMNI IMPACT

Seattle University School of Law has the highest number of alumni selected as Super Lawyers or Rising Stars of any law school in the Pacific Northwest.

As of 2022, Seattle U Law had a total of 1,133 alumni on the two lists of honorees, based on an online database from 2003 to the present day.

ALUMNI IN WASHINGTON STATE



268

MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIARY*

*Past and present



107

ATTORNEYS IN ATTORNEY
GENERALS OFFICE



487

LAW FIRM PARTNERS/
MEMBERS*

*Does not include solo practitioners
and managing partners.



111

COUNTY PROSECUTORS



20

COUNTY PUBLIC
DEFENDERS

Many Seattle U Law alumni hold leadership positions at influential Fortune 500 companies, including **Microsoft**, **The Boeing Company**, **Amazon**, **T-Mobile**, **Starbucks**, and **Expedia**.



"Lawyers and law students are traditionally taught that impact is measured by winning your case or closing a deal. Seattle U Law provided the educational and experiential foundation to expand my definition of impact to include empathy and compassion. I now look at how my clients and the communities I represent define what is impactful to them."

JEFF LIANG, CLASS OF 2007
PARTNER, KELLER ROHRBACK L.L.P.

→→→ HIGHEST # OF ALUMNI

selected as **Super Lawyers** or **Rising Stars**
of any PNW law school

*Based on online database from 2003 to present day.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

Our **Technology, Innovation Law, and Ethics (TILE) Program** prepares you to help guide the development and implementation of current and future technologies. The program offers a solid grounding in the legal disciplines and ethical principles needed to practice in this evolving area of the law.

- › More than 30 tech-focused courses and legal clinics
- › Dozens of internships and externships at leading tech companies
- › Multiple student organizations
- › Student-run Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental & Innovation Law
- › Professional opportunities

The **Family Law Center** provides students with the knowledge and training they need to mobilize on behalf of domestic violence survivors seeking protection orders. The center also stages virtual and on-site clinics to help families with parenting plans and dissolution petitions. Additionally, the center engages students in research and policy advocacy in the area of reproductive justice.



Legal writing students, under the guidance of Professor Deirdre Bowen and alumni who practice immigration law, volunteered their time to help Ukrainian refugees assemble the required materials to apply for asylum in the United States.

Recognized by National Jurist as a top school for **International Law**, Seattle U Law offers programs that prepare you to practice in an increasingly global profession. And, given our location in Seattle – a worldwide hub of technology and innovation – Seattle U Law is an ideal place for foreign students to study.

- › Deep roster of talented international law faculty
- › Partnerships with several universities in India
- › Germany exchange program
- › Highly regarded International Human Rights Clinic

The two-year Global Accelerated JD Program is designed for foreign-trained lawyers who wish to qualify for licensing exams in all 50 U.S. states.

FIND YOUR FOCUS

- › **Four student-run law journals** help you improve your writing and research skills while instilling self-discipline and analytical proficiency.
- › Activities such as **moot court, mock trial, alternative dispute resolution**, and **client counseling competitions** develop critical lawyering skills.
- › Our **Semester in Olympia program** takes you where the action is; you'll learn from legislators and policymakers in the state's capital.
- › Dozens of student organizations provide opportunities to explore everything from artificial intelligence to cannabis law.



“We’re teaching students to think about what their vision of justice might be and how they might serve that as a lawyer when they graduate.”

PROFESSOR DEBORAH AHRENS


“I’m thankful for Seattle University School of Law, where I was blessed to explore my full self. It is truly the professors and staff who make the experience. They work tirelessly to prepare us for a future beyond our vision. I am grateful for the lessons, advice, and extra time they gave.”

ARCHIE ROUNDTREE, JR., CLASS OF 2018
EQUITY ATTORNEY, JUSTICE IN AGING



TOP LAW SCHOOL
in the PNW
for Academic Impact

*2023 Forward Looking Academic Impact
Rankings for U.S. Law Schools.



“Growing up, I thought lawyers were like superheroes. People seemed to go to them when they needed help. And somehow, they always knew the answers.”

ZULEN PANTOJA-ORTEGA,
CLASS OF 2024

TAKE ON REAL CASES

Along with rigorous classroom instruction, you'll have ample hands-on opportunities to strengthen your advocacy abilities.

- › **Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic**, one of the country's top clinical programs, is a pro bono law firm within the law school. Under a professor's supervision, students represent clients with real cases. Clinics focus on workers' rights, immigration, trademark law, criminal justice, and many other subjects.
- › Our wide-ranging **Externship Program** places you in supervised work settings with advocacy organizations, government offices, and courts in Seattle and across the world.

LAW.SEATTLEU.EDU/CLINIC

LAW.SEATTLEU.EDU/EXTERNSHIP



“I had the chance to conduct interviews, file legal documents, and attend a hearing — all while establishing rapport with my client. It was an extremely rewarding experience, and I will always look back at my time in law school and remember my very first client.”

RAMA BANKESLY, CLASS OF 2024



Inspired by their experiences representing low-wage workers, students in our Workers' Rights Clinic drafted and championed a bill to deter employers from illegally withholding pay from employees, a practice known as wage theft. Clinic students James Stafford and David Fernández Antelo (shown here) watched Gov. Jay Inslee sign the bill into law in April 2023.

PUT YOUR EDUCATION TO WORK

Seattle U Law has the most extensive alumni network in the Pacific Northwest. Our graduates, 12,000+ strong, are defenders, prosecutors, and judges. They are partners and associates at large and small firms. They fight global disease, serve marginalized communities, and launch innovative tech startups. They work in important roles across the nation and around the world. No matter where you practice after graduation, our alumni will warmly welcome you into this vibrant community of legal professionals.

