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Tradition. Innovation. A superb faculty. A curriculum unmatched in breadth and depth. And all of this just steps away from the Capitol and Supreme Court. At Georgetown, you learn the law in the place where laws are made.

Wherever your passion for the law takes you—practicing at a global law firm, tackling juvenile justice reform, running for public office—Georgetown Law provides you with a pathway to a career you will love.
The challenges of today's world make it clearer than ever that lawyers have a crucial role to play — as public servants, defenders of rights, and advocates for justice. For 150 years, Georgetown Law has stood for academic excellence and commitment to social justice. From our campus at the heart of the nation’s capital, steps away from where laws are written and argued, our graduates go out across the country and around the world, serving as leaders in communities large and small. I am proud that we are a community that cares for its own and for others.

— William M. Treanor, Dean
Learning the Law Where Laws Are Made

Take a few short steps from the Georgetown Law campus, and you'll find yourself looking up at a familiar sight—the U.S. Capitol. Walk a few minutes more, and you’ll be standing in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

At Georgetown, you will study the dynamic processes of the law in a real-world laboratory. Our students have an unparalleled vantage point—just minutes away from the Congress that enacts laws, the Supreme Court that interprets them, and the executive agencies that enforce them.

We are, quite simply, a place like no other. Consider the breadth and scope of knowledge and the level of experience represented in the Georgetown Law faculty. Our professors serve in key federal government posts, provide expert testimony for congressional committees, and help shape national policy. You’ll frequently see them interviewed on national television and quoted in major newspapers.

Trial Run

Before most lawyers present oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, they first make a stop at Georgetown Law.

At our Supreme Court Institute (SCI) Moot Court, lawyers about to appear before the Court have the opportunity to hone their arguments beforehand. They receive critiques from a panel of prominent Supreme Court practitioners, many from leading D.C. law firms.
“The Supreme Court Moot Program is just one of the many unique educational experiences students have at their disposal—and is one of my favorites. Having some of the best practicing litigators and Georgetown’s brilliant professors strategizing in the same room is incredibly inspiring and makes me excited about the prospect of utilizing my legal education to make the world a better place.”

— Lindsay Kirschner, L’22
Taking full advantage of our D.C. location, Georgetown Law’s 23 Centers and Institutes are “think tanks/do tanks” right here on campus. Many are multidisciplinary, working in collaboration with Georgetown University’s preeminent graduate and professional schools.

**Centers & Institutes**

- Center for the Advancement of the Rule of Law in the Americas
- Center for Asian Law
- Center for Congressional Studies
- Center for the Constitution
- Center on Ethics and the Legal Profession
- Center on National Security and the Law
- Center on Privacy and Technology
- Center on Transnational Business and the Law
- The Denny Center for Democratic Capitalism
- The Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality
- Georgetown Climate Center
- The Georgetown Project on State and Local Government Policy and Law
- Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance
- Human Rights Institute
- Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection
- Institute of International Economic Law
- Institute for the Study of International Migration
- Institute for Technology Law and Policy
- O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law
- Supreme Court Institute
- Voting Rights Institute
- Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program
- Workers’ Rights Institute
Academic Journals

- Georgetown Law Journal
- American Criminal Law Review
- Food and Drug Law Journal
- Georgetown Environmental Law Review
- Georgetown Immigration Law Journal
- Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law
- Georgetown Journal of International Law
- Georgetown Journal of Law & Modern Critical Race Perspectives
- Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy
- Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics
- Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy
- Georgetown Law Technology Review
- Journal of National Security Law & Policy
Because of the scope of our curriculum, you are guaranteed a seat in an experiential course during every upperclass semester. We offer four types of experiential courses, each with distinct benefits:

**Clinics**

Our 18 clinics provide you with a unique opportunity to advise or represent actual clients, both here in D.C. and around the world, while simultaneously receiving intensive supervision and feedback from faculty.

**Practicums**

In practicum courses, you work on projects or cases under the direction of a supervising attorney, while studying law in action in an associated seminar. These courses give you a great opportunity to become a subject matter expert, cultivate your legal skills, and begin to develop a professional identity. They also enable you to build networks that can be tapped for future internships and jobs. You can choose from more than 30 practicum courses in areas including public policy, human rights, environmental law, business law, regulatory law, health law, and more.

**Externships**

By integrating classroom work with real-world work experience, our semester-long externships give you the opportunity to see law in action while gaining a deeper understanding of how legal practice happens. More than 400 of our J.D. students participate in externships each year.

