

CLASS OF 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

156
MEDIAN LSAT
153-159
25th - 75th Percentile

3.61
MEDIAN UGPA
3.41-3.79
25th - 75th Percentile

157/154
MEDIAN GRE
VERBAL/QUANT. REASONING

4.5
MEDIAN GRE
ANALYTICAL WRITING

143

STUDENTS ENROLLED

22%

ETHNIC DIVERSITY

INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Data as of August 22, 2022

THINK BIG. TAKE ACTION. DRIVE CHANGE.

LESS DEBT = MORE OPPORTUNITIES

\$25,410*
IN-STATE

\$30,250*
OUT-OF-STATE

79%
INCOMING STUDENTS
RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

* Tuition does not include fees and additional expenses.



A MESSAGE FROM DEAN AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY

Now is an important time to consider a legal education. As we face new challenges and confront long-existing societal issues, the need for skillful lawyers and strong advocates is great.

There is no better place to pursue your law degree than at UB School of Law. When I first arrived in Buffalo, I immediately recognized the rich sense of community and shared passion for creating change. I am proud to be part of a diverse and vibrant environment where all students are encouraged to think big, express themselves creatively, and prepare for their future with purpose.

Whether you plan to conquer the courtroom, close major real estate deals, or advocate for low-income clients, here, you will learn to be a skilled litigator, a strong negotiator, and a champion for justice.

I invite you to begin your journey with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "A. Abramovsky". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Aviva Abramovsky



Here

IS WHERE



GREAT
LEGAL CAREERS
BEGIN



The First Year

BE *Transformed*

From the start, you will acquire the skills you'll need in a profession like no other.

You stand at the threshold of a life-changing experience that will transform your thinking and open new worlds of opportunity.

But first: Books. Classes. Finding your way around.

Don't worry – we've got you covered.

Here you'll find a **collegial environment** that brings out the best in you and those on the journey with you. Many students make lifelong friendships that nourish their careers as well. Your professors and the law school staff make it their mission to help you succeed, whether it's wrestling after class with a difficult point, or helping to set up your daily schedule.

In your first year at UB School of Law, you will start to think like a lawyer, with **small classes and one-on-one coaching** through our Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) program. And you'll be challenged by world-class legal training in doctrinal courses that continually evolve to stay relevant to what lawyers actually do in practice.

Here you will also gain the **global perspective** that's increasingly vital in today's legal world. UB School of Law is well-known for faculty who bring their expertise in other academic disciplines – from anthropology to zoology – to the study of law, giving you an interdisciplinary as well as an international and multicultural lens for understanding the way law works in the real world.

And even in the first year, you'll find opportunities to go boldly into this new future by being part of student organizations as diverse as our student body. You will also begin to meet and network with our **highly engaged alumni** who will help you gain a foothold in the legal community.

Like all important work, that first year is a challenging one. But you'll come out of it with the confidence that you're on your way to making a difference in the community, the nation and the world.



Our students enjoy small and collaborative classes.

Here is how you'll succeed from day one.

As the law school's vice dean for academic affairs, **Professor S. Todd Brown** does a lot of deep thinking about top-quality legal education.

"The law and the legal profession are ever-changing," he says, "and UB's curriculum reflects those changes." But it's not all about what's on the course schedule. It's also about making your first year the best it can be. That's why the faculty have taken a series of steps to make sure that you succeed from Day One.

It starts with our cutting-edge **Legal Analysis, Writing and Research** program, two semesters of intensive instruction in the tools that lawyers use every day. An emphasis on the basics early in the first year – organizing your thoughts, crafting a killer argument, writing clearly and persuasively – means that you can build on those skills faster in every course you take.

Two initiatives also provide plenty of hands-on help.

Teaching assistants are assigned to classes – typically students who already excelled in the class and are ready to share their knowledge.

The other is a student advisement program. You'll be assigned a **faculty adviser** with whom you'll meet at least four times over the year, checking in on how it's going, helping to plan your classes, and guiding you as you look to your future as a legal professional.

Says Brown, **"In Buffalo, we don't leave you on your own."**



Professor S. Todd Brown speaking to students.

