We are deeply committed to creating a fair, just and vibrant society, locally and globally.

We believe in the power of a high-quality legal education, not just for the benefit of the individual, but for the countless people each lawyer — including you — will serve during your lifetime.

We are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming learning environment so that all students thrive.

We are innovative, compassionate and skilled problem solvers. Our community looks forward to helping you channel your incredible assets to become leaders in law, business and public policy.

The University of Washington acknowledges the Coast Salish peoples of this land, the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations.*
Law is human service of the highest order. Our role as lawyers is to make it possible for people to survive — and thrive — in an extraordinarily complex world.

WILLIAM H. GATES SR, CLASS OF 1950
CO-CHAIR, BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
2000–2020 (R 2020)

THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND CREATING IMPACT.

At UW Law, you will set new standards for excellence and innovation in the legal community and, in the process, make a positive and lasting impact in Washington and the world. Your success in law school is critical to this work, and we are dedicated to doing all we can to help you be successful.

UNPACK YOUR IMPACT
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

WE’RE WITH YOU

The Office of Law Student Life has a dedicated team that is here to assist you with all matters related to student life at UW Law.

Students can receive support related to academic, personal and administrative issues from the Associate Dean for Students, the Manager of Student Life and the Mental Health Therapist. The Law Student Life team serves as liaisons between students and the UW Law administration and faculty to ensure a positive student experience. Students are encouraged to reach out to lawstudentlife@uw.edu with any question or concern they may have about their law school experience, including:

- Academic support
- Adjusting to law school
- Course selection
- Managing stress and mental health concerns
- Referrals for disability accommodations
- Student leadership
- Wellness and self care

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMS

UW Law’s Academic Success Programs support the academic development of all students from the moment they begin preparing for a successful start to law school all the way through the bar exam. The program works with students to realize their full potential and become expert learners by utilizing workshops, small group sessions, and individual appointments throughout the year.

law.uw.edu/student-life

left to right: View of the Jeffrey and Susan Brotman Galleria at William H. Gates Hall (1L); students walking along Memorial Way; students collaborate in the Pre-Trial Practice course; student working in the American Legal System and Method course.
RESPECTIVE CURRICULUM

With almost 200 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 that supports the evolving needs of the community.

We emphasize thorough analysis of cases, statutes and other legal materials, as well as an in-depth understanding of the structure and operation of the legal system.

Starting in Spring 2023, first-year J.D. students will choose among a slate of perspectives or global law courses.

Perspectives courses reflect our commitment to a pluralistic examination of law and the analysis of the legal system and legal doctrine through a critical lens. Perspectives courses allow students to examine the role of law in both creating and remedying injustice, explore how legal doctrine structure power relations, or highlight how various segments of a population are differently affected by the content and operation of the legal system.

Global law courses reflect our commitment to examining law in a changing transnational environment, understanding our legal system exists among multiple legal systems and approaches, and complex systems of transnational and international law. Global law courses increase student understanding of international business, transactions, international law, and human rights and social issues related to international relations.

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TOP-RANKED SCHOOL

#1 LAW SCHOOL IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
U.S. News & World Report

Top 25% AMONG ALL ABA-ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS IN U.S.
U.S. News & World Report

25TH RANKED UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD
Center for World University Rankings
INTERDISCIPLINARY

Did you know?
Collaborating with partners across multiple disciplines and industries, UW Law is influencing how global business is conducted, transforming legal education, protecting the environment, influencing policy and procedure and working toward a more just society.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
As a public institution, UW Law promotes social justice and equity, engaging in today’s pressing issues across the landscape of law, business and public policy. Advancing access to justice and opening opportunity is integral to who we are.

The William H. Gates Public Service Law Program, named in honor of William H. Gates Sr. and his commitment to public service, is the central hub for public service and public interest law at UW Law. The program encompasses events and programming, career coaching and academic advising, pro bono service and leadership development.

Our students have many opportunities to help reduce the barriers to access to justice and build the foundation to a career in public service, including:

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW
The UW School of Law is located in one of the world’s premier regions for intellectual property production. From aviation to software industry pioneers, from biomedical research centers to game developers, Seattle is a hub for creative minds and entrepreneurial spirit.

UW Law’s IP program provides specialized training in intellectual property law, training lawyers to provide legal counsel for scientists, engineers, computer programmers, artists, musicians and writers who hope to change the world through creative work. Students gain expertise in protecting inventions, works of authorship, trademarks and trade secrets, while acquiring advanced skills in advising clients in commercializing intellectual property and litigating intellectual property cases.

UW Law’s Technology Law and Public Policy Clinic offers students the opportunity to write laws, compose policy papers, meet with stakeholders and provide legislative testimony.

Our IP concentration track offers students deep knowledge in one of these core areas: patent, copyright, trademarks or trade secrets.

