

School of Law

Welcome to the IU School of Law - Indianapolis!

Situated at the intersection of education and experience, the IU School of Law-Indianapolis offers students the sought-after combination of academic excellence and professional opportunity that only a metropolitan location can provide. Inlow Hall, the home of the law school, is just steps away from everything a major urban environment affords: business, government, life sciences, medicine, sports, and the arts. You will make connections that will prepare you for a wide array of careers.

We're the largest law school in Indiana, one of two at Indiana University, offering the greatest opportunity for hands-on experience in our urban setting. But while we have an enrollment of nearly 1,000, each student gets the kind of hands-on attention you might expect from a small school. Our culture is a blend of Midwestern friendliness and metropolitan energy, characterized by personal attention from faculty and staff.

Overview

Opportunity

The IU School of Law-Indianapolis prepares students for a wide range of diverse and exciting careers. From practicing law to managing corporations, the school's nearly 10,000 graduates excel not only in Indiana, but across the country and around the world. Law school alumni have served in the highest offices in government, including the U.S. vice presidency, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

The Indianapolis legal and business communities offer opportunities for connections that no other law school in the state can provide. Many of the school's adjunct professors come from some of the most prestigious law firms in the state. Additionally, an attorney-student mentor program allows students to meet a variety of area attorneys, judges, and business and government leaders in an informal setting.

Externships are available in a vast array of institutions, including banks, corporations, and government offices. Many externships also are available with local, state, and federal courts. The school also offers clinical programs designed to complement traditional legal education with experience beyond the classroom. With faculty supervision, students represent real clients in actual cases before Indiana courts through clinics in Criminal Defense, Civil Practice, Disability Law, Immigration Law and Appellate Practice.

Faculty and Curriculum

Faculty members hold Doctor of Jurisprudence, master's, and doctoral degrees from more than 50 different schools, offering students extensive and diverse views on the law and its career possibilities. Assembled from across the country, the faculty has distinguished itself with a wide variety of scholarly publications related to state, national, and international legal matters.

Refined analytical acumen, well-honed communications skills, highly developed ethical sensibilities: these are the hallmarks of an IU Law-Indianapolis graduate.

Required courses are complemented by a vast array of in-depth, innovative seminars and specialized classes, designed to prepare students to be exceptional problem solvers, effective mediators, and persuasive advocates.

Our legal writing program was ranked 8th in the nation in 2009. This unique program is a comprehensive series of courses that lays the foundation for all of our students' legal studies and professional work.

A student may pursue a J.D. degree on a full-time basis in the school's day division or on a part-time basis through the evening program. Typically, a full-time student will complete the 90 required hours within three years, while a part-time student will do so within four years.

Facilities

Campus Visits and Additional Information

We encourage you to visit us and meet with our staff and students. To arrange for a visit or request an application, please write or call our Admissions Office, IU School of Law-Indianapolis, 530 W. New York Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202-3225; telephone (317) 274-2459; or e-mail lawadmit@iupui.edu. Web site: indylaw.indiana.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Information

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indylaw.indiana.edu

Admission

Pre-Law Program

While law schools do not require a specific undergraduate major or a specific set of undergraduate courses as prerequisites for admission, they do urge students to take additional writing and public speaking courses, as well as courses involving research and analysis. The Department of Political Science in the School of Liberal Arts and SPEA provide pre-law advising and a series of courses related to the law and government that are attractive to students interested in the study of the law. Other schools also offer courses of relevance to students considering the study of the law.

For more Admission information please see: <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/admissions/>

Graduate Programs

To obtain more in-depth information regarding the IU School of Law - Indianapolis programs of study, please refer to the following website: <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/courses/>.

- Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.)
- Master of Laws (LL.M.)
- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)

J.D. Program

We begin accepting applications on **September 1**. Applications should be complete with the CAS law school report by **March 1** to be assured of consideration for regular admission. (**February 1** if applying for the special summer program). Because admissions decisions are made as early as January, applications received close to or after March 1 may be at a disadvantage, as a substantial number of seats in the entering class will have been filled before the applicant's report is received. Applicants who wish to apply through the [Early Decision Program](#) must have their applications complete by **November 15**.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for admission to our Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Applicants must also take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) through the Law School Admissions Council (www.lsac.org).

Students Without Degrees

Under exceptional circumstances, applicants who do not have an undergraduate degree may be admitted as candidates for the Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) degree. Applicants may be considered for admission to the LL.B. program if they meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- The applicant is at least 30 years old.
- The applicant has completed at least three-fourths of the credit hours required for a bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- The applicant has not been enrolled in an academic program for at least five years.
- The applicant scored in the 75th percentile or higher on the LSAT.

LSAT

The LSAT is given four times each year. Specific dates and locations are available on the Law School Admission Council's Website: www.lsac.org. We strongly advise applicants to take the LSAT in the summer of the year preceding the year in which they plan to apply for admission, and not later than December. If you wish to apply through our [Early Decision Program](#), you must take the LSAT no later than October.

Applicants may register for the LSAT and the CAS as well as obtain forms online at the Law School Admission Council's Website: www.lsac.org. LSAT and CAS registration information may also be picked up at the reception desk:

Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis

*530 West New York Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-3225*

An LSAT score is valid for three years for purposes of applying to Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.