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

Our diverse clubs, associations, societies, boards and activities provide students an opportunity to contribute time and talent in ways that are both personally and professionally gratifying. Participation becomes a vital avenue of self-expression and socializing.

Here are some of the ways you can get involved outside the classroom:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
- American Constitution Society
- Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Buffalo Environmental Society
- Buffalo Health Law Society
- Buffalo Moot Court Board
- Buffalo Public Interest Law Program
- Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Federalist Society
- First-Generation Law Students Association
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Students Association
- Jessup International Moot Court Board
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Law & Business Student Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Native and Indigenous Law Student Association
- OUTLaw
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Student Wellness Society
- Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Board

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How many times you'll meet with your faculty adviser in your first year



The First Year

“I’ll be able to tie together my interest in education and advocacy and make the curriculum what I want it to be.”

Nicia Bottini Morales '25, inaugural Professor Teresa A. Miller Memorial Scholar, on the JD/MSW dual degree program

Doubling up for advocacy

One undergraduate degree wasn’t enough to hold all those ambitions, so **Nicia Bottini Morales '25 (she/they)** earned two. At UB Law, she’s doing it again.

Bottini Morales is working toward a dual degree in law and social work: deep and versatile qualifications for the kind of advocacy they want to do in the world.

It’s a four-year program and Bottini Morales chose to spend her first year in the School of Social Work. She wanted to spend the remaining three years with her law school cohort and says the social work courses are a start to understanding how the law works—and doesn’t—for society’s historically excluded.

“I wanted to stay grounded in what I care about,” says Bottini Morales, who studied both women’s, gender and sexuality studies, and law and society, at American University. “I’m interested in working with communities and thinking about the ways different laws impact people. It was important to get that trauma-informed human rights perspective down pat”—trauma, that is, in “the ways that policies and laws have deep impact on schools, people and communities.”

Bottini Morales is also looking ahead to working in UB Law’s clinics, serving real-world clients and further developing vital legal skills.

The decision to come back home to UB Law was a straightforward one. “After the first year of law school, I can really tailor the curriculum to what I want to do,” they say. “So I’ll be able to tie together my interest in education and advocacy and make the curriculum what I want it to be.”



Student to faculty ratio



Number of student clubs and associations you can join

Here is how to be part of a city ever on the rise.

Everything you could want, close to everywhere: By bus, train, car or air, you're less than 90 minutes away from some of North America's most exciting cities, including Toronto, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



NINE FUN FACTS ABOUT BUFFALO

- 1 Giant silos**—Once they transformed the global grain market. Now Silo City attracts art shows, pop-up dinners and fans of really big things.
- 2 Bikes and more bikes**—By commute or Slow Roll, cyclists rule 300+ miles of lanes, paths and frozen canals. (Yes, ice bikes are a thing here.)
- 3 Amazing architecture**—The muse of America’s great planners and architects, Buffalo is practically the Greatest Hits of Cities.
- 4 Lively living**—From Allentown to the Elmwood Village, Buffalo is also the City of Good Neighborhoods.
- 5 The waterfront**—In Buffalo, “the lake effect” means four full seasons of waterfront festivals and cultural events.
- 6 Foodie heaven**—Grown, brewed or baked right here, or imported via dozens of immigrant communities, Buffalo cuisine is way more than wings.
- 7 Good sports**—Bisons baseball. Bandits lacrosse. Buffalo FC soccer. Queen City Roller Girls roller derby. The Sabres, Bills and Bulls are in great company.
- 8 History everywhere**—Workers flocked here. Inventors thrived here. Tycoons got rich here. What are your plans?
- 9 New everywhere**—Business incubator 43North is catalyzing dreamers and inspiring doers, helping make Buffalo the next big thing it’s always been.



Explore open-air cafes, artisan shops and cozy coffeehouses in Buffalo's vibrant Elmwood Village.



The Second and Third Years

BE *Engaged*

The Second and Third Years

You'll finish strong, building a knowledge base that will last your whole life.

In your second and third years at UB School of Law, it all comes together. You know how to think like a lawyer. Research like a lawyer. Write like a lawyer.