- › Career counselors in our Center for Professional Development care as much about your legal career as you do and will work with you one-on-one to ensure your success.
- › More than 150 employers visit campus throughout the year to meet and interview our students to fill job and internship openings.
- › We co-host the region's largest public service career fair.
- › Our popular Summer Institute for Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (SITIE) features visits to the region's leading technology employers.
- › We'll connect you with one of our supportive alumni mentors in your first year.

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WHERE NEW GRADUATES WORK

*Class of 2022



“The Seattle U community has shown me that the legal profession has many fierce advocates of justice. It is comforting to know that I am never alone in both struggles and celebrations.”

KANANI PALAFOX, CLASS OF 2023

ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE

Our Jesuit tradition infuses your legal education with a sense of purpose and a call to action. Seattle U Law's core social justice mission is reflected in what and how our faculty teach as well as in our clinics, curriculum, student organizations, and centers. We believe in the power of attorneys to advance justice for marginalized and underserved communities.

The Access to Justice Institute (ATJI) supports the law school's social justice mission with programs for students and alumni. ATJI coordinates our award-winning Moderate Means Program, hosts a weekly Social Justice Monday event, spearheads the Pro Bono Pledge and Pro Bono Week efforts, and matches students with skill-building volunteer opportunities to help underserved communities.

Our innovative Incubator Program offers support and mentorship to a select group of entrepreneurial alumni so they can form their own small or solo practices that include affordable services for low- and moderate-income clients.

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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
**PUBLIC INTEREST
LAW FOUNDATION**

The Public Interest Law Foundation helps students fulfill their passion for helping others by awarding summer grants for unpaid internships at nonprofit organizations and government agencies.



YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR MISSION

Our acclaimed Access Admission Program creates a path to rewarding legal careers for students from disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. We believe that the potential of these students is better measured by their persistence, triumph over obstacles, and intellectual curiosity than by traditional test scores and GPAs.

Our robust Academic Resource Center (ARC) offers academic support and the tools – including workshops, study sessions, and individual counseling – to help all students succeed. Despite the rigors of law school, ARC can help build confidence and your sense of belonging as you prepare to join the legal profession.

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"The mission of the school to provide a legal education founded in serving others, improving communities, and fiercely promoting access to justice put Seattle U Law head and shoulders above any other school I might have been considering."

**MIKE PARKER,
CLASS OF 2025**

#1

BEST STATE IN
THE COUNTRY

U.S. News & World Report 2021

#1

BEST CITY FOR JOB
OPPORTUNITIES

LinkedIn, 2021

#3

BEST PLACES TO
LIVE IN THE U.S.Forbes Best Cities for Young
Professionals, 2023

#5

BEST CITIES TO
START A CAREER

Wallethub, 2022

#6

BEST PERFORMING
CITIES (LARGE CITIES)

Milken Institute, 2022

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY TO
DOWNTOWN COMMUTE TIME

20 MIN



13 MIN



10 MIN



5 MIN

COMPANIES THAT CALL THE PUGET SOUND HOME

ALASKA AIRLINES*

AMAZON*

COSTCO*

EDDIE BAUER

EXPEDIA*

EXPEDITORS
INTERNATIONAL*

F5 NETWORKS

FILSON

BILL & MELINDA
GATES FOUNDATION

GETTY IMAGES

MICROSOFT*

NINTENDO

NORDSTROM*

PACCAR*

REDFIN

REI

STARBUCKS*

SUB POP RECORDS

TABLEAU

T-MOBILE

VULCAN, INC

WEYERHAEUSER*

ZILLOW

*Fortune 500 company



4,028

HIKING TRAILS



1.3 MILLION

SEATTLE AREA
ACTIVE HIKERS
IN 2022

3,000+

WATERFALLS IN
WASHINGTON STATESeattle University
School of Law



STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

The School of Law is situated in the heart of Seattle's legal and business community, near major law firms, federal and state courthouses, government offices, Fortune 500 company headquarters, and more.



Seattle University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideology or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran in the administration of any of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, and other school-administered policies and programs, or in its employment related policies and practices. In addition, the University does not discriminate on the basis of genetic information in its employment related policies and practices, including coverage under its health benefits program. All University policies, practices and procedures are administered in a manner consistent with Seattle University's Catholic and Jesuit identity and character. Inquiries relating to these policies may be referred to the University's Assistant Vice President for Institutional Equity/Chief Equal Employment Opportunity Officer/Title IX Coordinator at 206 220 8515 or katahira@seattleu.edu. Consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, Seattle University has designated individuals responsible for coordinating the University's Title IX compliance. Students or employees with concerns or complaints about discrimination on the basis of sex in employment or an education program or activity may contact the following Title IX coordinator or Title IX contact persons: Andrea Herrera Katahira, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Equity, Chief Equal Employment Opportunity Officer/Title IX Coordinator, LOYA 300, 206 220 8515, katahira@seattleu.edu; Michele Murray, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Development, STCN 140B, 206 296 6066, mmurray@seattleu.edu; Michelle Clements, Vice President for Human Resources, RINA 214, 206 296-5869, clements@seattleu.edu. Individuals may also contact the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education. To learn more information about Seattle University's policies, please visit seattleu.edu/policies.





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"Seattle University School of Law will teach you not only how to be a great lawyer, but how to be a strong and exceptional advocate. A great lawyer can formulate successful legal arguments that produce results. A great advocate, though, understands that one of their most important duties is to know their clients' stories intimately and work tirelessly to ensure their clients' voices are heard."

TWYLA CARTER, CLASS OF 2007

ATTORNEY-IN-CHIEF AND CEO, THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NEW YORK CITY

"Seattle University School of Law is a dynamic community. The relationships I made at Seattle University School of Law have had a deep impact on my professional and personal life."

JEFF FARRAH, CLASS OF 2007

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