**Simulations**

In our simulation courses, you step into the lawyer’s role in a wide range of hypothetical scenarios. Our renowned National Security Law simulation, for example, puts you in the middle of a national security crisis—such as a pandemic disease outbreak or cyber attack—and requires you to respond in real time.
“I did a fall externship at the Public Defender Service for D.C. In the spring, I went on to participate in the Corporate Legal Department Practicum, in which I attended a seminar taught by two law firm partners focused on the role of in-house lawyers and the challenges they face. This seminar was supplemented by an internship with the general counsel of a start-up incubator called 1776. I learned so much from both of these very different experiences. Putting the more theoretical aspects of law I learned during my first year of law school to practice was so rewarding.”

— Christina Phan, L’19
CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR–STUDENT RATIO

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CLINICS

- Appellate Courts Immersion Clinic
- Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Center for Applied Legal Studies
- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic**
- Communications and Technology Law Clinic**
- Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- D.C. Street Law Program
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic**
- Federal Legislation Clinic
- Health Justice Alliance
- International Women’s Human Rights Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic — Rising for Justice
- Law Students in Court
- Public Policy Clinic: Climate Health & Food/ Human Rights/Trade*
- Social Enterprise and Non-Profit Clinic

* Harrison Institute for Public Law
** Institute for Public Representation, a public interest law firm founded at Georgetown
“The Juvenile Justice Clinic provides our students with an opportunity to have an impact on the life of a child who is arguably in one of the most difficult times of his or her life. Students learn skills that are not only critical to being a great public defender but are also transferable across all types of lawyering.”

— Professor Kristin Henning, Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic; Associate Dean for Clinics and Centers
An Unparalleled Edge in Your Career Path

From Top 100 law firms to the Justice Department to NGOs, Georgetown students are in high demand—both for summer jobs and for full-time employment after graduation. Employers know that our students are ready for practice on Day 1.

We offer one of the most extensive on-campus law firm recruiting programs in the nation. Combined with our other private sector, government and public interest interview programs, we provide more than 7,000 interview opportunities for our students each year.

Finding Your Calling

Georgetown is among just a few law schools in the country that provides a dedicated public interest career center: our Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS).

As a student here you can consult our OPICS team about government and public interest placements, career planning, networking and recruiting opportunities, and much more. Because Washington, D.C. is the heart of the nation’s public interest community, you’ll have access to a vast array of opportunities with non-profit organizations and government agencies.

Public Interest Fellows Program

All incoming J.D. students are eligible to apply to the Public Interest Fellows Program. As a fellow, you receive enhanced public interest academic, career, and community support, including alumni mentorship and specialized career counseling.

Delaney Post-Graduate Residency Program

Launched in 2016, the Delaney Post-Graduate Residency Program is a training and mentoring program for graduates participating in year-long fellowships in the public sector. This program was made possible through a generous gift from April McClain-Delaney (L’89) and Rep. John Delaney (L’88).
“D.C. is the center of the legal world. Internships at the FTC, on the Hill, or with the DOJ that are really tough to get during the summer are right at your fingertips during the academic year. You can take an administrative law class on a Monday morning and then walk five minutes over to the D.C. Circuit that afternoon to work on cutting-edge regulatory cases for your internship. Taking a class on Criminal Procedure? Why not stroll over to the Supreme Court and listen to the oral arguments for cases like Carpenter that are changing the legal landscape for future criminal defendants. Being a law student in D.C. provides you with access to legal resources no other city in America can provide.”

— Christopher Herr, L’19
PRACTICE READY

TYPES OF PRACTICE

LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT
- Washington, D.C.: 40%
- New York: 23%
- California: 6%
- International: 2%
- Other: 29%

TOP 10 “STATES” WHERE GRADUATES GO
1. Washington, D.C.
2. New York
3. California
4. Virginia
5. Texas
6. Pennsylvania
7. Massachusetts
8. Florida
9. Illinois
10. Maryland
“I work for the Georgetown O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and the Georgetown Center for Global Health Science and Security, conducting research on COVID-19 and HIV and AIDS. The opportunities are endless, and as a public health professional, who intends to practice healthcare law after graduation, opportunities that merge healthcare and the law are critical for me. With an expanded knowledge base, I will graduate from the evening program in 2022 — 40 years after my father did in 1982.”

— Krysten Thomas, L’22
Tailoring Your Own Course of Study

Georgetown Law offers a wider array of courses than any other law school—over 400 J.D. courses and seminars each year. In choosing your courses and other academic experiences—such as studying abroad—you have the flexibility to pursue a broad and diverse curriculum or a tailor-made program in one of our many specialty areas, including international, constitutional, tax, environmental, and health care law.

As an incoming 1L student, you can choose between two curricular options:

**Curriculum A** provides a thorough grounding in foundational subjects while enabling you to select from a diverse menu of six to seven elective courses in the spring semester, drawn from two major areas of law: legislative/administrative and international/comparative.

