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CAREER OPTIONS FOR LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

The legal credentials and analytic skills developed in law school are valued well beyond the traditional legal field. Choose from a wide variety of career options: shape future laws, provide legal services to underserved communities, or advise individual and/or corporate clients. A law degree can also be a stepping-stone to politics, real estate, entrepreneurship or business leadership. Attending law school today provides flexibility to choose from many prestigious careers tomorrow.

Each year, the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law welcomes more than 220 of the brightest students from across the country and around the world. The school’s goal is to provide students a robust, rigorous and personalized legal education, both inside and outside the classroom.
USD LAW: THE PERFECT CLIMATE FOR STUDYING LAW

USD’s highly regarded faculty, rigorous curriculum and robust clinical and practical skills programs prepare students for successful professional careers.

Students interested in a career as a top lawyer, advocate, policy maker, judge or business leader choose USD. More than 14,000 USD law alumni work throughout the country and around the world for large and small firms; businesses outside of law; and local, state or federal government.

Students interested in studying law with nationally renowned faculty choose USD. USD’s law professors are recognized legal scholars and dedicated classroom teachers.

Students interested in gaining valuable practical experience while attending law school choose USD. USD offers a vast array of public and corporate legal clinics, internships, externships, clerkships, law journal positions, semester or summer study abroad programs, national and international moot court and mock trial competitions, and leadership opportunities with more than 40 student-run organizations.

Students interested in studying with colleagues who encourage and challenge choose USD. Most students are surprised by the collegiality of USD law students. Competition to be the best is steep, but students focus on encouragement rather than sabotage.

Students interested in balance choose USD. Many of our students say you can go to law school in a variety of places across the U.S., but only USD offers an inviting community of colleagues, top-notch faculty, great courses, strong experiential learning, meaningful alumni connections, and the chance to take a break in one of America’s most hospitable year-round climates. That’s why we say USD Law has the perfect climate for studying law.
Tej Singh, Class of 2017

Hometown: College Station, Texas

Bachelor’s Degree: BS in Biochemistry, minor in Business Administration, Texas A&M University, 2012.

Legal interests: Intellectual property and medical malpractice.

Dream job: In-house counsel for a hospital that also does research.

What changes to your personal life did you make to attend law school? I moved from College Station, Texas. I rented a Penske truck and drove to San Diego in July before school started. I came early to get settled and to figure out where all the good food places were before school started. I wanted to adjust to my new surroundings before I started school, and I am glad that I did just that. When school started, I was the guy telling people about burrito places to try (California Burrito).

More about Tej: law.sandiego.edu/singh

Irene Choe, Class of 2016

Hometown: San Diego, California

Bachelor’s Degree: BA in Media Studies, minor in Philosophy, Scripps College, 2009; MBA with an emphasis in Information & Media Management, KAIST Business School (Seoul, South Korea), 2012.

Legal interests: Business, international, and government agency law.

Dream Job: Legal counsel for a government or intergovernmental organization.

What is the best thing that has happened to you here at USD School of Law? USD gives me opportunities to meet and gain access to amazing leaders and mentors. After my 1L summer internship, I am still so grateful to be able to turn to my supervising attorneys at the California Department of Justice and the creative nonprofit New Media Rights.

More about Irene: law.sandiego.edu/choe
Curtis Davis, Class of 2017

Hometown: Palm Desert, California

Bachelor’s Degree: BA in Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2012.

Legal interests: Education law, poverty law, public interest law.

Dream Job: Make justice more accessible by serving low-income clients within a collaborative and dynamic legal services organization.

What motivated you to attend law school?
During my work as a teacher in an urban school, I realized circumstances outside the school environment hindered the academic achievement of my students. A law degree would help me more effectively empower these students to maximize their academic and life outcomes.

More about Curtis:
law.sandiego.edu/davis

Julianna Mester, Class of 2016

Hometown: Fresno, California

Bachelor’s Degree: BA in Music Education, Fresno State University, 2013.

Legal interests: Civil litigation, tax and corporate law.

Dream job: In-house counsel at a Fortune 100 company.

What advice would you give to a prospective student?
Start networking on day one. Go to all of the events and make contacts. It’s worth the extra effort. I did a lot of networking my 1L year, and it has helped me tremendously. Networking will make a difference in your career.

More about Julianna:
law.sandiego.edu/mester
LAW DEGREE PROGRAMS AT USD

- Juris Doctor (JD)
- Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA)
- Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in International Relations (JD/MA)
- Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in Taxation Option (JD/LLM)
- General Master of Laws (LLM) with concentration
- Master of Laws (LLM) in Business and Corporate Law
- Master of Laws (LLM) in Comparative Law (for international attorneys)
- Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law
- Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation
- Master of Science (MS) in Legal Studies

Juris Doctor (JD) Program
The JD program introduces the foundations of law in the first year and then allows students in following years to shape the curriculum to meet their career goals and intellectual interests.

The full-time JD program, which generally requires three full academic years in residence to complete, is our most popular. For professionals who have full-time careers, we also offer a flexible, part-time JD program, which generally requires four years to complete. Classes for part-time students usually begin after traditional business hours during the week.

A seven-week summer program is also available for all students. Completing a summer session makes it possible to take a lighter class load during the subsequent semester.

Advanced Standing JD Program for International Students
Graduates and students with transfer credit from law schools outside the United States can obtain their JD degree in two years. Students are admitted as the equivalent of second-year transfer students and undertake the regular JD degree course of study, including all required courses and graduation requirements.

More information and application procedure for the Advanced Standing JD Program: law.sandiego.edu/advancedstanding

More about full- and part-time JD programs: law.sandiego.edu/jd
Concurrent Programs (JD/MBA, JD/MA)
Concurrent degree programs offer the pursuit of a JD degree along with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) --with a general management or international business track-- or a Master of Arts in International Relations (MA). Select law courses are credited to both the JD degree and one of the three master’s degrees from USD.