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW
The UW Law Native American Law Center promotes the development of Indian law and encourages Native Americans and others with an interest in Indian law to attend law school. We also act as a resource to Indian tribes as well as other governments and individuals in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and across the country. In addition to a challenging and prestigious academic program, we are part of an extensive network of scholars, practitioners and students dedicated to the field of Indian law.

Washington is home to 29 federally recognized tribes — many located in close proximity to the city of Seattle. We offer several courses in Indian law topics, encourage internships related to Indian law and environmental law and also offer the chance to work closely with faculty on matters selected by students. Our Tribal Court Public Defender Clinic puts students in tribal court under the supervision of a seasoned faculty member as defense counsel for tribal members. It is the only clinic of its kind in the country.

LEADERS IN MANY FIELDS
HEALTH LAW

The UW Law Health Law program provides students with an interdisciplinary curriculum in U.S. health law and policy, covering topics, such as telemedicine and FDA law, competition in health care, medical malpractice, bioethics, health care employment law, and Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

Our students focus their studies in U.S. health law, global health, sustainable international development, genomics and biotechnology, or a combination of these areas. The majority of our health law faculty have one or more concurrent appointments in schools and departments across the University.

Our instructors bring a deep level of expertise and access to opportunities generated by Seattle-based health leaders, including PATH, Seattle Children’s Hospital and UW Medicine, the only health system in Washington with an inseparable connection to medical education and research. Students may also augment their course of study by taking classes at other UW graduate schools, including public health, medicine, pharmacy and public policy.

TAXATION

In the UW Law Taxation program, we do more than just teach tax law: we train tax lawyers. As the economy becomes more global and sophisticated, tax lawyers must have the knowledge and expertise to serve both individuals and entities. Our program teaches the necessary skills for innovative tax planning in all areas — federal, state and local, international and estate, gift and trust tax.

The Taxation program is uniquely situated in the Pacific Northwest, home to some of the world’s largest non-profit organizations and leading corporations such as Microsoft, Starbucks, Amazon and Expedia. We draw faculty from a dynamic legal community. Our instructors are nationally recognized scholars and leading practitioners in their areas of specialty, who bring cutting-edge practice experience to the classroom. Our program also offers several experiential learning opportunities, including the Federal Tax Clinic, the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, the Rural Alaska Tax Assistance Program and externships.

SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UW Law’s Sustainable International Development program trains lawyers to be active problem solvers and leaders prepared to help in times of crisis, such as we are facing with the global pandemic, which threatens the stability of economies worldwide and livelihoods of people across the planet. The program focuses on law and policy that will help the private sector, government institutions and civil society, to achieve responsible sustainable growth in the face of challenges to global health, food security, the environment and global trade and supply chains.

Students learn through an innovative, hands-on and practical program, with a variety of clinical and collaborative opportunities designed to build the skills needed to face modern international development challenges.

Sustainable International Development students analyze strategies for development and promotion of the rule-of-law in a dynamic academic setting and engage with peers from around the world who possess a range of law, policy and advocacy experience.

OUR FACULTY ARE DRIVING RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS SOME OF TODAY’S MOST PRESSING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING SOCIETIES AROUND THE GLOBE.
MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE

The M.J. is a flexible master’s degree program designed to provide non-lawyers with a strong fundamental legal education, while offering specialization in concentration tracks or through an individually tailored curriculum. Full- and part-time options are available.

Students learn to recognize, analyze and respond to legal, regulatory and policy issues in their chosen field, while taking most of their courses with J.D. and LL.M. students. Students receive individualized academic counseling and opportunities that will further their professional aims.

China M.J.

Our M.J. program serves a diverse group of students from various professions and backgrounds. The China M.J. is a one-year (3-4 quarter) full-time degree program and includes the transnational law and practice institute. Our China M.J. curriculum is designed in collaboration with the Health Human Resources Development Center (HHRDC) of the National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China and the Asia Pacific Health Corporation. Students enter the program as a cohort in autumn. We have created curricular tracks to meet our China M.J. students’ needs and professional aspirations, like other tracks within the M.J., which focus on integrating law with other fields, such as healthcare, business, finance, technology and international development.

LL.M.

Our Master of Laws (LL.M.) programs focus on many of the most compelling and challenging areas of advanced study for lawyers. The LL.M. programs at UW Law allow both foreign-trained lawyers and domestic students holding a J.D. to deepen their knowledge and expand their proficiency. UW Law has been a leader in advanced legal education with its teaching, research and public policy work. Specialty tracks include:

- Asian & Comparative Law
- Global Business Law
- General Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- Sustainable International Development
- Taxation

Ph.D.