**Curriculum B** was developed to address three important changes in legal practice and theory: the emergence of the regulatory state; the overlap between the common law subjects of torts, contracts, and property; and the important influence of other disciplines such as economics, history, and philosophy.
“Being in D.C. during the school year has allowed me many opportunities. The most striking one was the ability to intern with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Since I was there for an entire semester, rather than just a summer internship, I was able to be more involved in cases that came before the court. It was immensely rewarding to immediately apply all of the things I learned in 1L in one of the most important district courts in the country. None of it would have been possible at any other law school.”

— Myles Young, L’22
Global Law Scholars

Approximately 20 incoming J.D. students each year are selected for the prestigious Global Law Scholars program, which prepares students for transnational practice by combining language skills and cultural familiarity with rigorous and directed legal training. Students can also study for a semester at our Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London or through another semester abroad program. The Law Center also offers a joint degree with Institut d’Études Politique de Paris (Sciences Po). The priority deadline for applications is March 1, 2021. Note that admission decisions are made on a rolling basis so early application is encouraged! Applications received after the March 1st deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Business Law Scholars

The Business Law Scholars program is designed to help students gain extensive practical experience to better prepare for a career in corporate law, starting a business, or becoming a partner in a law practice. Through mentorship, participation in speakers series, business simulations and contests—including with the McDonough School of Business—and with guaranteed access to some of the more highly sought-after business-related courses, this cohort will develop vital business-related skills that will position students well for long-term success in business-related roles.

Technology Law & Policy Scholars

The Technology Law & Policy Scholars program gives students the opportunity to engage in rigorous academic work, to develop their technological skills, and to deepen their understanding of policy debates related to new and emerging technologies. Scholars will have the opportunity to work in a hands-on environment, pairing practical experience with a solid theoretical foundation.
“As a function of its size, Georgetown Law gave me the chance to pursue a number of diverse opportunities until I found my niche in the Black Law Students Association and the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy.”

— K’sean Henderson, L’18
An Intimate Learning Environment

Your introduction to the small-school feel of Georgetown Law begins in the first year, with your small section class of about 33 students and an even smaller Legal Practice seminar of about 25 students. In your upperclass years, you can choose each semester from more than 100 small seminars, most of which enroll 30 or fewer students. Many of our students also pursue research and writing projects with individual professors.

Evening Program

Georgetown Law’s J.D. Evening Program offers a unique opportunity to earn a degree from one of the top U.S. law schools without giving up your full-time job. You’ll study with the same world-class faculty as full-time students, fully supported by the Law Center’s career and academic support services. At the same time, you’ll have the flexibility to complete your J.D. in three to four years, with class times that fit your working schedule.

Evening students earn the same degree as day students. They take the same required courses, including experiential education requirements; participate in the same extracurricular activities, from our top-rated journals to mock trial competitions; and are equally successful in securing career and clerkship opportunities.

All first-year evening students attend classes starting at 5:45 p.m. on weekday evenings. Upper-class students may take courses that meet after work, during the day, or a combination of both. Upper-class electives are also offered on weekends.
“The Women’s Legal Alliance helped me reach my full potential at Georgetown. By pairing me with a strong, female mentor a year ahead of me, I was able to get advice on classes and law school from someone that just went through it.”

— Claire Danberg, L’21
APPLY
Applying to law school is the first step in a transformative journey. The Georgetown Law Admissions Office is ready to guide you as you begin planning your life as a legal professional.

Georgetown offers a unique set of advantages for our students. From the moment you enter your first law school class, no other school better prepares you for practice. By the time you don your purple hood at graduation, you will be ready to thrive in whatever career path you have chosen.

What sets Georgetown apart? First, it’s our location in Washington, D.C., which gives our students unparalleled access to the top legal theorists and practitioners in the world.

As a pioneer and national leader in experiential education, Georgetown has developed top-ranked clinical programs that enable our students to apply theory to practice in representing actual clients—from victims of family violence to refugees in federal immigration court.

And with more than 120 full-time faculty, Georgetown offers the most comprehensive legal curriculum in the nation: more than 400 J.D. courses and seminars. Alongside those extensive resources, we provide a close-knit community and individualized support, grounded in the university’s tradition of “care for the whole person.” There has never been a more important time for lawyers to go out into the world, committed to the highest ethics, and to fight for justice.

We invite you to learn about Georgetown Law and its diverse community of faculty, alumni, and students. We look forward to meeting you.

— Andrew Cornblatt, Dean of Admissions
“As a Baltimore resident, the daily commute to Georgetown Law is more than worth it. The experience of studying law mere steps from the Capitol and the Supreme Court has opened up a world of possibilities. From attending moot courts for the most prominent SCOTUS cases of our time to engaging directly with legislators and advocates on Capitol Hill, I feel like my academic experience is constantly enriched by the experiential opportunities here in Washington.”

