

Information as of April 2024

History

The University of California College of the Law, San Francisco was established by statute in 1878. While the College maintains a close affiliation the University of California, it is an independent institution. The College is governed by its own Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor of California.

Information on the name change from UC Hastings is [here](#).

Enrollment (as of April 2024)

- Total students: 1,169
 - J.D.: 1,092
 - LL.M. 27
 - MSL: 22
 - HPL 28
- 20% identify as first-generation students
- 55% identify as students of color

Employment: Faculty and staff

- Approximately 60 full-time faculty and 100+ part-time adjunct or visiting faculty
- Approximately 200 full-time staff and 100 part-time, seasonal, and per diem staff.

Alumni

- 22,000+ alumni
- 20% of new law graduates hired in San Francisco are from UC Law SF
- Alumni practice in 55 countries

Degree Programs

- J.D. Program
- LL.M. Program
- HPL Program (Master of Science in Health Policy Law joint program with UCSF)
- M.S.L. (Master of Studies in Law)

Multiple Degree Programs

- J.D. (UC Law SF)/Masters in Applied Economics and Finance (UC Santa Cruz)
- J.D./M.B.A.
 - UC Law SF has formal concurrent degree agreements with three business schools: UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, UC Davis Graduate School of Management, and Presidio Graduate School.

Pro Bono

(figures from last 5 years)

- 400+ graduates with Pro Bono Distinction
- 45,000 hours of pro bono service to the greater community

UC Law Centers

UC Law SF's research and programmatic centers are globally recognized as leaders in faculty research and societal impact.

- [UC Center for Business Law San Francisco](#) – Provides opportunities to engage with the practice of business law, focusing on commerce, finance, and technology.
- [Indigenous Law Center](#) – Focuses on the impact of U.S. law on Native American Nations and peoples, offering students insight and perspective on the present-day implications of the law.
- [Institute for Criminal Justice](#) – Explores the fair, ethical, and effective administration of criminal justice through scholarship, education, legal representation, and community outreach.
- [International Development Law Center](#) – Offers research and learning opportunities in international development, focusing on areas such as food and agriculture, sustainable development, and legal education.
- [Center for East Asian Legal Studies](#) – Prepares legal professionals to work with the evolving legal systems in East Asia through intensive courses, internships, and exchange programs.
- [Center for Gender & Refugee Studies](#) – Advocates for asylum-seekers fleeing gender-related violence by providing legal expertise and coordinating national public policy efforts.
- [Center for Innovation](#) (C4i) – Focuses on data-driven law-making and equips lawyers with the skills to make informed decisions, especially regarding law and technology.
- [LexLab](#) – A legal tech hub connecting UC Law SF students and alumni to investors, founders, lawyers, engineers, and companies building the future of legal services.
- [Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution](#) – Focuses on alternative dispute resolution methods and offers classes, research opportunities, and professional programs.

- [Center for Litigation and Courts](#) – Broadens the understanding of civil litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and courts, providing future lawyers with resources and guidance in civil litigation.
- [Center for Racial and Economic Justice](#) – Works to promote equity through legal education, scholarship, and collaboration, with a focus on issues of racial and economic inequality.
- [Center for Race, Immigration, Citizenship, and Equality](#) – Supports scholarship, public service, and education on the ways that intersectional and marginalized identities produce and reflect structural inequality.
- [Center for Social Justice](#) – Leads social justice activities at the law school and promotes a strong public interest campus culture, encouraging students to incorporate justice work into their future practice.
- [Center on Tax Law](#) – Connects students and practitioners to improve tax law, while fostering relationships among students, potential employers, and the community.
- [UCSF–UC Law Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy](#) – Promotes collaboration between law and science by providing research, education, and service opportunities.
- [Center for WorkLife Law](#) – Focuses on advancing women’s leadership, developing legal protections for employees with family responsibilities, and promoting better work-life policies

UC Law SF Journals

- [UC Law Business Journal](#)
- [UC Law SF Communications and Entertainment Journal](#)
- [UC Law Constitutional Quarterly](#)
- [UC Law Environmental Journal](#)
- [UC Law SF International Law Review](#)
- [UC Law Journal](#)
- [UC Law Journal of Racial and Economic Justice](#)
- [UC Law Science & Technology Journal](#)
- [UC Law SF Journal on Gender and Justice](#)

Clinics: Students practice to learn as they learn to practice

UC Law SF's award-winning clinical teachers and nationally renowned clinical program combine the powers of innovative classroom and experiential learning opportunities with our unique location and relationships in San Francisco.