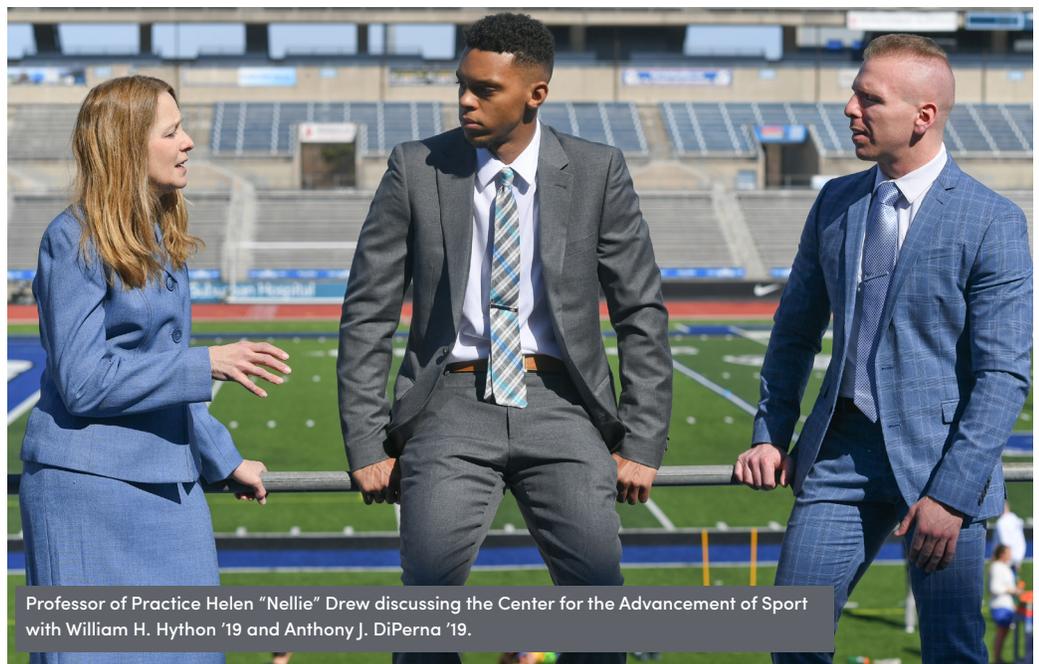
Now it's time to engage the world of law with all your passion.

That means taking advantage of some of the ways you can build your skills in specialized programs. Like the **New York City Program in Finance and Law**, in which you spend an intensive semester in the Big Apple learning the high-stakes world of finance from practitioners on the front lines. Like the **Advocacy Institute** that focuses instruction in the skills of oral advocacy and mediation, invaluable for legal practice in any professional situation. Like UB's **Center for the Advancement of Sport** where you learn the industry through externships at local or even national athletics organizations. Or our **Entrepreneurial Law Center** where you'll work on the frontline with startups, fueling innovation and growth in our community.

You might find your passion in one of our **eight dual degree programs**, such as Law and Social Work, building your expertise and your marketability at the same time. Or maybe you'll find yourself drawn to cross-border and international law, another strength of UB School of Law with our **location on an international border**.

Our extensive and flexible curriculum makes it easy to craft a course of study that's yours alone. And our diverse faculty and student body makes for a lively exchange of ideas, from class discussions to informal debates in the student lounge.

Underlying all of these options is a commitment we all share: to make the law work for those who need it most, and to work for social justice. The American ideal of equal justice under the law, and equal access to that justice for everyone, is present in everything we do. If you're committed to that noble ideal, we are right there with you.



Professor of Practice Helen "Nellie" Drew discussing the Center for the Advancement of Sport with William H. Hython '19 and Anthony J. DiPerna '19.



“At UB, everyone can find a community of people they can connect with.”

Deja Graham on the UB Law experience

Hands-on for liberty and learning

You never learn better than by doing it yourself.

That’s how it works for **Deja Graham '24 (she/her)** —and she’s putting that insight to work for actual clients in the law school’s Civil Rights and Transparency Clinic, which litigates on behalf of individuals with civil rights challenges and presses for transparency in government.

“I’m excited about it,” says Graham, who worked for two years in real estate law on Long Island after earning her undergraduate degree in political science. “I wanted to get involved in the clinic because it’s a great way to learn but also to get practical experience.”

