welcome

You are about to embark on the most intellectually challenging, and the most rewarding, educational experience of your life. The knowledge and skills you gain over the next three years will form the foundation of your legal career. As a student at KU Law, you can ensure that the foundation you build will support your professional goals, whatever they may be.

As a KU Law student, you become part of a proud history. The University of Kansas was established by a determined group of abolitionists with the personal courage and integrity to take a stand against slavery. When you walk around Green Hall, you will see composite photographs of generations of law students. From the earliest classes, those pictures include the faces of students of color and women. KU Law is, as it always has been, an inclusive place.

As a KU Law student, you can select courses from a broad and varied curriculum and participate in a wide array of extracurricular learning opportunities. You can pursue a general legal education or specialize in one of our eight certificate programs. We have 12 joint-degree programs, all of which allow you to obtain both a J.D. and a master’s degree on an accelerated basis. These programs enable you to begin your legal training by prosecuting criminals or representing inmates, serving in a judge’s chambers or providing legal services to the poor.

When you complete your legal education and take your own place as a member of the bar — whether your place is in the courtroom, the boardroom or the classroom, on the bench or in the statehouse — KU lawyers will be there to welcome you.

— Stephen Mazza, Dean of KU Law

WHERE OUR GRADUATES GO

KU Law graduates from the past five years practice in more than 25 states, the District of Columbia and 10 countries. They live and work on both coasts and throughout the Midwest.

WHERE OUR GRADUATES GO

CRITICAL MASS

The three states/districts where the most 2015 KU Law grads are employed:

#1 MISSOURI
48 jobs (39%)

#2 KANSAS
44 jobs (35%)

#3 COLORADO
4 jobs (3%)
9:15 a.m.  
CLASS  
Civil Procedure, Contracts, Lawyering Skills I

12:20 p.m.  
LUNCH  
Attend a Women in Law meeting or lecture over lunch.

1:35 p.m.  
STUDY  
Catch up on reading, researching, and editing.

6:00 p.m.  
RELAX  
Head home and grab dinner.

7:00 p.m.  
SOCIAL  
Hit the gym or meet my study group downtown.

9:00 p.m.  
HOME  
Pack my bag and set the coffee maker for tomorrow!

a day in the life of a 1L: Jessie Pringle
The Environmental Law Society is one of more than 25 organizations you can join at KU Law.

Last year the Black Law Students Association collected 7,500 food items and $3,328 for local charities.

Intrigued by international issues? Want to dive into sports and entertainment law? We’ve got you covered.

More info on involvement: law.ku.edu/student-life

Student organizations provide leadership, community service and academic opportunities.
KU Law is affiliated with study abroad programs in Cambridge, England; Limerick and Dublin, Ireland; and Beijing, China.

Looking for a more immersive experience? KU Law has partnerships with 17 international law schools in countries including New Zealand, China, India, Turkey, Ireland, Italy and Australia. Students can live and study abroad through semester-long exchange programs.

Incoming students are encouraged to consider the Cambridge Pre-Law Institute. The program offers undergraduates and incoming law students the opportunity to live and study at Cambridge University, focusing on the culture, history and politics of the English and American legal systems under the guidance of KU faculty. Students in the program take two 3-credit courses and have many opportunities to explore the prestigious university.

Find more information online: law.ku.edu/study-abroad.

Q&As with KU Law:

**What’s the best thing about the first year?**

“Walking into Green Hall knowing you’re accomplishing your dream. It’s good to stop and realize that, and use that feeling as fuel to complete the journey.”

— Kriston Guillot, 3L

“Learning not just new material, but how to learn in a new way. It can feel like drinking from a fire hose at times, but the professors are there to help.”

— Beth Hanus, 3L

“Adjusting to legal writing and thinking. Both are completely different than undergraduate teaching. After making this shift, law school becomes more manageable.”

— Jacob Turner, 1L

**What’s toughest about the first year?**

“My classmates and faculty and staff were the highlight of my first year. Once I learned that so many resources were available to me, I felt much more confident.”

— Sangeeta Shastry, 2L

**What do you like about Lawrence?**

“Downtown Lawrence is one of my favorite places in the world. It’s a great place to shop, dine, or enjoy a drink.”

— Professor Steve McAllister

“KU students come from roughly 110 countries each year. They study with world-class scholars in a friendly, safe environment.”