The Ph.D. in Law program prepares law scholars for global leadership in the judiciary, academia, business and government. The Ph.D. program requires a minimum of three years’ study. Doctoral dissertation committees are led by faculty experts from UW Law and include members with deep knowledge and expertise from across the university. Students can customize their studies with interdisciplinary coursework, independent study, field research, global internships and externships. The program will not accept new applicants for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years.

J.D.

Our J.D. program provides a rich and rigorous intellectual experience coupled with collegiality and hands-on education. The program provides a real-world learning environment that offers the kinds of programs and partnerships crucial to a successful legal career. With numerous concentration areas, concurrent degrees, experiential learning opportunities and hundreds of courses to choose from, you will be able to tailor your education to fit your practice interests.

J.D. students gain hands-on experience that draws connections between theory and practice through clinics and externships, skills courses and pro bono opportunities. Learn more about our J.D. class profile:

 law.uw.edu/JD-class-profile

ONE SCHOOL
FOUR DEGREES

Did you know?

UW Law is the only law school in Washington state to award four different legal degrees and offers the most LL.M. programs in the Pacific Northwest.
MAKE YOUR IMPACT NOW

OUR STUDENTS REGULARLY PURSUE PASSION PROJECTS WHILE AT UW LAW, MANY OF WHICH HAVE IMPACT ACROSS THE GLOBE.

BE A WORLD OF GOOD

Student Spotlight: Niyura Jasso
Niyura Jasso was determined to study and practice law after witnessing injustices in her home country of Mexico.

[link: law.uw.edu/niyura-jasso]

Advocating for Detained Children
UW Law students provide legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children at an emergency intake site in Texas.

[link: law.uw.edu/advocating-for-detained-children]

Real-World Experience through the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Alumna Selena Ng recalls how the ELC provided invaluable, real-world experience in meeting the needs of small-business clients.

[link: law.uw.edu/elc-alumna-selena-ng]

Law Librarianship Student Organizes Slice of UW History
UW Law has a rich history, and much of that history is buried in boxes at the Gallagher Law Library. Kristin Glover is working to organize it for the 21st century.

[link: law.uw.edu/slice-of-UW-history]

I hope to serve future clients and communities that disproportionately face societal disadvantages such as health, economic, and environmental burdens.

Sophia Sun, a 2021-22 Gregoire Fellow, interned for the Hyatt Hotels and PepsiCo, working on projects in finance and human resources. Through these experiences, she has gleaned insight into how the law is always intersecting with business and people. She hopes to use her experiences and her law school education to uphold societal values and advocate for a more just legal world.

Did you know?
You can be part of a community with similar interests. UW Law has dozens of student organizations that will help you meet other passionate law students.
At UW Law, we actively encourage students to explore their passions and equip them with the tools, connections and hands-on legal experience they need to pursue their career.

Plan your career path, meet prospective employers and build effective skills and strategies that will serve you throughout your career. The Center for Career Development helps students succeed by providing:

- Access to job-search tools
- Career coaching
- Judicial clerkship assistance
- Mock interviewing
- Networking opportunities to create and promote new relationships among attorneys, alumni and UW law students
- On-campus interview programs
- Participation in national and regional career fairs
- Professional development programming
- Recruiting opportunities and events

CAREER PROGRAMMING
Seattle's diverse legal community provides UW law students with outstanding opportunities to learn about their many legal career options. You will have many opportunities to meet and work with practicing professionals and judges in the Seattle area.

The Professional Mentor Program pairs J.D. students with professional legal mentors.

Diversity Fellowship Receptions and Information Sessions help encourage and prepare students to take advantage of opportunities intended to address the history of underrepresentation in the legal profession.

Social Justice Tuesdays invite public interest attorneys and community activists to explore pressing social justice issues with students.

Coffee with Counsel meetings create regular opportunities for small groups of students to meet with practitioners in a casual setting to help students explore career paths and practice networking.

Judicial Clerkship Information Series walks students through the entire clerkship application process, from finding opportunities to packaging application materials and nailing judicial interviews.

HELP SECURING A JOB YOU LOVE

Did you know? UW Law graduates secure employment in law firms, government, clerkships, public interest, business and education.

There’s nothing better than taking a case for the sole reason that it’s the right thing to do.”

Josh Colangelo-Bryan ’99 filed a personal injury suit against the Republic of Turkey for its involvement in a 2017 attack on a peaceful protest in Washington, D.C., that left 20 people with injuries.

One thing I knew I wanted to do was to stand up and speak up for people.”

At the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, Adaobi Egboka, SID LL.M. ’16, is leading the development of innovative pro bono programs in Africa while empowering the next generation of attorneys.

It’s okay to take a risk by leaving where you were to follow your passion somewhere else because that keeps us really fresh and engaged in our work.”