More about concurrent degree programs: law.sandiego.edu/concurrent

Master of Laws Programs (LLM)
After obtaining a JD degree, the Master of Laws (LLM) degree offers attorneys specialization options in many practice areas. USD offers a diverse curriculum and flexible LLM program that allows degree candidates to design a course of study suited to best meet their individual professional development needs.

More about LLM programs: law.sandiego.edu/llm

JD/LLM in Taxation Option (JD/LLM)
USD offers its JD students the unique opportunity to earn an LLM in Taxation in just one semester after completion of the JD degree. Up to 12 credits of USD advanced tax courses (excluding Tax I) taken as a JD within 30 months of enrolling in the LLM in Taxation program may be applied toward the LLM in Taxation degree.

More about JD/LLM in Taxation option: law.sandiego.edu/jdllmtax

Master of Science in Legal Studies (MS in Legal Studies)
The Master of Science (MS) in Legal Studies is designed for graduate students and professionals whose area of research or employment would benefit from specialized study of the legal system. Ideal candidates include, but are not limited to, graduate students in other disciplines (such as political science, economics, international relations, engineering, philosophy, business or medicine) or professionals from different fields (such as journalism, business, science or technology), who will benefit from studying law, but who do not wish to become attorneys.

More about MS in Legal Studies program: law.sandiego.edu/msls
The first year of law school is comprised of core courses that provide a strong foundation for expanded learning in the career direction of your choice.

**FIRST-YEAR REQUIRED JD COURSES**

Full-time Program: Semesters One and Two  
Part-time Program: Semesters One, Two, Three and Four

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Writing and Research I
- Legal Writing and Research II
- Property
- Torts

Full list of JD courses and descriptions available at: law.sandiego.edu/jdcurriculum

**The Perfect Climate for Working Together: USD’s Collaborative Community**

The entering class of students is divided into three full-time sections and one part-time section. Each full-time section is composed of approximately 65 to 75 students, which are divided further into groups of approximately 20 students for legal writing and research courses. Students within each section share many of the same classes together during their first year of study. While you will get to know everyone at the law school, you will become especially close to those in your section. USD fosters a close-knit learning environment during the critical first year of law school, setting the perfect climate for students to develop a stronger sense of community.
The Perfect Climate for Extra Assistance: USD’s Academic Success Program

The Academic Success Program (Academic Success) provides all law students with access to individualized academic counseling throughout their scholastic career at USD School of Law. For each class during the first year, students have access to an Academic Success Fellow (fellow)—an outstanding upper-division student who took the class previously and usually from the same professor. Fellows hold weekly office hours, author weekly study guides posted electronically on The West Education Network® (TWEN), hold class-specific exam preparation sessions, and often assist the academic success director in presenting study skills workshops.

Study groups that emphasize development of law school-specific analysis and organization are also available to eligible students. Eligibility in the fall semester is based on a number of factors, including entering writing samples, LSAT score and undergraduate grade point average (GPA). The fall semester GPA primarily dictates study group eligibility in the spring semester.

More Academic Success information: law.sandiego.edu/academicsuccess
AFTER THE FIRST YEAR: ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Office for JD Student Affairs (JD Student Affairs) provides academic advising to all JD students and assists them in designing their personalized curriculum pathway for the remainder of their study at USD. Students are required to take Tax I and Professional Responsibility at some point after their first year and then can choose from a wide variety of electives to complete their remaining credit requirements.

JD Student Affairs also assists students with scheduling and course selection, degree/graduation checks, state bar admission requirements, student conduct and discipline issues, study skills and course-load management, disability and accommodations, and referrals for personal counseling.
PERFECT 10: USD’S PRACTICE AREA CONCENTRATIONS

Many students come to law school with a particular practice area in mind for their future career. Other students develop a special interest during the course of their studies. For students ready to intensely focus their study after the first year, USD offers concentrated programs in 10 key practice areas. These concentrations highlight curricular strengths, offering a rich selection of courses taught by leading scholars and expert practitioners at USD.

Students may consult concentration curriculum as an informal guide for shaping their education or to enhance career preparation by meeting the specific requirements for earning a Certificate of Concentration and transcript notation. USD’s concentrations provide the perfect climate for honing your specific legal interests.

USD Law Concentrations*
- Business and Corporate Law
- Children’s Rights
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Litigation
- Employment and Labor Law
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Public Interest Law

* New concentrations may have been added after the printing of this publication. Most current information at: law.sandiego.edu/concentrations

More concentrations information and course offerings:
law.sandiego.edu/concentrations
Business and Corporate Law
Business and corporate lawyers practice in a fast-paced and changing international marketplace. Success rests on the ability to combine innovation and adaptation with a foundational understanding of the complexities of corporate formation and governance, finance, securities and the regulatory environment.

Children’s Rights
Children are underrepresented, lacking resources, organization and access to levers of power. USD School of Law provides a strong foundation for a career advocating for children. Study and collaborate with renowned faculty, practitioners and policy makers who play leadership roles in legal and policy issues at local, state and national levels.

Civil Litigation
Lawyers who practice civil litigation represent parties in trials, hearings, arbitrations and mediations before administrative agencies, foreign tribunals and federal, state and local courts. The civil litigation concentration provides engaging classroom offerings paired with simulation and skills courses.

Criminal Litigation
Prosecutors or defense attorneys work within the criminal justice system. USD provides students wide latitude in charting their preparation for litigation work on both sides of a criminal case. Outstanding classroom offerings are paired with simulation and skills courses, and practical experience can be gained through USD’s nationally recognized clinical program.

Employment and Labor Law
A dynamic field that often intersects with many other areas of law, attorneys with this legal background can work in a variety of capacities in the private, non-profit, and public sectors. Whether you want to represent employers, employees or labor unions, this concentration offers students wide latitude in charting their preparation for work in the field of employment and labor law.

