

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

SCHOOL OF LAW

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Public/private	Public
Affiliation	No Affiliation
Student-faculty ratio	10.8:1
% faculty part-time	35
% faculty female	43
% faculty underrepresented minority	13
Total faculty	60

SURVEY SAYS...

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STUDENTS

% male/female	56/44
% part-time	0
% underrepresented minority	15
% international	2
# of countries represented	8
Average age of entering class	25

ACADEMICS

Academic Experience Rating	TK
Prof's interesting rating	TK
Prof's accessible rating	TK
Hours of study per day	TK

Academic Specialties

Commercial, Constitutional, Corporation Securities, Criminal, Environmental, International, Property, Taxation, Intellectual Property

Advanced Degrees Offered

LLM Elder Law, 1 year; SJD, 3 years

Combined Degrees Offered

JD/MBA; JD/ Master's of East Asian Languages and Cultures; JD/MA in Economics; JD/MA in Global Indigenous Nations Studies; JD/ Master's of Health Services Administration; JD/MS in Journalism; JD/MA in Philosophy; JD/Master's of Public Administration; JD/MA in Political Science; JD/MA in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies; JD/ Master's of Social Work; JD/ Master's of Urban Planning

Academics

Kansas Law is certainly considered a legal powerhouse in the Midwest. The university "offers a wide variety of classes that suit all types of students interested in an array of legal areas." As one third-year shares, "I've never found it challenging to find classes I'm interested in taking. [In fact,] there are usually too many classes and I have to narrow it down to what fits into my schedule the best." Moreover, students benefit from a curriculum that manages to deftly balance a "mix of traditional legal theory with practical skills." Another satisfied third-year adds, "The clinical programs are numerous and diverse. A student could have practical experience in every semester as an upperclassman, just through the clinics and externships provided by the school." However, some students do grumble that "the mandatory grade curve puts KU students at a disadvantage compared to other law schools within the region."

Students at KU seem to fully enjoy their time in the classroom. This can certainly be attributed to "absolutely fantastic professors" who are "brilliant, approachable, and want to be there." It's readily apparent that they "genuinely love their job and love the university." As one knowing third-year succinctly states, "They are very knowledgeable in their subject areas, friendly, accessible, and willing to help each student succeed."

One area that could use a little improvement is the actual law school building. Many say that it feels "dated" and a first-year colorfully suggests that it resembles an "old airport." Further, a disgruntled second-year laments that it's "crowded with print resources no one uses, lacking moot court space, lacking group study space [and] lacking effective air conditioning." Fortunately, though the law building might leave some wanting, the university's "research resources are also quite simply - wonderful." A first-year explains, "Our library is well stocked, and our librarians are very helpful, as well as available to us at all times. KU Law also provides us with Westlaw, LexisNexis, and Bloomberg research trainings, and representatives from those companies are available 24/7."

Finally, students also greatly appreciate the fact the administration is "very hands on." In fact, even the "Dean teaches classes and takes the time to mingle with the students constantly." As one excited first-year pleasantly sums up, "KU Law is still the most welcoming, diverse, inclusive, and supportive group of individuals I've yet to meet, and I would recommend it to anybody looking to law as a profession."

Life

Students at Kansas speak highly of their peers, finding them (among other choice adjectives) friendly, caring and helpful. As a second-year emphatically states, "The greatest strength of KU Law is that it is very congenial among the students. You hear these horror stories when you apply to law school of students stealing notes or destroying each other's outlines for a competitive edge, but the experience here at KU is much different. While people are still competing for rank, they are still willing to help each other out and compete in an honest and fair way. This, I believe, leads to a much more conducive environment for learning and excelling." A first-year concurs adding that "all of the 2Ls and 3Ls are very kind and supportive to new 1Ls and everyone looks out for one another."

Beyond a warm and welcoming vibe, KU Law also provides students with a myriad of professional opportunities. As one proactive third-year delights in sharing, "I have had the opportunity to participate in an externship/clinic, serve on a legal publication, and work as a research assistant for a professor." Moreover, due to "KU's geographical location, it is midway between Kansas City and Topeka, there is an extensive range of externship options, either in a big city or in a state capital." Of course, fear not; these future JDs are also able to indulge in a little R & R every now and again. Indeed, we've been assured that KU offers a "great balance of school and fun" and students find plenty of time to "go out and socialize with [their] law school friends." Not surprisingly, everyone loves supporting the Jayhawks!

Getting In

KU's admissions process is fairly by the book. First and foremost, the committee considers each applicant's undergraduate GPA and LSAT score. Following these quantitative assessments, admissions officers carefully analyze personal statements, recommendations and employment history. The only admissions requirements are an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, sitting for the LSAT and registering with the Law School Admissions Council Credential Assembly Service.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Career Rating	TK	Prominent Alumni
Total 2013 JD Grads	173	Hon. Mary H. Murgia, 9th Circuit Judge;
% for whom you have useable information	100	Gov. Sam Brownback, State of Kansas
% grads employed nine months out	85.5	Governor; Mary Beck Briscoe, 10th Circuit
Median starting salary		Judge; Sen. Jerry Moran, United States
# employed full-time	135	Senate; Major General Clyde Tate, Deputy
# employed part-time	13	JAG of the U.S. Army (ret'd)
# employed bar required	122	Grads Employed by Field (%)
# employed JD preferred	24	Academic (2)
# employed professional/other	3	Business/Industry (16)
# employed non-professional	1	Government (15)
# pursuing advanced degree	2	Judicial Clerkship (7)
# unemployed and seeking employment	20	Military (1)
# not seeking employment	1	Private Practice (49)
% grads employed by school	1	Public Interest (3)
State for bar exam	KS, MO, CA, CO, TX	
Pass rate for first-time bar	92.9	

Clinical program required	Yes
Legal writing course requirement	Yes
Legal methods course requirement	Yes
Legal research court requirement	Yes
Moot court requirement	No
Public interest law requirement	No

ADMISSIONS

Selectivity Rating	TK
# applications received	862
% applicants accepted	57
% acceptees attending	22
Average LSAT	156
Median LSAT	157
LSAT Range (25th to 75th percentile)	153-159
Average undergrad GPA	3.37
Median undergrad GPA	3.42
Application fee	\$55
Regular application deadline	4/1
Regular notification	
Early application deadline	
Early application notification	
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Evening division offered	No
Part-time accepted	No
CAS accepted	Yes

International Students

TOEFL required of international students.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Annual tuition (in-state out-of-state)	\$19,623/\$33,067
Books and supplies	\$1,100
Fees	\$882
Room & Board (on/off campus)	\$10,866/\$10,866
Financial aid application deadline	4/1
% first-year students receiving some sort of aid	
% all students receiving some sort of aid	
% of aid that is merit based	90
% receiving scholarships	
Average grant	
Average loan	
Average total aid package	
Average debt	