Ian Warner ’11 brings a wealth of experience in litigation, government and public policy to his current role at Zillow Group, where he leads efforts to address fair housing and lending issues disproportionately impacting communities of color.

law.uw.edu/careers
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

A selection of recent events hosted by UW Law

Rethinking 1.5: The Case for Science-Based Standards in Constitutional Climate Change Cases
Climate advocates cite the Paris Agreement target as the touchstone for government compliance with constitutional and human rights obligations. No scientific support suggests this limit will stabilize the climate system. This discussion offered an important critique of current litigation strategies and judicial decision-making in the climate change context.

Annual Indian Law Symposium
UW Law’s Indian Law Symposium, an annual tradition for more than 30 years, brings together the region’s foremost Indian law experts to discuss important issues facing Tribal communities today. Leading scholars explore timely new topics and unpack the biggest conversations happening in the field of Indian law.

Global Innovation Law Summit
Governments and courts worldwide continue to evaluate their approach to patent eligibility and the terms and conditions that firms use to license standard essential patents. Presented by the Center for Advanced Study and Research on Innovation Policy (CASRIP), the summit explored these issues as well as recent governmental efforts to regulate, legislate and litigate to foster competition in the technology industry.

A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

UW Law is dedicated to providing an intellectually rigorous learning environment to support your legal education throughout your career.

Content delivered via CLE events, conferences, symposia and seminars leverages the interdisciplinary strengths of the University of Washington and capitalizes on the unique opportunities of the Pacific Northwest. These events are available to UW Law students, in addition to attorneys, legal professionals, legal scholars and policy makers.

You will continue to learn about recent developments in the law, emerging legal trends and innovative legal scholarship to better support the evolving needs of your community, long after graduation.

Did you know? UW Law regularly hosts continuing education and professional development events at William H. Gates Hall and online for students, staff, faculty and guests.
Set in an amazing urban center, UW Law is located in one of the most innovative and livable regions of the country. Thanks to Seattle’s innovative spirit, our students have the opportunity to network with, and learn from, top practitioners in startups, law firms, NGOs and global corporations. Here are a few of our partner organizations.

Amazon
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Boeing
Costco
Davis Wright Tremaine
Expedia
Facebook Seattle
Foster Garvey
K&L Gates
Microsoft
Nintendo of America
Nordstrom
PACCAR
PATH
Perkins Coie
RBI
Starbucks
Swedish Health Services
Weyerhaeuser

AS ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES, UW IS PROUD TO DELIVER ON OUR MISSION OF EDUCATION, DISCOVERY AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

INNOVATION HUB

A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION IN A WORLD-CLASS CITY

THE INNOVATION IMPERATIVE (right) empowers students and researchers to learn, discover and build solutions to tomorrow’s challenges. It encourages innovation by providing the space and opportunity for people from all backgrounds — from the humanities to the sciences, the poetic and the pragmatic — to connect, imagine and discover. Learn more at uw.edu/innovation.
ONCE A LAW DAWG

ALWAYS A LAW DAWG

At UW Law, we believe a strong alumni network built on enduring relationships among our alumni is critical to the success of our school and future generations of lawyers. Our alumni equip students with intellectual tools, social connections and hands-on legal experience in their journey to become practice-ready lawyers. Alumni also inform the public about UW Law’s remarkable achievements and serve as ambassadors to the legal community and beyond.

We hope to provide a place to network with your fellow UW Law colleagues, connect with your classmates and remain in touch with the school as you begin your career.”

NATHAN BARNES ’12
CHAIR, ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

YOUR UW LAW CONNECTION DOESN’T END WHEN YOU LEAVE CAMPUS

Did you know?
The UW Law alumni network has over 11,000 alumni, representing more than 1,200 U.S. cities and 200 international cities.

law.uw.edu/alumni

Learn more
Questions about the Law Dawg alumni community? Contact us:
Nathan Barnes ’12:
nbarnes99@gmail.com

Above: Graduates at the 2022 UW Law Commencement Ceremony held at the University of Washington Quad.
Education at UW Law is deeply personal. Students work together in small classes and have remarkable access to some of the brightest minds in the legal field.

We are committed to empowering students with the education and opportunities to thrive in whatever legal, business or public service field they choose. Armed with a belief in the possible, students develop into graduates who are problem solvers, innovative thinkers and skilled doers.

If you are looking for a collegial, intellectually challenging learning environment and want to grow alongside inspiring peers, we invite you to apply to UW Law.

Ready to apply? Visit: [law.uw.edu/admissions](http://law.uw.edu/admissions)

GET IN TOUCH

We understand that a visit to UW Law is an important part of your decision-making. Our hope is that your visit will be both informative and productive. For those visiting Seattle for the first time, we strongly encourage you to visit the many sites and attractions throughout the city that make our location a wonderful place to live.

Make an appointment to speak with an Admissions representative.

J.D Program: lawadm@uw.edu
Graduate Program: gradlaw@uw.edu