Clinics that...

Make a real difference in people's lives

- **[Child Welfare Practicum](#)** – Represent parents or children in child welfare proceedings by working with attorneys at Legal Services for Children, East Bay Children's Law Office, or the San Francisco Dependency Panel (part of the SF Bar Association).
- **[Individual Representation Clinic](#)** – Represent individual clients from initial interviews through the final administrative hearing or court trial, including fact investigations, client counseling and advocacy in Superior Court or before state and federal administrative law judges.
- **[Immigrants' Rights Clinic](#)** – Work directly with clients facing immigration issues, including those fighting removal proceedings, seeking political asylum, and pursuing U.S. citizenship.
- **[Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic](#)** – Give free legal assistance to low-income taxpayers with active tax controversies with the Internal Revenue Service and provide education and outreach to taxpayers who speak English as a second language.
- **[Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic](#)** – Work alongside healthcare providers at UCSF medical clinics and in patients' homes. Assist elderly patients and collaborate with their physicians in an interdisciplinary context. Help patients and their families plan for health and nursing home care needs and to advocate for needed assistance.
- **[Lawyering for Children Practicum at Legal Services for Children](#)** – Advocate for children and other vulnerable populations impacted by trauma by working with attorneys and social workers at [Legal Services for Children](#).
- **[Refugee & Human Rights Clinic](#)** – Engage in human rights work and in direct representation of refugees seeking political asylum or other assistance in partnership with

UC Law SF's [Center for Gender & Refugee Studies](#), one of the nation's leading refugee advocacy organizations.

- [Workers' Rights Clinic](#) – Under the supervision of attorneys from Legal Aid at Work, advise low-income workers on a full range of labor and employment law issues, including unpaid wages, discrimination, harassment, whistleblowing, and unemployment insurance.

Promote Justice for Individuals, Communities and the Planet

- [Community Group Advocacy & Social Change Lawyering Clinic](#) – Work with attorneys at Bay Area public interest organizations and collaborate with grassroots community groups pursuing systemic change across a broad spectrum of legal areas.
- [Criminal Practice Clinic](#) – Work with select Bay Area prosecutors' and public defenders' offices, conducting interviews, investigations, plea negotiations, and witness examinations in evidentiary hearings and trials.
- [Environmental Law Clinic](#) – Gain hands-on experience working with experts in non-profit environmental groups and government agencies, such as Earthjustice and the San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission.
- [Mediation Clinic](#) – Mediate civil disputes at San Mateo County Small Claims Court and discrimination complaints in employment, housing and public accommodations with the City and County of San Francisco's Human Rights Commission. Part of the [Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution](#).

Make Good Law and Policy

- [Legislation Clinic](#) – Spend a semester in Sacramento involved in every aspect of “working a bill” through the legislative Process, from basic legal research and drafting to attending committee and floor sessions.
- [Government Law Clinic](#) – Work with city attorneys' offices around the Bay Area to research substantive issues, draft ordinances, and attend public meetings and hearings.

Shape the Next Wave of Innovation

- [Business Tax Practicum for Social Enterprises](#) – Explore issues of business taxation while working with social enterprises that blend a social mission with market-based business strategies.
- [Social Enterprise and Economic Empowerment Clinic](#) – Serve as outside counsel on corporate and transactional matters for social enterprises – both for-profit and non-profit organizations that direct their income streams for social purposes. Gain hands-on experience as a business attorney and develop transactional lawyering skills.

- [Startup Legal Garage](#) – Join the Bay Area startup community and provide corporate and intellectual property work to startup companies under the supervision of leading private attorneys. Gain an in-depth understanding of the incentive structures that drive business in addition to the law.