— Hayley Roth, L’22
Georgetown Law’s commitment to providing a personalized education begins with the admissions experience. Admissions at Georgetown is far more than a numbers game—we understand the importance of getting to know you by reading each and every part of your application.

We’re here to answer any questions you may have about our school and our application process. Our goal is to build a vibrant, engaged, and passionate community at Georgetown, and we hope you will join us!

**Who May Apply**

Applicants who will possess a U.S. baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university or the equivalent from a foreign institution prior to registration day are eligible for admission to Georgetown Law as candidates for the J.D. degree or any joint degree programs. Candidates may apply for admission to the Full-Time Division, the Part-Time/Evening Division, or “Both.”

The American Bar Association requires that we advise applicants that, in addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction.

**Early Decision**

The Early Decision process is designed for applicants who are certain that Georgetown Law is their first choice school. Offers of admission are binding through this process. Although candidates admitted under Early Decision are committed to attending Georgetown, and will not receive their financial aid information before their admissions decision, please be assured that you will be considered for merit scholarships and need-based financial aid in the same manner, and on the same timeline, as all other admitted students.

**Regular Decision**

The Admissions Committee reviews applications on a rolling basis as they are completed. We begin accepting applications on September 8. It is to your advantage to complete your application as early as possible in the admissions cycle.

**Application Checklist**

- Application Form (LSAC electronic application strongly preferred)
- Nonrefundable $85 application fee (see our website for fee waiver information)
- Personal statement and résumé
- LSAT, GRE, or GMAT score
- Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended
- One required letter of recommendation (more than one may be submitted)
- Optional diversity statement
- Optional short answer question or video

**2019 J.D. Entering Class**

| Applicants | 10,366 |
| Students Enrolled | 573 |
| Full-time Students | 518 |
| Part-time Students | 55 |
| States | 46 |
| Foreign Countries | 229 |
| Colleges & Universities | 10 |
| Male / Female / Other | 47% / 52% / 1% |
| Students of Color | 28% |
| Median LSAT/GPA | 168/3.78 |
| 75th Percentile | 169/3.89 |
| 25th Percentile | 163/3.56 |
Financing Your Legal Education

We are committed to ensuring that you can pursue a legal education regardless of your financial circumstances. In 2019-2020, 58 percent of our students received grants or scholarships.

The professionals in our Financial Aid office are here to guide you through all stages of the financial aid process. Our website contains detailed information about the types of assistance we offer, plus step-by-step instructions on how to apply. We encourage you to reach out to us directly to help answer any financial-related questions you may have.

Types of Financial Aid

Educational Loans and Work Study
The Federal Direct Loan Program is the primary source of financial aid for Georgetown Law students. Students may also be eligible for other federal and private student loans and federally funded work-study opportunities.

Dean's Tuition Grants
Dean's Tuition Grants are awarded to approximately one-third of the full-time entering class based on financial need.

Blume Public Interest Scholars
The Blume Scholars program provides financial and other support to selected students each year who demonstrate a commitment to spend most of their careers in public service.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
Georgetown Law's loan repayment assistance program provides our graduates working in qualified public interest or government positions with assistance repaying their law school loans. Our LRAP was one of the first of its kind, and it remains among the strongest in the country.

Guaranteed Summer Public Interest Funding
The Equal Justice Foundation funding program guarantees summer funding to all 1L, 2L, and 3E Georgetown Law students who work for eligible public interest or government employers.
2020-2021 Dates and Deadlines

September 8
First day J.D. Regular and Early Decision applications accepted for Fall 2021

November 1
Transfer/Visiting Students Deadline for Spring 2021

February 1
Strongly recommended J.D. Early Decision Deadline for Fall 2021

March 1
Strongly recommended J.D. Regular Decision Deadline for Fall 2021

March 15
Early Action Transfer Deadline for Fall 2021

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Priority Deadline

CSS/Financial Aid Profile Priority Deadline

April 10
Early Assurance Deadline (Georgetown University juniors only) for Fall 2022

June 15
Transfer/Visiting Students Deadline for Fall 2021

Technology Law Scholars Deadline

Global Law Scholars Deadline

Business Law Scholars Deadline

2020-2021 Estimated Tuition

$66,872 full-time; $45,372 part-time/evening, $2,388/credit

58%
Students who received grants or scholarships in 2019
“One of the wonderful things about Georgetown is the extremely diverse student body in terms of background, experiences, and interests. As a result of this, there is a student organization for everyone. Joining student organizations shaped my 1L experience beyond the classroom and allowed me to forge relationships with like-minded people and helped to keep me grounded as I navigate law school.”

— Clirae Bourke, L’22