“I chose this clinic because I have a real-world connection to these situations. My grandfather was a sharecropper in North Carolina, and as a queer woman of color, civil rights has always affected women in my demographic. That area of the law is constantly evolving, and I’m looking to get a taste of how to make things better.”

A native of Queens, she worried about finding her stride in Western New York. She quickly settled in, working at a highly regarded law firm in downtown Buffalo over the summer and investing her time in the Black Law Students Association and OUTLaw, a student-run group for LGBTQ students and allies.

“At UB, everyone can find a community of people they can connect with,” Graham says. “The experience of law school is 50 percent the professors, 50 percent the friends you make here. You’ll find your niche of people and make friends. It’s all about finding that balance.”

Behind the scenes of America's game

Michael Perlo '23 (he/him) was sure he could do better as general manager of the New York Mets than the person in charge. But he was just a kid. He later studied labor relations and finance at Cornell University—useful knowledge in a big business, like baseball.

Now in his third year of law school, he's studying sports law and making contacts in professional baseball. For someone who played throughout high school and college, it's exciting work.

During his 1L summer he completed an internship with Major League Baseball's headquarters in New York City, working with a group that manages on-field operations and oversees player discipline issues. "I always had it in the back of my mind that a law degree would be really valuable," he says. "I knew it would broaden my opportunities in business, investments, and of course the labor and employment side of sports and entertainment."

Michael continued to broaden his expertise this past summer with a clerkship at the Rochester-based law firm, Harris Beach. "It is a rotational program and I have been assigned work from all different departments to gain more hands-on experience and to understand what each area of law deals with from day to day."

When he was looking at law schools, he narrowed his choice to two. A call to UB Law Professor Helen "Nellie" Drew made the decision easy. "I thought it was really unique for somebody to take an hour out of their day to talk about the Sports Law program and all the experiences it can give you," Perlo says. "It was clear as day: UB was the school that was going to help get me to where I want to go."



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Michael Perlo on choosing the right law school

Here is how you will distinguish yourself in the marketplace.

Selecting one of **nine optional curricular concentrations and programs** will deepen your understanding of the work lawyers do and train you how to approach complex legal problems. You will be equipped to work on major issues and transactions from the start of your legal career.

Completion of the requirements of a concentration or program will distinguish you as someone with an unusual level of knowledge and mastery in your field.

9 CONCENTRATIONS & PROGRAMS

8 DUAL DEGREES

8 LEGAL CENTERS

CURRICULAR CONCENTRATIONS

Concentrations consist of a sequence of required and elective courses selected from a substantial menu of course offerings in the chosen field.

Advocacy

The concentration in advocacy provides students with significant hands-on experience in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. It incorporates doctrinal courses and clinical service, ensuring that students have exposure to both important black-letter law and experience in representing real-world clients.

Criminal Law

With a blend of lecture courses, seminars, practice and simulations, students acquire skills in the practical and theoretical aspects of modern criminal law. The concentration includes courses on topics like trial technique, white collar crime, child abuse and neglect, federal pre-trial criminal procedure, and mental illness and the law.

Cross-Border Legal Studies

This concentration capitalizes on our border location to provide students with classroom and on-the-ground exposure to a wide range of cross-border legal issues including international business transactions, immigration, international trade and tax. Students also complete a capstone experiential course which pairs them with local cross-border law practitioners.

Family Law

The concentration in family law introduces students to the breadth of family law beginning with three required doctrinal courses, an experiential learning component, and a substantial writing project. Through additional elective courses and practice experiences, students round out their education in the family law area.

The Second and Third Years

Intellectual Property & Privacy Law

The law is evolving to address rapid changes in technology, from computers and e-commerce to copyright, trademark, and patents. In this concentration, students examine issues of ownership, use and control of technological innovations, information and knowledge.

International Law

Lawyers must understand and interpret events in countries that may have different legal systems. This concentration prepares students for careers in private or public international law. Traveling seminars offer students the opportunity to observe foreign legal systems in their native setting under expert faculty guidance. International externships are also available.