Transfer Students

An applicant who would have been eligible for admission as a beginning student and who has compiled a superior record at an ABA approved law school may be admitted with advanced standing. The amount of transfer credit accepted (up to 31 credit hours) depends upon the quality

of the applicant's record and similarity of the course work completed at the other school to the program at the School of Law - Indianapolis. For more information, see the instructions for [Admission with Advanced Standing](#).

International Applicants

International applicants should use the online application through LSAC at www.lsac.org. Foreign transcripts are required to be submitted through the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service. This service is included in the CAS subscription fee. If you completed postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. Questions about this service can be directed to LSAC at 215-968-1001, LSACINFO@LSAC.org or visit the website at www.lsac.org for additional information. International applicants are also required to complete the Indiana University International Application which can be found at www.iupui.edu/~oia. TOEFL scores must be sent to IU School of Law -Indianapolis (Code 1325). The international application should be sent directly to:

Office of International Affairs

*902 W. New York Street, ES 2126
Indianapolis, IN 46202*

The international application fee is \$60.00. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept checks or money orders drawn from financial institutions outside of the U.S. Foreign students are encouraged to pay the application fee with a credit card when submitting the application electronically through the CAS.

LL.M. Program

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission, an applicant must hold either a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. or an academic degree in law or comparable from an educational institution in a country other than the U.S. which makes the applicant eligible to become licensed to practice in that country. Documentation of all academic degrees and, where applicable, a license, is required.

Ordinarily, the academic degree of an international applicant must be comparable to a U.S. Bachelor's degree (for example, B.A., A.B., B.S.). A Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree will also qualify.

Applicants for whom English is a second language must have a paper-based TOEFL score of at least 560, a computer-based TOEFL of at least 213, an internet-based iBT TOEFL of at least 81+, or an IELTS score of at least 6. We will also accept a score of "First Grade" on the national Japanese English Proficiency STEP Exam. Qualifying language scores must be less than two years old.

Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis will also accept successful completion of Intensive English Masters Level 112 at the [ELS Language Center - Indianapolis](#) as satisfaction of the English Language qualification.

Applicants interested in applying for the LL.M. Degree should download and submit application forms with all required, supporting documents to the Graduate Studies Admission as directed on the [Application](#) page of this web site. We are unable to accept on-line application submission at this time.

Application Deadlines

Application deadline for **Spring Admission** (classes begin January 9, 2012):

International Applicants - November 15

U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents - December 1

Please contact directly Mr. Mel Yildiz, Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions for more information regarding applications at cmeyildiz@iupui.edu or at (317)278-4701 or Skype: iulawindyllm.

Enrollments and tuition awards are limited and applicants will be evaluated when their completed applications and supporting documents are received. Early application is advised.

FEE WAIVER* ~ Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis is currently offering an application fee waiver to all international LL.M. applicants due to increased visa expenses. To apply for this waiver, please contact Mr. Mel Yildiz.

S.J.D. Program

Admission to study toward the S.J.D. Degree at Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis is determined by the law school's S.J.D. Admissions Committee. Please be aware that the requirements for admission are strictly applied and the number of candidates selected for study is very small.

Only applicants with exceptionally dissertation advisors, strong credentials, dissertation proposals, and English language proficiency are admitted.

To be eligible for admission as an S.J.D. candidate, an applicant must further satisfy the following criteria:

- hold the first degree in law (J.D. or LL.B.);
- hold the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from I.U. Law-Indianapolis or another ABA accredited law school;
- demonstrate exceptional promise as a legal scholar, through submission of academic transcripts that reveal outstanding performance in prior academic programs, prior written work (such as an LL.M. thesis or published work) of high quality, and letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's academic/professional achievements and strengths and weaknesses in ability to conduct sustained and in-depth research and legal analysis;
- submit a dissertation proposal that is sufficiently detailed and comprehensive to demonstrate that the dissertation will constitute an original and substantial contribution, of publishable quality, to legal scholarship, and that the applicant will be able to successfully complete the proposed dissertation; and
- obtain the written agreement of a tenured member of the law faculty who has agreed to serve and will be qualified to serve as Dissertation Supervisor.

All S.J.D. Applications must have a dissertation advisor as described above. Applications without a dissertation advisor will not be processed. **S.J.D Applicants are personally responsible for obtaining the written agreement of a tenured member of the law faculty.**

Non-Native English Speakers

Applicants for whom English is a second language must demonstrate English language proficiency sufficient to successfully undertake the research and writing required for the S.J.D. dissertation. Evidence of English language proficiency will include performance in prior academic degree programs for which English was the language of instruction and prior writings produced in English. The S.J.D. Degree at I.U. – Indianapolis is not a course-based program of study and ordinarily, coursework in law will have been completed as part of the first law degree and the Master of Laws degree. However, in the discretion of the S.J.D. Admissions Committee, admission may be conditioned on the applicant's completion of one or more courses in research methodologies or scholarly writing.

