



# SUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Producing Lawyer Leaders





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## HISTORY

We, at the Southern University Law Center (SULC), are pleased that you have chosen us to begin preparation for your legal career. The recent catalog is a valuable resource to guide you through your matriculation at the Southern University Law Center. It includes a wealth of information about our admissions requirements, tuition and fees, degree course requirements, financial aid, policies and procedures, as well as an introduction to a variety of course materials. In addition, you will find information about our dedicated law faculty and staff.

These courses will provide and equip you with the intellectual knowledge and skills necessary to secure your juris doctorate and bar admission. We know that your time spent here at SULC will prepare you for leadership in the legal arena and the community at large. The SULC faculty and staff have made a commitment to provide you with encouragement, wise counsel and valuable mentoring throughout your law school experience. It is important that you see the time you will spend here at SULC as the most important investment you will ever make in your legal career.

Since its inception in 1947, the law center has prided itself in its mission of providing access and opportunity to all people. We look forward to your joining in our fight against social injustice, for civil rights and the public interest. Again, we are delighted about your interest in SULC and we look forward to adding your name to the over 4,000 other alums who are now part of the legacy of the Southern University Law Center.



John K. Pierre

John K. Pierre Chancellor Vanue B. Lacour endowed Professor of Law

### Opportunity of Advancement

Southern University Law Centers offers legal training to students in pursuit of the juris doctor degree. The Law Center maintains the goal of producing attorneys who are well prepared for entry into the legal profession. In attaining this goal, we have designed a curriculum that has given particular attention to Civil Law, as well as hands-on experience and application.

#### **Degrees**

J.D.

#### **Dual Degrees**

J.D./M.P.A. J.D./M.B.A.

#### **Certificate Programs**

Public Law Tax Law

#### **Full-Time Program**

- Enrolled in 12 to 16 credit hours each semester
- One unit of residency credit for each semester in attendance

#### **Part-Time Program**

- Enrolled in 8 to 11 hours each semester
- Three-fourths of residency credit for each semester in attendance



#### **Required Courses**

Contracts Family Law **Lawyering Process** Torts Land II Criminal Law Lawyering Process I **Fvidence** Professional Responsibility Legal Analysis Writing I and II Criminal Procedure Constitutional Law I and II Louisiana Civil Procedure Land II Clinical Education Legal Research **Obligations** Successions, Donations, and Trusts Security Devices Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure Sale and Lease Advanced Legal Writing Trial Advocacy Basic Civil Procedure Civil Law Property **Business Entities** Conflict of Laws

## THEORY MEETS PRACTICE

Through any one of the Law Center's in-house clinics, you will experience working on real world matters as advocates for Baton Rouge's impoverished and underrepresented communities. You'll gain essential lawyering skills by participating in our vibrant externship program at our first-rate research institutes.

#### 34 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Board of Student Advisors** Journal of Race, Gender, & Poverty Moot Court Board Student Bar Association Trial Advocacy Board Women in Law National Black Law Students Association **Business Law Society** Christians at Law Society Criminal Law Society Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity Internatinal **Environmental Law Society Evening Law Student Association** Gay Alliance for Legal Equality Health Law Society Intellectual Property Association Latino Law Student Association Law Review Maritime Law Society Sports and Entertainment Legal Association The Public Defender Externship Louisiana Association for Justice Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International Real Estate Law Society
Public Interest Law Society
Law Student Division, American Bar Association
Business and Entrepreneurship Association
Federalist Society
International Law Student Association
Student Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Student Trial Lawyer's Association
Thurgood Marshall Club
Pro Bono

#### 12 CLINICS

Bankruptcy Law
Civil & Administrative Law
Criminal
Disaster Law
Divorce & Domestic Violence
Elder & Successions Law
Juvenile Law
Low-Income Taxpayer
Mediation
Real Estate & Housing
Technology & Entrepreneurship
Workers Compensation

#### 3 INSTITUTES

Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice Cannabis Compliance, Law, and Policy Institute Native American Law & Policy Institute Mixed Reality Virtual Innovation Gaming and Esports Institute Southern University Strategic Leadership Institute



## Evening & Daytime Program

Southern University Law Center's part-time day and evening programs offer a unique opportunity to earn your degree from one of the top U.S. law schools without sacrificing your current lifestyle.

