2015 Incoming Class (estimate as of July 24)

- **Applied**: 4,365
- **Enrolled**: 270

**Median GPA**
- 25%: 3.54
- 75%: 3.87

**Median LSAT**
- 25%: 164
- 75%: 169

**1 or More Years Off After Undergrad**
- 75%

**Mean Age**
- 24

**States Represented**
- 41, plus D.C.

**Foreign Countries Represented**
- 18

**Michigan Residents**
- 23%

**Racial Composition**
- Caucasian 72%
- Asian 13%
- Hispanic 6%
- African American 7%
- Native American 2%
- Multiracial 9%

**SCHOOLS REPRESENTED**
- 160

**States Represented**
- 41

**Median GPA**
- 3.75

**Median LSAT**
- 168
1L YEAR

REQUIRED 1L COURSES

Civil Procedure…

Contracts…

Criminal Law

Legal Practice

Legislation and Regulation

Property

Torts

...For each 1L student, either the civil procedure or contracts class includes a lab, offering students the opportunity to use and test the theories they learn in the classroom.

Legal Practice

With only 20 to 25 students in a class, Michigan’s exemplary Legal Practice Program provides each 1L student with individualized instruction in legal research, analysis, writing, oral advocacy, negotiation, and other key skills necessary for the practice of law at the highest levels. Students receive intensive interactive training from one of 10 full-time professors, each with substantial practice experience and expertise in the craft of legal writing. Legal Practice professors critique and grade students’ assignments and hold individual conferences to discuss a student’s work and progress. For those with specialized writing interests, we offer many upper-level drafting and practicum courses, including Transactional Drafting, Strategic Drafting, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Elements of Advocacy, Securities Regulation, Criminal Appellate Practice, and the Transactional Lab & Clinic.

AND BEYOND...

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES

Constitutional Law

Transnational Law

In addition, on average each semester we offer

60 upper-level doctrinal classes, 25 seminars, 19 practicums, 18 clinics

Outside of class, students have ample opportunities for engaging in hands-on learning, and co-curricular academic endeavors through journal (eight of them), pro bono projects (take the voluntary Pro Bono Pledge!), multiple daily lunch programs, frequent symposia, and more than 70 student organizations. (Mind you, many of the latter are just plain social.)
Pro Bono Program

Part of Michigan Law’s heritage as one of the nation’s great public institutions is a long tradition of serving the public in a variety of ways. To celebrate 150 years of producing lawyers committed to public service, we launched a voluntary 50-hour Pro Bono Pledge in 2009. Since then, our students have completed almost 55,000 hours of pro bono work; in the last academic year alone, 177 students participated, and 68 students completed their pledge.

Co-Curricular Academic Opportunities

Eight student-run journals
- Michigan Law Review
- University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform
- Michigan Journal of International Law
- Michigan Journal of Gender & Law
- Michigan Journal of Race & Law
- Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review
- Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law
- Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review

Symposia and Conferences (last two academic years)

- American Society of International Law-European Society of International Law
- Brazil: History, Human Rights, and Contemporary Slavery
- Civil Rights Act at 50
- Competing Visions of a Sustainable Future
- Corporate Law in Asia: The Frontier of Entrepreneurship
- The Evolving Legal Classroom
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In addition to dedicated externship opportunities in South Africa, Cambodia, Geneva, India, and London, about 50 Michigan Law students have pursued individually arranged externships in the last three semesters, at the following organizations:

**CHICAGO**
- ACLU of Illinois
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection
- Michigan Employment Relations Commission
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review
- Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office
- Jazz at Lincoln Center, General Counsel’s Office
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Investor Protection Bureau
- New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice
- Office of the Attorney General
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, Civil Division
- Bay Area Rapid Transit Office of the General Counsel
- Family Violence Appellate Project
- Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender
- San Francisco District Attorney’s Office
- San Francisco Office of the City Attorney
- National Music Publishers Association
- Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance
- Senate Judiciary Committee
- U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of the General Counsel
- U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division Special Litigation Section
- California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Public Rights Division, Consumer Law Section (San Diego)
- Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio (Toledo, OH)
- Georgia Advocacy Office (Decatur, GA)
- Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office (Waukegan, IL)
- Maricopa County Attorney’s Office (Phoenix)
- Michigan Attorney General’s Office, Health Care Fraud Unit (Lansing)
- New Hampshire Legal Assistance (Concord)
- Office of the City Attorney (Coral Gables, FL)
- Rhode Island Office of the General Treasurer (Providence)
- U.S. Attorney’s Office (Baltimore)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (Miami)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section (Denver)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (Seattle)
Interdisciplinary work