Sports Law

This program takes advantage of the many offerings in our sports law curriculum, ranging from broad survey courses to a hands-on mock NHL arbitration seminar and externship opportunities with local college athletic departments. Students research issues in sports law and contribute articles to the UB Law Sports and Entertainment Forum, which serves as an online community for students and alumni who share an interest in these fields. Our vibrant Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society supports a variety of extracurricular activities throughout the year.

CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Programs are designated in fields in which the law faculty offers an exceptional degree of strength and expertise and a rich variety of courses. Programs culminate in a small, intensive capstone or senior colloquium course designed to pull together students' knowledge and experience.

Environmental Law

This program prepares students for environmental law practice, whether advocating for a public interest group, a corporate client, a government agency or a private citizen. Beginning with a series of core courses taught by a combination of academic and practitioner experts, students may also enroll in skills courses, cutting-edge seminars and the Environmental Advocacy Clinic.

Finance and Development

This program offers students the opportunity to focus on finance and the role of lawyers in business transactions, including courses focused on economic, commercial and residential development. The concentration provides a valuable foundation for students seeking to pursue careers in corporate law, financial services, regulation and compliance, and private or nonprofit development.

LAW JOURNALS

The School of Law's wide array of scholarly law journals provides students with the opportunity to develop research and writing skills and make important contributions to legal scholarship.

- Buddhism, Law & Society
- Buffalo Environmental Law Journal
- Buffalo Human Rights Law Review
- Buffalo Law Review

CENTERS

- The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy
- Buddhism Law and Society Center
- Buffalo Criminal Law Center
- Buffalo Human Rights Center
- Center for the Advancement of Sport
- Cross-Border Legal Studies Center
- Entrepreneurship Law Center
- Jaeckle Center for Law, Democracy and Governance

Here is how you will learn from experience.

The **Advocacy Institute** and our extensive **Clinical Legal Education Program** will give you an opportunity to develop and sharpen your practical legal skills through the guidance of distinguished members of the local bar and bench.

- 10 MOCK TRIAL TEAMS
- 5 MOOT COURT TEAMS
- 5 ADR/MEDIATION TEAMS
- 9 CLINICS
- 100+ EXTERNSHIPS

ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

Our Advocacy Institute is dedicated to helping students cultivate the skills, discipline, and ethics necessary to become creative and principled litigators. In our popular **Trial Technique** classes, students prepare and try a civil or criminal case under the tutelage of highly experienced trial lawyers and judges. Students can put those skills to the test against other law schools in nationwide scrimmages and competitions through our **Trial Advocacy or Trial Team** classes.

The art of **Appellate Advocacy** is taught in an Introduction to Appellate Advocacy class, which includes participation in our intramural Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. Based on that experience, students are selected to represent the law school on teams that participate in prestigious national appellate moot court competitions.

Future practitioners in the growing field of **Alternative Dispute Resolution** can hone their advocacy skills by taking part in our intramural Representation in Mediation Competition. Select students represent our law school in national and international mediation, negotiation, and arbitration competitions.

UB School of Law hosts **two national competitions** – the Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition, one of the largest in the nation, and the Herbert J. Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition.

EXTERNSHIPS

Law students earn academic credit in a variety of placements in the judiciary, government, and non-profit organizations. Students learn from practice at their placements, as well as a seminar focused on practice skills and ethics. Most externships are in Western New York, including Rochester, but remote and summer options have allowed students to work in New York City, Albany, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.

The Second and Third Years

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Our clinics offer diverse and sophisticated practice opportunities to second and third year as well as LL.M. students working closely with skilled supervising attorneys. Our clinical offerings involve cutting-edge issues and complex matters in which creativity and innovation play key roles in serving clients effectively.

- Animal Law Clinic
- Civil Rights and Transparency Clinic
- Community Engagement Legal Clinic
- Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic
- Family Violence and Women's Rights Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Legal Clinic

51%

of the Class of 2022 participated in a clinic

22,183.39

clinic hours provided by the Class of 2022



Lively clinic class discussion.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

With new funding from New York State's Justice for Heroes grant, we are expanding our capacity to serve military veterans in areas where our clinics have deep expertise including family law issues, small business and entrepreneurship needs, public benefits appeals, civil rights and assisting incarcerated veterans seeking resentencing, parole and post-conviction hearings.