Environmental and Energy Law
Careers for environmental law and energy law experts continue to grow each year in the United States and abroad. USD provides a rich array of offerings in these evolving fields. Study and collaborate with renowned faculty, practitioners and policy makers who play leadership roles in legal and policy issues at state, national and international levels.
Health Law
The changing health care market has resulted in higher demand within the health care industry for qualified legal advice and representation. Health law attorneys address access to health care, medical malpractice, relationships between patients and providers, bioethics, biomedical research, the regulation of drugs and devices, and public health matters. Attorneys with this legal background can work in a variety of capacities and can assist physicians, hospitals, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, insurers, employers, and patients navigate health care laws and regulations.

Intellectual Property
Intellectual property is one of the most dynamic areas of the law. Technology and globalization constantly challenge the traditional legal means of protecting ownership of ideas and products while continuing to encourage innovation and artistic endeavor. USD’s intellectual property program supplements a core of expert faculty with practitioners working directly on the complex challenges of balancing property protections with the sale and licensing of new biomedical, engineering, technological and artistic products.

International Law
Globalization highlights the importance of both public international law (the law of nations derived from customary law and international agreements) and private international law (the resolution of conflicts between the laws of different countries, often in the business context). USD offers students opportunities to prepare in both legal regimes or to focus on one, with the additional benefit of selecting courses that explore the legal systems of other nations and international regions.

Public Interest Law
Students often come to law school looking to serve the public by making positive changes in their own community. USD law students can focus their studies with electives that emphasize many areas of public interest law, including consumer protection, children’s rights, civil rights and environmental law.
USD FACULTY:
LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS

USD’s law faculty are recognized legal scholars and dedicated classroom teachers.

Many USD faculty members have national and international reputations for excellence in numerous areas of law including business and corporate law, constitutional law, health law, intellectual property law, international and comparative law, labor and employment law, public interest law, and taxation.

Visiting Faculty
The strength of the law school’s faculty and its scholarly reputation attract distinguished visiting faculty from around the nation and the world. Visiting faculty members are full-time academics who teach foundational courses in both the first-year and the upper divisions. They also enrich the law school curriculum with advanced courses, seminars and independent study opportunities. Their active engagement in the life of the law school provides our students an exceptional opportunity to interact with leading scholars, commentators and policymakers in a wide variety of legal areas.

Adjunct Faculty
Our adjunct faculty members are highly accomplished judges, practitioners and policy-makers who are drawn to USD because they are passionate about teaching and training law students. Adjunct faculty members provide our students with practical, sophisticated, advanced skills training in the upper division and serve as professional mentors throughout law school and beyond.

More faculty information: law.sandiego.edu/faculty
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: HANDS-ON LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Learn firsthand from highly skilled attorneys and interact directly with clients. Gain valuable legal practice experience at USD’s renowned legal clinics as well as public and private internship programs before graduating from law school. USD provides the perfect climate to build your skills.

Internships, externships and clinical programs offer students the opportunity to train under experienced professors and attorneys, learn professional responsibility in the real world, and develop professional skills.
Practice Programs

Administrative Hearing Program
The Administrative Hearing Program provides a neutral forum for citizens of and visitors to San Diego who contest California Vehicle Code and San Diego Municipal Code violations. Students gain valuable experience acting as hearing officers for a variety of cases.

Agency Internship/Externship Programs
These programs allow students to earn between one and three academic credits for working in a law-related position at a public interest, community-based non-profit or government agency.

Corporate Counsel Internship Program
The Corporate Counsel Internship Program allows students to receive up to three academic credits for working in the legal department of a corporation, company or other business entity. Students observe firsthand the operations of a corporate legal department and gain an understanding of the legal issues addressed by corporate counsel.

Entertainment, Sports and Intellectual Property Internship Program (ESIP)
ESIP allows students to earn academic credit for working in the law department of an entertainment or sports industry company, talent guild or trade association, or in the intellectual property law department of a company or trade association.

Judicial Internship Program
The Judicial Internship Program allows students to earn academic credit for working with judges in state or federal trial or appellate courts.

Washington, D.C. Externship Program
The Washington, D.C. Externship Program allows students to spend a semester working in Washington D.C. with a government, non-profit, judicial placement or advocacy organization. Students are able to earn a full semester of academic credit while residing in Washington.
Clinical Opportunities

Appellate Clinic
The Appellate Clinic provides students the opportunity to litigate appellate cases referred by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Students write an opening brief, a reply brief, and have the opportunity to participate in oral arguments. The clinic includes a required weekly one-hour seminar on the appellate process, teaching writing, oral advocacy, persuasion and relevant law. Class sessions also feature guest speakers such as federal judges and experts in the substantive law of the cases.

Child Advocacy Clinic
Promote the health and well-being of children with three clinical options: (1) assist in the representation of abused and neglected minors in dependency court proceedings; (2) assist in the representation of minors charged with offenses in delinquency court proceedings; or (3) work with staff of the Children’s Advocacy Institute on policy advocacy projects such as impact litigation, legislative and regulatory advocacy, public education programs and in-depth research projects.

Civil Clinic
Students interview, counsel and represent clients at Superior Court in a wide variety of cases under the supervision of a professor/attorney. Students draft pleadings and correspondence, as well as confer and negotiate with opposing counsel/parties. Weekly group meetings are combined with individual case conferences to provide intensive personal training in litigation techniques, problem solving and case management. Students also learn general civil litigation practice and procedures.

Criminal Clinic
Criminal Clinic students are placed with a prosecuting or defending trial agency in the criminal justice system. The clinic includes a required weekly two-hour seminar that provides simulations, lectures and discussions in the most common areas of criminal practice.

Education and Disability Clinic
Represent parents of children with special needs pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the state Lanterman Act (Regional Center cases), and in Probate Court for limited conservatorships. Receive practical training and experience with client intake, interviewing, counseling and client representation at extensive meetings with school district personnel and district counsel. Some cases proceed to formal mediation and due process administrative hearings, where students argue the case with support from the supervising attorney.
Energy Law and Policy Clinic
Work with energy-related state agencies, their staff and commissioners to research topical issues related to policy and regulation development in California. Recent projects have included researching legal issues related to California’s Cap and Trade Program (California Air Resources Board) and the role of transmission in developing renewable energy resources (California Public Utilities Commission).