One notable example of a different curricular emphasis at Michigan is our interdisciplinary legal scholarship, grounded in the conviction that the capacity to connect the work of one intellectual field to another has both academic merit and pragmatic value. A corporate lawyer who is wholly unfamiliar with business principles, or an environmental lawyer with no experience with natural resources, are lawyers who are not able to navigate as effectively as those who have received the training available at Michigan. Whether pursuing a formal dual-degree program or applying up to 12 credits in non-law graduate coursework toward their JD, or simply pursuing coursework from a law professor with an appointment in another department, our students benefit from a wealth of resources in fields including life sciences, natural resources, philosophy, political theory, public policy, economics, feminist theory, history, and classics.

Dual degrees offered (does not include ad hoc arrangements with individual departments)

- Law and Business Administration (JD/MBA)
- Law and Chinese Studies (JD/MA)
- Law and Economics (JD/PhD)
- Law and Information (JD/MSI)
- Law and Japanese Studies (JD/MA)
- Law and Modern Middle Eastern & North African Studies (JD/MA)
- Law and Natural Resources (JD/MS)
- Law and Public Health (JD/MHSA or MPH)
- Law and Public Policy (JD/MPP)
- Law and Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (JD/MA)
- Law and Social Work (JD/MSW)
- Law and Urban & Regional Planning (JD/MUP)
- Law and World Politics (JD/MA)

International

As the first top law school to require Transnational Law, for more than a decade Michigan has ensured that its students explore the foundations of public and private international law and the fluidity of the traditional boundaries between these areas. Beyond this basic course introduction, our students benefit from the curriculum’s dazzling breadth of international subjects, covering trade, tax, intellectual property, environmental, human rights law, and more, taught by faculty with expertise that covers all the major economies outside the United States: China, India, Japan, the European Union, and Brazil. We also offer two clinics involving cross-border issues—Human Trafficking and International Transactions—for hands-on experience at the earliest possible stage of your career. We offer a considerable range of study-abroad opportunities as well as externships and internships with law-reform agencies in South Africa; leading UN agencies and international NGOs in Geneva; NGOs in Cambodia; the AIRE Centre in London; a pilot partnership in India; and five partner institutions around the globe through the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law. Finally, our Bates Overseas Fellowships have supported 25 students in the last two years alone in their pursuit of international careers in cities ranging from São Paulo to Istanbul, from Quito to Phnom Penh.

Opportunities Abroad

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

International Externships/Internships

- AIRE Centre Internship
- Geneva Externship Program (20 partner institutions)
- Program for Cambodian Law and Development
- Program in Refugee and Asylum Law (five partner institutions)
- South Africa Externship Program
How to Apply

APPLICATION FEE
$75

REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 15

EARLY DECISION (BINDING) DEADLINE
November 15

REQUIRED MATERIALS
- Completed application form
- Letter(s) of recommendation (one required, three recommended)
- Resume or list of activities and work experience
- Personal statement

OPTIONAL MATERIALS
- Up to two additional essays (from among seven topics)

FOR TIPS, GUIDANCE, AND QUESTIONS
- www.law.umich.edu/jdapp
- law.jd.admissions@umich.edu
- 734.764.0537

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for complete details.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Michigan Law provides considerable financial support to our students and graduates, with more than $3.5 million in grants going to each incoming class. Entering 1L JD candidates may qualify for merit scholarships (whether outright, or made in competition with awards from other schools) and need-based grants. (About 75 to 80 percent of our students take out Stafford and Grad PLUS loans.) We also provide guaranteed summer funding to all 1Ls, regardless of job sector, and 2Ls working in government and public interest, along with a variety of post-graduate fellowships for those entering these fields. And our Debt Management (LRAP) program is second to none, providing generous support for graduates pursuing modest-paying law-related positions. To help visualize the impact of debt on your future career, go to our website and search for “Debt Wizard,” a planning tool unique to Michigan Law.