PRO BONO PROGRAMS

Students are required to perform 50 hours of pro bono legal service as a prerequisite to admission to the New York State bar. Our highly competitive **Pro Bono Scholars Program** gives select third-year law students the opportunity to take the New York State Bar Exam in February before they graduate. They then work full time in a pro bono placement during their final semester of law school, where they explore access to justice issues while developing their lawyering skills and fulfilling their service requirement.

Students may also accrue pro bono experience to satisfy the New York State requirement through a variety of opportunities, both live and remote. These opportunities include credit-bearing clinics and externships, volunteer work with legal services agencies or at Court help desks, summer legal service fellowships, or placements as judicial law clerks or at government law offices.

100%

of our 2022 Pro Bono Scholars passed the New York State bar exam

The Second and Third Years

OUR SEMESTER-LONG NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM IN FINANCE AND LAW*

Taking advantage of easy access to New York City, students from the School of Law and the School of Management, including those in the joint J.D./MBA program and the Advanced Standing Two-Year J.D. program, can spend a semester living in New York while studying finance and law. Courses are taught by professors from both schools. Students also benefit from presentations and case studies by UB School of Law alumni and other practitioners from major firms and corporations. In addition, interested students may participate in externship positions in the Metro New York area, working with executives from top financial institutions and law firms.

**Subject to public health restrictions.*

The Second and Third Years

Here is how you earn a J.D. with more ROI and less IOU

Our graduates practice in the most prominent law firms and public interest settings across the nation and around the world. They hold leadership positions at all levels of private industry and in the government, and our Career Services Office helps them get there.

Transitioning to Practice

Career guidance services include resume, cover letter and interview workshops, practice interviews, career panels, and individual coaching.

Mentoring Programs

Every member of the first-year class is matched with one of more than 200 mentors who are practicing lawyers or judges, and the relationship is expected to continue throughout their law school years. Our Career Services Office is ready to help you make individual connections through our extensive global network of alumni at any time during your law school career. Or take advantage of our Career Connectors Network, our online mentoring platform.

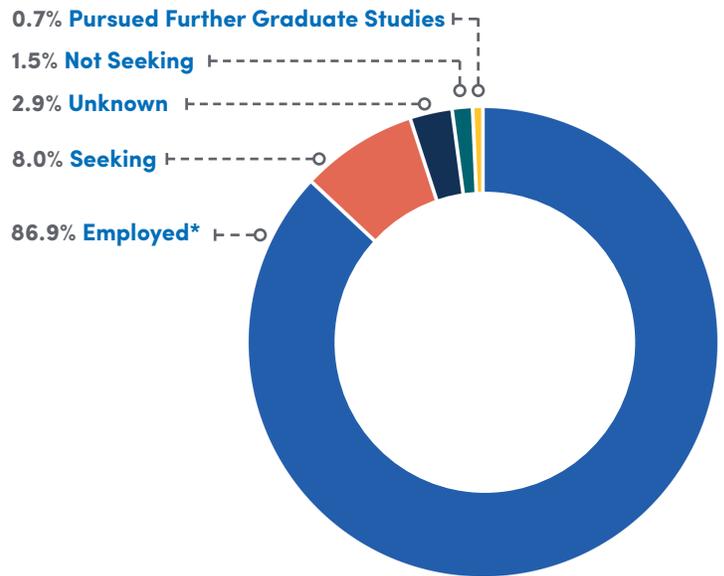
A Focus on Public Interest

As part of a public law school, our faculty and students value government and public interest work. Each year a large percentage of our graduates are employed in public interest and government organizations.

Through the vigorous fundraising of our student-run Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, as well as the support of our alumni and friends, **a variety of fellowships** are available to all of our law students who wish to advocate for justice in a typically unpaid summer position. These substantial stipends help cover summer living expenses so that qualified and committed students have an opportunity to work in the public sector or at a prestigious judicial clerkship, providing them with invaluable, practical experience to jump-start their legal careers.