- Same course requirements as full-time students
- Allows you to maintain a professional career
- Access to career and academic support
- Flexible class schedules (Monday-Thursday; 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.)

## Transfer Students

- Must have attended an American Bar Association approved institution
- Present a statement of eligibility from previous law school for readmission or continued enrollment

## VISITING STUDENTS

- Accepted for summer, fall, and spring semesters
- Applications must be accompanied with letter of good standing certifying approval to visit and number of transferable credits

## You Are Welcome At SULC!

In compliance with federal law and the Southern University Law Center's non-discrimination policy, the Law Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or age in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or in employment.

Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. Southern University Law Center (SULC) does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates including admissions and employment.

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and/or laws:

Kerii Landry-Thomas Title IX Coordinator 2 Roosevelt Steptoe, Office 116, Baton Rouge, LA, 70813 Phone: 225- 771-2142 Email: TitleIX@sulc.edu



## READY TO APPLY TO SULC?

#### Admission Requirements

Students beginning the study of law are admitted only in the fall semester. The following information and materials should be uploaded through your LSAC.org account:

- **Formal Application:** Application must be completed online at www.lsac.org. Application, along with official undergraduate transcript, personal statement, resume and two letters of recommendation, should be upload before the end of the fall semester of the year prior to admission, unless the deadline is extended.
- **Application Fee:** A \$75 non-refundable application fee.
- Official Transcripts: Transcripts showing credits earned at a college or university.
- The Law School Admissions Test: All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) prior to admission. Applicants can register for the test online thorugh LSAC account or by telephone at (215)-968-1001 during business hours.
- **Personal Statement:** Your personal statement is an opportunity to present yourself as more than an LSAT score and GPA. The personal statement sets you apart from other candidates. It is also a sample of your ability to express thoughts clearly and cogently.
- **Confirmation:** Notification of the committee's decision will be mailed to the applicant and made accessible through online status checker.
- **Immunization Policy:** Admitted students must submit proof of immunization to the Law Center prior to registration in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 17:170.
- **Seat Deposit:** Applicants who have been admitted for admission must pay a \$200 seat deposit to secure a seat in the incoming first-year class. The seat deposit amount is subject to change and is non-refundable.



## Financing your Education

Southern University Law Center (SULC) assists students in meeting the cost of a legal education through various financial aid programs. It is suggested that students pursue all sources available to obtain financial assistance.

The cost of attending Southern University Law Center (SULC) varies, depending upon a student's enrollment. Below are **estimated** costs for full-time and part-time law students. All awards must not exceed the cost of attendance budget.

Note: SULC adopts the Louisiana Association of Financial Aid Administrators averages and estimated cost for students in the State of Louisiana.

#### COST OF ATTENDANCE BUDGETS (FALL/SPRING) \*SUBJECT TO 10% INCREASE

Description	Full-time	Part-time	Part-time Day
Tuition & Fees	\$17,314	\$14,828	\$14,828
Room & Board	\$14,336	\$14,336	\$14,336
Books & Supplies	\$2,600	\$1,950	\$1,950
Loan Fees	\$218	\$218	\$218
Personal & Miscellaneous	\$2,130	\$2,130	\$2,130
Transportation	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL Resident Student	\$39,598	\$36,462	\$36,462
Additional Out of State Tuition	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
TOTAL Non-Resident Students	\$52,198	\$49,062	\$47,902

## Testimonials



#### ABIGAIL HOLLEY

STUDENT

"I knew I needed [an environment] that would challenge me socially, politically, and spiritually. The Law Center gave me the chance to encounter people from different backgrounds, both socio-economic and political."



ELIZABETH SMITH

Alumna Class of 2020

"My professors pushed me in a manner that made me discover strengths that I never knew I made."

## Testimonials



DR. ANTHONY B. CANADA ALUMNI CLASS OF 1987

"Being a lawyer leader is more about leadership than the practice of law."



DELESO ALFORD Professor of Law

"I desire to leave a 'seriousness of purpose' kind of impact [on my students]. With every encounter in the classroom, I have another opportunity to shape the next generation of legal professionals to become culturally competent while practicing cultural humility."

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