SUMMER START
While 3/4 of every entering class begins in the typical fall time frame, for more than 100 years, 1/4 of Michigan’s entering class has begun in the summer.

The summer start offers lots of advantages: the late May start results in a more-flexible schedule, allowing graduation after the sixth semester in December, or taking a semester off or doing a dual degree and graduating with the rest of the cohort in May; a lighter first semester course load, with two doctrinal five-credit classes rather than three four-credit classes (the two credits get made up easily in subsequent semesters), along with Legal Practice; and an even tighter-than-typical community, thanks to the sense of ease that pervades the summer months and the small number of classmates occupying buildings intended for 10 times the population.
### MOST POPULAR MARKETS (3-YEAR AVERAGE)

- **NEW YORK**: 20%
- **ILLINOIS**: 15%
- **MICHIGAN**: 13%
- **WASHINGTON, D.C.**: 12%
- **CALIFORNIA**: 11%

### BREAKDOWN OF JOBS BY SECTOR (2014 GRADS)

- **LAW FIRMS**: 53%
- **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP**: 19%
- **PUBLIC INTEREST**: 12%
- **BUSINESS**: 4%
- **GOVERNMENT**: 11%
- **ACADEMIC**: 1%

### EMPLOYMENT 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION (2014 GRADS)

**96%**

### OFFICES ON CAMPUS FOR EARLY INTERVIEW WEEK

- **559 INTERVIEWS THAT OCCURRED DURING EIW**
- **4,600+ OFFICES**

### CAN YOU GET THERE FROM HERE?

Geographic portability is a key advantage of a Michigan JD. To fully assess the portability of a degree, you need to know the full range of placement activity: both where employers come from to perform on-campus interviews, because that reflects the most readily accessible opportunities you will have, as well as where students and graduates choose to go. The map to the right reflects placement activity in 2014, adding together, for each state, the number of employers recruiting on campus; the number of 1Ls and 2Ls with summer jobs; and the first permanent position for graduates. For Michigan Law, employers come from around the nation and around the world to recruit our students, with the result that our graduates have a strong network in every corner of the globe.
The University of Michigan Law School, one of the oldest and best-regarded law schools in the nation, was founded in 1859. Unlike other highly selective law schools of that era, admission was never restricted to the privileged. When Gabriel Hargo graduated in 1870, Michigan became the second American university to confer a law degree on an African American. That same year, Michigan was the first major law school to admit a woman, and in 1871, graduate Sarah Killgore became the first woman with a law degree to be admitted to the bar. That year, Michigan had already graduated more women than any other law school in the United States. By 1890, 30 years prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment, Michigan had graduated more women than any other law school in the United States. As part of the larger University of Michigan, Michigan Law School shares one of higher education’s most dynamic intellectual, cultural, and social environments. One of only four universities in the country to have almost 100 top 10-ranked graduate programs, Michigan has extraordinary resources in every academic field imaginable. As a result, law students at the University of Michigan become part of a rich community of scholars and colleagues and a milieu that encourages looking at law in its very broadest social context.

**Alumni network**

The year the oldest volume in the library’s rare book collection was published

**1486**

**“BEST OF”**

Lists featuring Ann Arbor in the last five years

**75+**

**Stained glass college and university seals in the Reading Room**

**182**

**Students who can live in the Lawyers Club, a mere 20 yards from 1L classes**

**227**

**Hours served by clinic students in the last academic year performing work on civil and criminal matters for non-profit clients**

**85,387**

**The year Sarah Killgore—the first woman with a law degree to be admitted to the bar—earned her degree from Michigan Law**

**1871**

**Mini seminars held in professors’ houses each year**

**112**

**HOURS per week the library is open**

**519**

**Number of clients served by our clinics in the last academic year**

**21,000+**

**Hours logged annually by students in our Pro Bono Program**

**9,000**

**“The year the oldest volume in the library’s rare book collection was published”**

**1874**