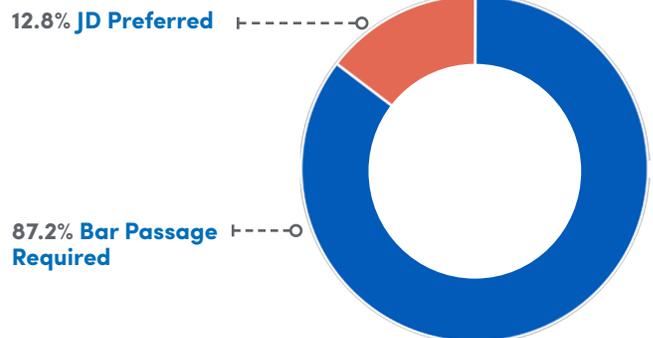
Class of 2021 Employment Rate

10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION



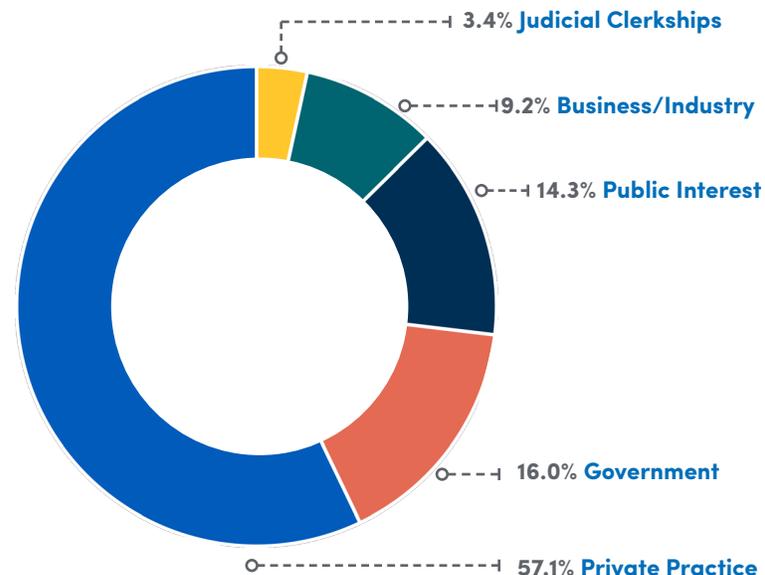
* 84.6% employed in full-time, long-term positions requiring bar passage or JD advantage

Class of 2021 Employment by Job Type*



* Includes short-term and part-time positions

Class of 2021 Employment by Industry*



* Includes short-term and part-time positions



Graduation and Beyond

BE Bold

Celebrating their accomplishments at law school graduation.

With alumni connections and new-found confidence, you're poised to be the best

Your connection with the University at Buffalo School of Law doesn't end at graduation. Our **alumni are fiercely loyal** to their alma mater, and they want to stay connected—both to the law school and to new alums making their way in the legal world.

That means you can expect guidance, mentorship and connection with some of the best lawyers you could ever hope to meet. They will help you find your place, whether it's in the Western New York legal community, in New York City, Washington, D.C., or abroad, and whether your passion is for non-profits, for corporate work or for the courtroom.

We are proud of our extraordinary alumni, who are thought leaders in so many areas of public concern, as well as prominent leaders in the area and state legal communities.

Make no mistake: our extensive alumni network and exceptional value will give you every advantage in beginning your career. We're proud that our

relatively low tuition and **generous scholarship support** mean that you will graduate without crippling law school debt. That makes it possible to **pursue your passion** – you won't be boxed into chasing lucrative corporate positions because of those monthly payments that amount to a mortgage, but without the house.

A life in the law can be immensely gratifying. Lawyers earn a good living and they have career flexibility, including the freedom to serve their community in volunteer positions. And increasingly, the legal profession is recognizing the need for a **healthy balance** between work and family.

Just maybe that life is for you.

5 WAYS ALUMNI WILL HELP YOU LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

1 **A community partnership.** UB School of Law graduates make up the vast majority of attorneys in the surrounding county, and they have an active role in your law school experience. They teach skills-based classes, coach trial teams, and participate on career panels and at student events to connect you from the start with the Western New York legal community.