Entrepreneurship Clinic
Provide pro bono legal services to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs who want to start or expand their small businesses. Legal matters include forming entities, drafting and reviewing contracts, advice on trademark and copyright, nondisclosure and licensing agreements, employment, and forming nonprofit organizations.

Federal Tax Clinic
Advocate on behalf of low-income taxpayers who have disputes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). During the semester, students conduct client interviews, identify the federal tax issue(s) in dispute, determine the best course of action to resolve those tax issues, review client tax documentation, conduct federal tax research, review the Internal Revenue Code, contact IRS personnel and represent clients in negotiations with the IRS.

Immigration Clinic
Interview, counsel and represent clients with immigration related problems such as asylum, immigrating family members, naturalization, deportation, and new laws including DACA. Train in the practical application of immigration law and casework as well as actively participate at immigration interviews and court hearings. Weekly meetings are held with the clinic supervisor to learn immigration law and discuss practical application and cases.

Intellectual Property (IP) Law Clinic
The IP Law Clinic places law students in law firms to provide pro bono services to individuals and companies in the areas of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret law. Students work on responses to office actions, searches, provisional and utility patents, intellectual property transactions and intellectual property litigation.

Public Interest Clinic
Research and advocate for a public cause. Third- and fourth-year students who have completed the Public Interest Law and Practice course may choose an individual research or advocacy project for completion in one or two semesters. Projects focus on regulatory or public interest law topics and, in the past, have included scholarly critiques of regulatory agency performance, the drafting of petitions for rulemaking or state legislation with supporting legal memoranda, and the drafting of amicus curiae briefs for submission in appellate court litigation.
Small Claims Clinic
Develop interviewing, counseling and trial preparation skills in the Small Claims Court context (civil disputes less than $10,000). Prepare client cases for trial at Small Claims Court, including reviewing files, identifying legal issues, planning legal arguments and identifying evidence and witnesses. Work closely to assist clients to ably represent themselves.

State Income Tax (California) Clinic
Also known as the Taxpayer Appeals Assistance Program (TAAP), this clinic is a joint effort between USD Legal Clinics and the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). Students assist taxpayers with state income tax disputes against the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB). Students receive legal practice skills training, including gathering and identifying evidence, drafting legal briefs, and representing clients/taxpayers in negotiations with the FTB and at oral hearings before the BOE.

State Sales and Use Tax (California) Clinic
This clinic is a joint effort between USD Legal Clinics and the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). Students represent clients with sales and use tax appeals before the BOE. Students gain practical legal skills including gathering evidence, preparing legal briefs, performing case strategy, and negotiating with auditors. When necessary, students make legal arguments in a litigation setting at appeals conferences and oral hearings before the BOE.

Technology Entrepreneurship Clinic (TEC)
In partnership with San Diego CONNECT, TEC provides USD law students hands-on, real-world experience assisting new businesses. Students work side-by-side with respected practicing attorneys from law firms to help start-up businesses with corporate, intellectual property and employment law needs.

Veterans Clinic
Students represent veterans and military family members who have disputes with predatory lenders and for-profit educational institutions over the use of GI Bill funds and related loans; assist veterans seeking to upgrade their characterization of discharge from the military; and represent veterans appealing disability claims with the Veterans Administration. Weekly group meetings are combined with individual case conferences to provide intensive personal training in civil litigation techniques, problem solving and case management.

More hands-on programs and clinics
information: law.sandiego.edu/clinics
CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

The business and policy, public interest, and academic centers and institutes at USD School of Law provide opportunities to work closely with leading legal scholars in various fields. Learn from and work with the leading scholars and professionals in their respective fields of law.

Business Practice and Policy

Center for Corporate and Securities Law (CCSL)
CCSL helps enrich scholarly and popular debate on a wide range of issues related to corporate governance, financial regulation and other business law topics. The center hosts academic and public conferences, publishes papers and discussions from those conferences, provides point-of-contact for popular and business media on issues of broad public interest, supports faculty and student research, and sponsors public lectures.

Center for Intellectual Property Law and Markets (CIPLM)
CIPLM trains students in the fundamentals of intellectual property laws and in the ways clients use intellectual property (IP) rights to compete in real-world markets. The center also provides a forum where lawyers, clients, judges and policymakers can share ideas about IP doctrines and policies.

Public Interest

Center for Education Policy and Law (CEPAL)
CEPAL is a joint undertaking of USD School of Law and the School of Leadership and Education Sciences. Established by a grant from the William D. Lynch Foundation in 2007, the center’s mission is to foster better communication and cooperation between educational research, policymaking and practice.

Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL)
CPIL serves as an academic center of research, learning and advocacy in administrative law; teaches direct lawyering skills in public interest law; represents the interests of the disadvantaged or underrepresented in state regulatory proceedings; and attempts to make the regulatory functions of state government more efficient and visible by serving as a public monitor of state agencies.

Children’s Advocacy Institute (CAI)
Staffed by experienced attorneys and advocates, advised by the CAI Council for Children and assisted by USD law student interns, CAI works to improve the status and well-being of children in our society by representing their interests and right to a safe, healthy childhood. In addition to its academic program, which trains law students to be effective child advocates, CAI represents the interests of children and youth in legislatures, in courts, before administrative agencies and through public education programs.

Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC)
EPIC studies energy policy issues affecting the San Diego region and the state of California. The center serves as a source for legal and policy expertise and information in the development of sustainable solutions that meet our future energy needs. EPIC also conducts legal and policy research to educate decision makers about policy options and monitors legislative activity related to energy policy issues affecting the San Diego region and California.
Academic Research

Center for Computation, Mathematics, and the Law (CCML)
CCML examines and develops applications of cutting-edge computational and mathematical theory and techniques for the solution of legal problems and the practice of law. Areas of interest include the application of computational techniques and artificial intelligence to law in eDiscovery, legal search, case law analysis, contracting, legal reasoning and argumentation, evidentiary analysis, litigation and settlement, intellectual property, and regulatory compliance.

Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism (CSCO)
Originalism is the view that the Constitution should be interpreted in accordance with its original meaning—that is, the meaning it had at the time of its enactment. CSCO has as its mission the study of all aspects of originalism. In particular, the center studies arguments for and against the originalist theory of interpretation, the variety of specific originalist interpretive methods, and the original meaning of particular constitutional provisions.

Institute for Law and Philosophy (ILP)
ILP unites philosophical issues with jurisprudence through a variety of programs designed to explore and educate regarding the various philosophical issues that arise from legal doctrines, legal institutions and legal practice. Such programs include roundtable discussions, academic conferences, public lectures and educational programs. The institute selects the leading academics, lawyers and judges who define the topic at hand, and invites them to engage in discussion that is ultimately published, discussed and/or edited.

Institute for Law and Religion (ILR)
ILR brings together outstanding scholars with diverse religious and secular perspectives to address issues of great constitutional importance and public interest through roundtable discussions, academic conferences, public lectures and educational programs.

More detailed information about centers and institutes: law.sandiego.edu/centers
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

USD has entered into exchange agreements with a number of international law schools that allow students of each institution to attend the other for one academic semester. Exchange students pay tuition and fees to their home institution and are only responsible to the host institution for board and lodging (if applicable) and any obligatory membership fees to campus organizations. Credit for coursework undertaken on a law school exchange program generally can be transferred to USD, subject to approval by USD in the same manner as any coursework submitted for transfer under USD’s academic rules.

ESADE Law School
Barcelona, Spain
ESADE Law School’s prime European location allows students to take coursework with an emphasis on international business law and intellectual property, as well as European Union law. ESADE Law School is the only law school in Spain to have a professional council consisting of representatives from all legal professions and more than 30 internationally renowned law firms. In the fall, courses are offered in English and Spanish. For spring courses, students must be fluent in Spanish.

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella School of Law
Buenos Aires, Argentina
One of the premier educational institutions in Latin America, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella was founded in 1991 to educate Argentina’s new generation of business, political, academic, social and artistic leaders. Law courses cover economics, tax and international law, with a special focus on European civil and criminal law. Most courses are offered in Spanish. To attend in the fall or spring, students must be fluent in Spanish.

University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law
Copenhagen, Denmark
University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law is the largest of Denmark’s four law schools. Established in 1479, it is also the oldest law school in Denmark. Law courses give special emphasis to European Union laws relating to intellectual property law, constitutional law, business and corporate law, and human rights law. Classes are offered in both English and Danish.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law
Jerusalem, Israel
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law was established in 1949 as the first law faculty at an Israeli university. Law courses explore international law with an interdisciplinary approach, with a special emphasis on human rights law, intellectual property law and international business law. Classes are offered in both English and Hebrew.
The Dickson Poon School of Law at King’s College London

London, England

The Dickson Poon School of Law at King’s College London, established in 1831, is consistently recognized as one of the best law schools in the world, as well as one of the oldest law schools in England. Areas of faculty research expertise include criminal law, European law, intellectual property law, business and finance law, and jurisprudence. Courses include criminal, European, intellectual property, business, and finance law. The law school specializes in transnational law. Classes are offered in English.

Singapore Management University School of Law

Singapore, Republic of Singapore

Singapore Management University School of Law strives to produce articulate, analytical attorneys with the capacity to think globally. A holistic approach to study offers students a broad array of coursework with an emphasis on international law and the intersection of law with the spheres of business, economics and politics. Courses are offered in English.

EBS Law School

Wiesbaden, Germany

EBS Law School is the first and only university in Germany to offer a traditional law degree program with a clear focus on European Union business law. The curriculum combines legal with business studies and delivers top level research, teaching and executive education of high practical relevance, not only in the legal field but also at the intersection of business and law. In the fall, classes are offered in both English and German. For spring courses, students must be fluent in German.

* New semester abroad programs are being developed each year. For the most up-to-date program information, go to law.sandiego.edu/semesterabroad
SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAMS

USD’s summer study abroad programs are open to USD law students and students enrolled in ABA-accredited and foreign law schools. They provide intensive training in international, comparative and foreign law, while introducing American students to the legal institutions of other countries. At the same time, students from commonwealth and civil law traditions experience American legal viewpoints and problem-solving methods.

London, England
London is a principal European center of international and financial law practice. Established in 1979, our London program focuses on international business law, including courses in sports, entertainment and commercial law; an international business law internship is also available.

Paris, France
As the source of the civil law system, Paris is one of the most important centers of international law practice in the world. Established in 1973 as the first summer law program on the European Continent, our Paris program offers courses in various areas of international and comparative law; an international business law internship is also available.

More information about summer study abroad programs:
law.sandiego.edu/studyabroad

MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS

A capacity crowd at a college sporting event is almost expected. How about a packed house at a moot court competition? It’s not unheard of at USD.

Moot Court
The nationally ranked Moot Court program at USD is administered by the Appellate Moot Court Board, which is comprised of students selected from the outstanding competitors in the previous year’s moot court competitions. The board administers a competitive intramural program for second-, third- and fourth-year-students that allows them to improve their written and oral advocacy skills while competing for academic honors and membership on regional and national teams. The board also sends teams to compete in national and regional moot court competitions. In 2014, the program was ranked 20th in the nation.

Annual competitions sponsored by USD’s Moot Court Board include:
• Alumni Intramural Tournament
• National Criminal Procedure Tournament
• Paul A. McLennon, Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition
Being an editor of a law review or journal provides students with hands-on experience working directly with developing legal scholarship and offers firsthand knowledge of emerging legal concepts.

**San Diego Law Review (SDLR)**
SDLR is the School of Law’s premier journal of legal scholarship, containing articles and comments that address major issues and topics in law written by professors, judges, legal practitioners and students.