[Application for Admission](#)

Graduate Programs

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Joint Degree and LL.M. Programs

Joint degree programs are offered in cooperation with Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, School of Liberal Arts, School of Library and Information Science, School of Social Work and School of Medicine. These include:

- [J.D. and Master of Business Administration](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Public Affairs](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Public Health](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Science in Health Administration](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Library Science](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Social Work](#)
- [J.D. and Master of Philosophy](#) (with a concentration in health law and bioethics)

The school also offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program with five possible tracks of study:

- [American Law for Foreign Lawyers](#)
- [Health Law, Policy, and Bioethics](#)
- [Intellectual Property Law](#)
- [International and Comparative Law](#)
- [International Human Rights Law](#)

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Degrees Programs

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- [Doctor of Juridical Science \(S.J.D.\)](#)
- [Doctor of Jurisprudence \(J.D.\)](#)
- [Master of Laws \(LL.M.\)](#)

For more information on the programs of study visit us at our [website](#).

Student Learning Outcomes

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)

Students who graduate with an S.J.D. degree will:

- Compose and successfully defend a dissertation of publishable quality that constitutes an original and substantial scholarly contribution to the areas of law in which it is written.

Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.)

Students who graduate with a J.D. degree will:

- Identify and apply fundamental principles of Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Property, Torts and Constitutional Law.
- Communicate effectively with clients, decision-makers, and a range of other stakeholders in the legal system.
- Apply strategies for identifying, analyzing, researching and solving legal problems.
- Analyze a self-selected topic of interest in the law and write a substantial research paper on said topic.
- Recognize and resolve ethical issues in light of the history, traditions and responsibilities of the American legal profession and its members.
- Demonstrate mastery of at least one (1) professional skill generally regarded as necessary for effective and responsible participation in the legal profession.

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Students who graduate with an LL.M. degree will:

- Identify and apply fundamental principles of their selected specialty track of study.
- Apply strategies for identifying, analyzing, researching and solving legal problems.
- Analyze a topic in the law related to their selected specialty track of study and write a substantial research paper of publishable quality on said topic (if required by the track of study).

Departments & Centers

Research Centers and Programs

From technology to teaching, innovation infuses all aspects of the law school. Its centers and programs are among the most respected in the country, enhancing a diverse and demanding curriculum with hands-on opportunities for research and experience.

The need for lawyers with special expertise in health law is acute, and the school's William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health is at the forefront of providing students with an outstanding education in health law. The center is repeatedly ranked as offering one of the top health law programs in the country, offering interdisciplinary opportunities for students and serving as an information resource on health care issues for the legal and medical communities.

The Center for International and Comparative Law provides administrative guidance for the school's foreign study programs as well as other international activities, including the Master of Laws track in International and Comparative Law. Each year the center sponsors a variety

of programs, including hosting speakers of international renown, and sponsoring students in international moot court competitions. Foreign study programs include:

- The Program in International Human Rights Law, which is designed to promote legal study and scholarship in international human rights and to facilitate the placement of students as legal interns at international human rights organizations in this country and overseas. Since 1997, the program has coordinated 90 student placements in 46 countries.
- The Chinese Law Summer Program at Renmin (People's) University of China School of Law in Beijing includes comparative aspects of Chinese and American law and features trips to local courts and nearby points of interest.
- The Central and Eastern European Law Summer Program is based in Dubrovnik, Croatia, a beautiful seaside resort on the Mediterranean. The program addresses the transition of legal systems in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation was established in 2004 as a resource for education and research in intellectual property law-particularly as it applies to the life sciences. The center is designed to produce graduates in law with a strong knowledge of intellectual property law, a solid foundation in business development, and sound transactional skills in all matters relating to intellectual property law.

The Program on Law and State Government enhances the ties between the academic community and state government offices, providing a means of exchange of ideas on issues facing state governments, as well as creating opportunities for internships for students within Indiana state government.

For more information, visit our Web site: <http://www.indylaw.indiana.edu>.

Student Organizations & Services

Student Programs

The school's three law reviews, the Indiana Law Review, Indiana International and Comparative Law Review, and the Indiana Health Law Review, provide invaluable opportunities for training in the analysis of legal problems and presentation of legal issues.

The Moot Court Program encourages the development of skills in oral advocacy. The Order of Barristers is composed of the best students in the program, and its members serve on regional and national teams, where they have achieved prominence in competitions.

Established in 1993, our school's Pro Bono Program provides opportunities for students to assist low-income Indianapolis residents and community groups in need of assistance. Since the program's inception, students have contributed more than 70,000 volunteer hours for the good of the community.

The school also sponsors a variety of student organizations that focus on a number of discrete legal areas of interest to students. Additionally, the school invites a number of distinguished and well-known

speakers to the school. Students hear lectures by legal scholars, historians, distinguished practicing attorneys, and jurists from around the country. Five Justices of the United States Supreme Court have delivered lectures at the law school, including Chief Justice John G. Roberts.

Academic Policies & Procedures

Please refer to <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/students/codeofconduct.htm> for appropriate IU School of Law - Indianapolis policies.

Faculty

To obtain in-depth information regarding the IU School of Law - Indianapolis faculty, please refer to the following website: <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/people>.