— Professor Raj Bhala
Tips to settle in

Where should I live next year? Are there any campus housing options?
There are many apartment complexes and rental properties in Lawrence. The Lawrence-Journal World’s apartment directory, apartments. lawrence.com, is a great place to start. Although there is no designated housing for law students, on-campus student housing is available: housing.ku.edu.

How can I find a roommate?
Head over to the Admitted Students website — law.ku.edu/admitted — and check out the housing information section to get started. You can also post or find posts seeking roommates in the Class of 2020 Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/kulaw2020.

Which utility companies should I use?
Most rental properties use the same companies for all residents. If you do plan to buy a home, the most common utility companies are Westar Energy for electric, Black Hills Energy for gas, and the City of Lawrence for water and trash. Internet options include WOW! and AT&T.

More tips online: law.ku.edu/admitted

life in lawrence

Lawrence boasts art galleries, museums, performance halls, global cuisine, lakes, trails, Division I athletics and proximity to Kansas City. It’s laid-back living in a cosmopolitan Midwest community. The University of Kansas lies at the center of the community and infuses an already vibrant city with vitality and diversity. Recently, the American Institute for Economic Research ranked Lawrence eighth on its list of the 75 best college towns. And Lawrence has been recognized in a lot of other rankings:

- The National Trust for Historic Preservation ranked Lawrence among its “Dozen Most Distinctive Destinations,” touting it as one of the best-preserved and unique communities in America.
- Business Insider and Lumosity have ranked Lawrence one of the nation’s smartest cities.
- USA Today ranked Lawrence as one of the most integrated communities in the country.
- The National Endowment for the Arts has ranked Lawrence in the top 12 among cities in the U.S. with the largest percentage of professional artists in the work force.
- The Lied Center of Kansas, the University of Kansas’ multimillion-dollar performing arts center, was ranked by International Arts Manager magazine as one of the “Top U.S. University Presenters.”
- Entrepreneur ranked Lawrence 23rd among the top 50 U.S. cities for entrepreneurs.

Best of Lawrence 2016
as voted by lawrence.com readers

Best Bar / Restaurant: Free State Brewing Company
Best Pizza: LiMESTONE pizza + kitchen + bar
Best Coffee: Alchemy Coffee + Bake House
Best Place for Live Music: Liberty Hall
Best Hiking and Bike Trails: Clinton Lake
Best Place for a Date: 715
Best Apparel Store: Weaver’s
Best Event: Lawrence Farmer’s Market
Massachusetts Street (Mass Street) is the epicenter of shopping, restaurants and nightlife in Lawrence.

Head 40 minutes east to Kansas City for world-famous jazz and barbecue, first-rate performing arts and convenient access to Kansas City International airport.

Take in a game at Allen Fieldhouse, hailed as “the best place in America to watch college basketball.”

There are lots of housing and dining options within walking and cycling distance of campus.

Just steps from Green Hall, the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center offers a climbing wall, cardio theater, yoga classes and more.
**what’s next?**

**Do this now**

First 6 steps to launching your legal education

1. **Enroll in courses**
   No need to register for your first semester; we will take care of that for you!

2. **Get your KU ID card**
   Your card will gain you free access to the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center and the City of Lawrence bus system (Jayhawks ride free!). Learn more at [kucard.ku.edu](http://kucard.ku.edu).

3. **Apply for financial aid**
   Contact the Financial Aid & Scholarships office to help finance your education: [affordability.ku.edu](http://affordability.ku.edu).

4. **Arrange parking**
   Register for parking at [parking.ku.edu](http://parking.ku.edu). Parking is available in the garage or various yellow lots near the law school.

5. **Buy your books**
   Students will receive their class schedule about three weeks before classes start. Shop online or at the KU Bookstore in the Kansas Union.

6. **Reserve your study carrel**
   Sign up for your study carrel during the first week of class. Information will be provided by the Student Bar Association.

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**MARCH**

- **March 1:** Priority date to file the FAFSA. File earlier if you can. (You may still file after March 1, but your application will be late and your award may be smaller.)
- **March 15:** First seat deposit due (summer starters)

**APRIL**

- **April 7-8:** Admitted Students Weekend: law.ku.edu/admitted-students-weekend
- **April 15:** First seat deposit due (fall starters)

**MAY**

- **May 18:** Orientation (summer starters)
- **May 23:** Summer classes begin

**JUNE**

- June 15: Second seat deposit due (fall starters)

**AUGUST**

- **August 17:** Orientation (fall starters)
- **August 24:** Fall classes begin

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