2 **An extensive global network.** Our alumni network extends around the world with **close to 13,000 graduates** who work at firms and agencies in Buffalo, Tokyo, New York City, Washington, D.C. and other major cities. You'll find a UB connection wherever you choose to begin your legal career.

3 **Watch and learn.** With **close proximity to the downtown courts and major law firms**, you'll have plenty of opportunities to learn from the best. Many of our students obtain summer positions with our community partners.



4 **Meet your match.** Every law student is **matched with an attorney mentor** who will guide you along the way as you prepare for your future as a legal professional. From what to wear at your first interview to what to expect at your first deposition, your mentor will answer those questions you might not ask in the classroom.

5 **Guidance from the GOLD Group.** Our Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group takes a special interest in our newly minted alumni, **helping you bridge the gap between school and practice.** The GOLD Group organizes social, educational and networking events designed to give you every advantage as you enter your new profession.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

Juris Doctor Degree

The Juris Doctor is the basic U.S. law degree, and is held by the vast majority of practicing U.S. lawyers, as well as business people, policy makers, academics and other professionals. A comprehensive range of optional programs and concentrations will distinguish you in the global marketplace.

DUAL DEGREES

Many of our students simultaneously pursue both the J.D. degree and a Ph.D. or master's degree. There are several advantages. First is the opportunity to acquire a broad understanding of the functions of law in society by integrating different disciplinary perspectives.

Second, students can count some courses toward both programs and reduce the total time required to earn both degrees by up to a year.

- Law and Applied Economics (JD/MA)
- Law and Doctor of Pharmacy (JD/PharmD)
- Law and Legal Information Management and Analysis (JD/MS)
- Law and Management (JD/MBA)
- Law and Ph.D. (JD/PhD)
- Law and Public Health (JD/MPH)
- Law and Social Work (JD/MSW)
- Law and Urban Planning (JD/MUP)

3+3 ACCELERATED BA/JD PROGRAM

Our 3+3 Program is a unique opportunity for undergraduate students at partner institutions to accelerate their course of study by completing their baccalaureate degree and Juris Doctor in just six years of full-time study, saving students one year's worth of time and tuition.

OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS INCLUDE:*

Alfred University	Niagara University
Buffalo State College	St. John Fisher College
Canisius College	SUNY Canton
Le Moyne College	SUNY Potsdam
Medaille College	University at Buffalo
Nazareth College	

* Check with our partner institutions for major requirements.

ADVANCED STANDING TWO-YEAR J.D. FOR INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED LAWYERS

This innovative program is intended for students who already hold a law degree from a jurisdiction outside the United States, who would like to earn a Juris Doctor degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law, and who want to seek admission to the New York State Bar. You will be a part of the J.D. class but with advanced standing so that you can finish your J.D. degree in just two years.

LL.M. Programs

Students who already have a first degree in law may pursue a Master of Laws or LL.M. degree. Our three LL.M. programs provide highly specialized courses of study designed to match a student's intellectual interests and advance their career to the next level.

- General LL.M.
- Criminal Law LL.M.
- Cross-Border Legal Studies LL.M.

J.S.D. Program

The Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD), the law school's most advanced degree, is for lawyers throughout the world interested in analyzing, understanding, assessing and using law as a mode of social organization and an instrument of governance. The JSD makes full use of our creative and interdisciplinary faculty to prepare students for careers as law professors, judicial and other public offices, as well as high-level policy positions in international organizations.

GUIDANCE FOR GETTING IN

Our admission process is selective and is based on both quantitative and qualitative criteria. The qualitative criteria we use are:

1 Achievements or activities that indicate a high probability of scholastic excellence and intellectual contributions in law school.

2 Achievements or activities arising from work, life experience or community service that indicate a potential for contributing to the enrichment of the School of Law.

3 Special factors in your background that may have impeded your educational opportunities, including discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability or national origin; and special economic or social impediments.

UB School of Law is committed to a non-discriminatory admission policy and philosophy. We welcome applications from all persons, without regard to age, gender, race, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, military status or disability.

Application files are reviewed as soon as they are complete. Initial admission decisions are communicated to applicants throughout the fall and spring semesters depending on the degree program.

Early Decision for the Juris Doctor Program

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