**San Diego Journal of Climate & Energy Law (JCEL)**
JCEL serves as a foundation for continued dialogue and development of the rapidly emerging legal issues related to climate change and energy. Preceded by a live symposium, the journal delves into topics such as insurance claims related to climate change, law and economics associated with cap-and-trade greenhouse gas markets, new energy policy in a carbon-constrained world, legal implications of trans-border air and water pollution, and effects of climate change on endangered species law.

**San Diego International Law Journal (SDILJ)**
SDILJ has published articles, comments, book reviews and case notes concerning important international law topics authored by professors, noted practitioners and students since 1999.

**Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (VICAM)**
Attracting competitors from more than 300 law schools from around the world, the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is held annually in Vienna and Hong Kong. USD’s VICAM board also hosts the annual Michael Thorsnes International Arbitration Competition each spring to give students from U.S. and international law schools the opportunity to hone their alternative dispute resolution skills in preparation for the Vienna and Hong Kong competitions.

**National Trial Team**
USD’s mock trial team is among the finest teams in California and the region. Members of the team are selected through an intra-school competition held in the spring and a closing argument competition held each September. Students selected to join the team have the opportunity to compete in regional and national competitions.

**National Trial Team competes in four major trial tournaments annually:**
- San Diego Defense Lawyers Competition
- San Diego Association of Business Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition
- California Association for Criminal Justice National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition
- In Vino Veritas Mock Trial Competition
- American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Competition
- American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- Texas Young Lawyers National Trial Competition

More information about law reviews and journals: law.sandiego.edu/journals
There’s a reason San Diego is called “America’s Finest City.” More than SeaWorld, beautiful beaches and abundant outdoor activities, San Diego is home to major league sports, a large variety of arts and cultural activities, and well-established innovative, international businesses and brilliant start-up companies. San Diego has the perfect climate to live, learn, work and play.

Whether on foot, bicycle or otherwise, outdoor lovers can explore the area’s diverse topography that includes mountains, deserts and (of course) miles of beautiful Pacific coastline.
Proximity to the ocean allows students easy access to water sports such as fishing, sailing, diving, surfing and water skiing. The Mission Bay Aquatic Center offers recreational and educational programs every day of the week. Learn to paddleboard, surf, sail, windsurf and more. Details at mbaquaticcenter.com.
Located just minutes from campus, Balboa Park is the nation’s largest urban cultural park. Home to 15 major museums, renowned performing arts venues, beautiful gardens and the world famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa has an ever-changing calendar of museum exhibitions, plays, musicals, concerts. Details at balboapark.org.

Golf lovers have access to more than 100 courses scattered throughout the county and student rates for the world-renowned Torrey Pines Golf Course. Tennis enthusiasts can enjoy the campus courts or one of 1,200 San Diego county courts.

**Getting Out and About**

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) provides bus and trolley transportation for the region. The San Diego Trolley has routes that run from Santee in the north and El Cajon in the east through Mission Valley and downtown to the U.S.-Mexican border in the south. USD runs a free tram service from the Old Town San Diego station to campus. Schedules, routes and fares: sdmts.com.

The Coaster provides light rail transportation that connects North County communities from Oceanside down to San Diego via the historic Santa Fe Depot and Old Town San Diego Station. Schedules, routes and fares at gonctd.com.

Amtrak provides train service to San Diego and can be reached via phone at (800) USA-RAIL or online at amtrak.com.

Taxis, Uber and Lyft offer point-to-point travel throughout San Diego, and Car-To-Go and Zipcar offer convenient rentals in every neighborhood near USD. Zipcar has a station on campus.

The San Diego International Airport/ Lindbergh Field (airport code SAN) is only a 15-minute drive from the University of San Diego. A taxi or shuttle to campus costs between $17 and $23 each way.
CAMPUS LIFE

Location, Location, Location

Sitting on a picturesque bluff overlooking Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, USD is often recognized as one of America’s most beautiful college campuses, ranked first in 2015 by bestchoiceschools.com and first in 2014 by profascinate.com.

Warren Hall, Guadalupe Hall and the Pardee Legal Research Center are located centrally on campus near restaurants, the Torero Store, and other student services housed in the Hahn University Center and the Student Life Pavilion.

Dining

USD dining has received national rankings and awards for excellence in university dining. USD is ranked #17 nationwide for Best Campus Food according to the 2015 Niche Rankings.

When eating on campus, law students choose either La Gran Terraza or O’Tooles Pub in the Hahn University Center or Tu Mercado or Pavilion Dining in the Student Life Pavilion. Aromas Coffee Shop in Maher Hall and Doug’s Coffee Cart in the law school’s courtyard offer coffee, tea, breakfast fare and light lunch options.
Housing
Graduate and law students live off-campus in a variety of unique close-by neighborhoods. USD’s central location offers fast access to San Diego’s vast cultural and recreational activities.

Recreation
The Student Bar Association sponsors a variety of intramural programs and tournaments for law students, including beach volleyball, softball, tennis, basketball and flag football. Ask any law student and they’ll tell you softball is king at USD.

Smoke-Free Campus
The University of San Diego is very proud to join more than 1,100 national, regional and local colleges and universities that have enacted comprehensive, smoking and tobacco-free campus policies.

Effective August 18, 2015, the university’s Smoking and Tobacco-Free Campus policy will promote a healthful environment and a “Culture of Care” for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Smoking and tobacco use will be prohibited on all University of San Diego property. The university is also providing resources to support those students, faculty and staff who are interested in smoking cessation programs.

More information and support: sandiego.edu/smokefree
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Going to law school isn’t just about classes and casebooks. It’s meeting people, exploring different areas of law, and getting involved in the legal community. With more than 40 unique law student organizations, journals and teams from which to choose, USD School of Law offers ample opportunities to enrich your legal education, experience the legal “real world” and network with professionals working in your chosen field—all before graduation.

The various student groups sponsor speaker programs, participate in and sponsor competitions, provide networking opportunities, host social activities and promote community relations.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the umbrella organization for the student-run organizations at USD. SBA represents student concerns, helps promote student organization activities, creates a sense of community at the law school, and plans social events for students.

More student organizations information: law.sandiego.edu/studentorgs
Student Organizations at USD

- Advocates for Children and Education (ACE)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Constitution Society (ACS)
- Appellate Moot Court
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Business Law Society (BLS)
- Christian Legal Society (CLS)
- Criminal Law Society
- Diversity Committee (DivCom)
- Employment and Labor Law Society (EALLS)
- Environmental Law Society (ELS)
- Federalist Society (Fed Soc)
- Golf Society (Golf)
- Health Law Society (HLS)
- Immigration Justice and Law Society (IJLS)
- Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA)
- International Law Society (ILS)
- Intramural Sports
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS)
- Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
- La Raza Law Students Association
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ)
- Lawyers Attaining Mindful Practices (LAMP)
- Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA)
- Military Bar Association (MBA)
- Motions Law Student Newspaper
- National Trial Team
- Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
- Phi Delta Phi (PDP)
- Pride Law
- Pro Bono Legal Advocates (PBLA)
- Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
- Real Estate & Land Use Society (RELUS)
- San Diego International Law Journal (ILJ)
- San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law (JCEL)
- San Diego Law Review (SDLR)
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
- Student Bar Association (SBA)
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
- Tax Law Society (TLS)
- USD Law Democrats (USD Dems)
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (VICAM)
- Women’s Law Caucus (WLC)
STUDENT-ALUMNI CONNECTION

Led by the Law Alumni Board, the USD School of Law Alumni Association is actively engaged in enhancing the student experience by volunteering their time to foster professional connections between students and alumni. The group hosts networking events throughout the year, including the annual Careers in the Law event, which brings together more than 100 practicing attorneys with current students.

USD law students receive exclusive access to the Alumni Advisor Directory. This index provides contact information to alumni who are willing to speak with you about their own career experiences, areas of practice, or information about their geographic region. With more than 13,000 alumni, the law school boasts an impressive array of professionals who are leaders in business, law and the judiciary.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

USD law students and alumni alike can use the school’s Office of Career and Professional Development. As a student, you have access to hundreds of resources and programs to help you gain legal experience while attending law school. The department’s advisors—all of whom are experienced attorneys—are committed to helping you achieve your individual career objective through one-on-one advising sessions, mock interviews and career skills workshops.

Below are the top law firms, corporations and government agencies that actively recruit our graduates:

- Cooley
- Deloitte
- Department of Justice
- DLA Piper
- Ernst & Young
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Fish & Richardson
- Internal Revenue Service
- KPMG
- Knobbe Martens
- Mintz Levin
- Morrison & Foerster
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Qualcomm
- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission

More information about USD’s career services: law.sandiego.edu/careers
MEET SOME USD ALUMNI

Superior Court Judge. Congressman. CEO. These are only a few of the titles held by the more than 13,000 USD School of Law distinguished alumni who work throughout the country and around the world.

Derek Aberle ’96 (JD)
President
Qualcomm Inc.
San Diego, California

“I joined USD’s Board of Visitors in 2014. There were a number of people there that never practiced law. Pretty universally, people felt like the education was very helpful to them in what they were doing. What I took away from my legal education is the way it teaches you to think critically, to question things, to look at things from different angles. USD School of Law helped me develop the ability to be persuasive when negotiating deals. You have to see all sides of the problem and come up with solutions that aren’t obvious. A legal education helps in that way.”

Sherlin Tung ’09 (JD)
Litigation and Arbitration Counsel
Semperit AG
Vienna, Austria

“My international arbitration career would not have happened without the assistance I received from USD’s faculty, administration and alumni. Encouragement in all of my academic endeavors allowed me to compete head-to-head with students from top international law schools and to shine in the eyes of international academics and practitioners. Success at the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition provided me a path to pursue a career in international law. I would not be where I am today were it not for the financial and moral support of key USD alumni who made it possible for me to move overseas.”
Scott Martinez ’06 (JD)
City Attorney
City of Denver
Denver, Colorado

“I chose USD because of the law school’s high academic standards, accessible faculty, and student colleagues who were serious but didn’t take themselves too seriously. USD attracts well-balanced students, who have done well academically and are amazingly bright, but who also want to explore a fuller legal education experience. San Diego affords you the opportunity to study hard and experience life beyond law school. The individuals who balanced academics with the rest of San Diego’s offerings became my life-long friends. You don’t get that unless you take time to explore outside the classroom together.”

Thomas R. Del Monte ’09 (JD)
President, Chief Technology Officer
Interra Energy
San Diego, California

“During my time at USD School of Law, I was fortunate enough to discover both my career path and the passion to turn my career into what I now see as my life’s work. The courses, clinics and extracurricular opportunities in renewable energy and climate change law at USD are unparalleled. I credit the training I received at USD for much of the success in founding and growing the renewable energy and sustainable agricultural company, Interra Energy.”
TUITION AND FEES

Law school is an investment that will pay off over a lifetime. Tuition rates and fees change from year to year.

More information and details about fees and tuition: law.sandiego.edu/tuition

FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

There are numerous resources that can help you pay for law school. A wide variety of loans, scholarships, fellowships, service grants and work-study programs are available for financially eligible students.

USD was ranked 14th in the nation by GraduatePrograms.com in its poll of 10,000 former and current law school students to find out which U.S. law schools offer the best financial aid packages and the smoothest application processes. Financial aid awarded to law school students at USD consists of more than 250 merit-based, need-based and/or diversity-based scholarships; federal sources such as work-study programs; the Perkins and Direct Loan Programs; and institutional loans. Private loan programs are also available to assist law students with supplemental financing for legal education expenses.
Approximately 85 percent of USD law students received some form of financial aid. The majority of those students receive financial aid support in the form of loans.

**Federal Work-Study**
Funded by the federal government and USD, Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides part-time temporary employment for students who demonstrate financial need. A typical federal work-study award is $4,000 per student per academic year. The award is not paid at the start of the semester. Students are paid hourly for their work throughout each semester. Students participating in the program have an opportunity to reduce their loan indebtedness and, in many positions, obtain relevant legal experience.

**Summer Community Service Grants**
The law school sponsors a Summer Community Service Employment Program that enables students to work for community service agencies. Students who are awarded these grants are paid hourly for their work throughout the summer. Subject to the availability of funding, positions are awarded annually to upper-division students who complete the application process.
APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

All applicants:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Renewal FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov.
2. On the FAFSA, designate USD School of Law (code G06976) as a recipient of the processed information.
3. Submit the processed FAFSA as soon as possible. It must be received by the Central Processing Service on or before March 1 for priority consideration.

Early applicants receive priority. Admission and financial aid decisions are independent of one another; they are not connected.

Frequently Asked Financial Aid Questions

How do I know if I received financial aid at USD?
Financial aid awards are communicated in the form of an email offer of assistance to admitted students beginning in mid-March. Typical awards may contain a combination of funding, including loans, scholarships and/or work-study.

Are admissions decisions linked with financial aid decisions?
No. Admission and financial aid decisions are independent of one another; they are not connected. In order to prevent students from missing deadlines, it is recommended that students apply for financial aid before they are notified of their admission to USD School of Law.

Can I defer my outstanding student loans?
Outstanding federal student loans may qualify for deferment and/or forbearance provisions. Ask our financial aid advisors about how to formally request a deferment or forbearance.

Where can I learn more about financial aid?
Go to law.sandiego.edu/financialaid
With a wide variety of financial information, our website is a good place to get started. Email general questions to lawaid@sandiego.edu. USD also has financial aid advisors who can help you plan for the future. Call (619) 260-4570 to schedule an appointment.

FINANCIAL AID CONSIDERATIONS

You are automatically considered for need-based and merit-based scholarships. The policy of USD is to focus scholarship assistance on students with outstanding academic merit or promise, who contribute to diversity in the legal profession, and/or have the greatest financial aid need. Need is calculated by subtracting the applicant’s available resources, including those of his or her spouse, from a standard budget that includes estimates of all costs associated with completing one year of law study.

More information and details about financial aid at USD: law.sandiego.edu/financialaid
ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

Early Decision
Applicants are required to submit a completed application, including an LSAT score report and a Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report by December 15. Details about the early decision program can be found on the application instruction page of the USD JD First Year Application. Please read this information carefully.

Regular Admissions (Rolling)
A rolling admissions process means that there is no formal deadline to apply. Applications will continue to be received and reviewed provided there is space available in the entering class. Being that there is no formal deadline, applicants are still encouraged to submit applications early in the admissions cycle. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that the School of Law Admissions Office receives all required components of the application. The admissions committee will not consider incomplete applications.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All application details are available online at law.sandiego.edu/jdapp.

Step 1. 
Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), given four times a year at various centers throughout the country and around the world. The LSAT is required of all applicants regardless of educational or professional background.

More information about LSAT: lsac.org

Step 2. 
Register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) at lsac.org. CAS will require the submission of all your academic transcripts. Be sure to designate the USD School of Law (code 4849) as a CAS report recipient.

Step 3. 
Complete an application for admission online at lsac.org. Need a paper application? Request a paper copy by calling the Office of Admissions at (619) 260-4528.

More information and details about applying: law.sandiego.edu/jdapp

Step 4. 
Along with your application, include a two- to three-page, double-spaced personal statement that describes your personal background and your interest in attending USD Law. Refer to the online application instructions at law.sandiego.edu/jdapp for more information about the content of your personal statement.

Step 5. 
Letters of recommendation are not required, but are welcome. We allow applicants to submit up to two letters of recommendation. Choose letters from professors or individuals who can best evaluate your academic background and/or work experience and send them to CAS at lsac.org.

Step 6. 
Review the application checklist at the end of the application to ensure everything is complete.

Paper Application Mailing Address
University of San Diego School of Law
Office of Admissions
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492
QUICK ADVISOR

Does USD offer an early decision option?
Yes, USD School of Law offers an early decision program to JD applicants. This early decision program was created for applicants whose first choice in law schools is USD and therefore is a binding admissions process. Applications and all required documents must be submitted by December 15. Full information and other details are contained in the Application for Admission on our website at law.sandiego.edu/jdapp.

Can I reactivate a previous application?
If you applied at an earlier date and were not accepted or unable to accept admission, then yes, you can reactivate your application the following year. Submit a new application form, an updated Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report, and any supplementary materials (resume or letters of recommendation). Or you can use the electronic process through LSAC.

Can I apply to be a visiting summer student?
Absolutely. Contact the Admissions Office at jdinfo@sandiego.edu for a summer student application or check our website for the current summer application.

What if I am a transfer or visiting student?
In addition to the materials listed above, please forward a letter of permission from your current school, an official law school transcript from your current school’s registrar’s office, a letter of good standing from your current dean, and an official Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report to:

University of San Diego School of Law Office of Admissions
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

More information about transferring to USD: law.sandiego.edu/transfer

Do I need to take the TOEFL?
Applicants whose native language is not English or who earned a degree outside of the U.S. must establish competency in the language by completing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and send results to the Credential Assembly Services (CAS).

What if my undergraduate degree is from another country?
Applicants who earned their undergraduate degree outside the United States must apply through LSAC for the JD Credential Assembly Service (JDCAS) for Foreign-Educated Applicants and send their transcripts to the JDCAS service.

Where can I find more information about the entering class, career services, tuition and financial aid?
For the most recent admissions and entering class profile statistics, career services statistics, and tuition and financial aid information, go to:

law.sandiego.edu/consumerinformation
APPLICATION REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Beginning in late November, the Admissions Committee reviews thousands of applications for the regular admissions cycle. Therefore, it may take several months for your application to be considered. Each applicant is evaluated on overall achievements relative to other applicants.

Once a decision has been made, you will be immediately advised with either an offer of admission, offer of a place on the waitlist or a denial of admission. Waitlisted applicants may not receive a final decision until late summer.

Applications for the early decision program will be reviewed during the fall and decisions will be mailed by December 31. Due to confidentiality requirements, admission decisions are not communicated by telephone and can only be released to the applicant.