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Welcome to the University of Missouri School of Law’s online catalog for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Information in this searchable, interactive catalog is current as of May 2015. The next catalog will be made available in May 2016. In the interim, changes to the law school curriculum will be made on our website (http://law.missouri.edu).

Use the search box above or click on the left hand menus to navigate through the catalog. There is also a PDF version available through the “Print Options” link above.

Broken links inside the law school’s online catalog may be reported by contacting umclawweb@missouri.edu.

The University of Missouri School of Law offers a collegial environment, reinforced by a small student body and a low faculty-student ratio. The intimacy of this setting, coupled with reasonable cost, consistently high bar passage rates, a network of alumni around the globe and access to top scholars in the legal world, make the School of Law one of the best values in the nation.

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Mission Statement

The MU School of Law aspires to be the school of choice for outstanding students, both from Missouri and other states. As a national leader in the field of dispute resolution, we seek to complement a strong traditional curriculum with an orientation toward lawyering as a problem-solving endeavor. We strive to foster a diverse faculty of nationally recognized scholars who are committed to effective teaching, and to attract a student body with diverse experiences and views. We also strive to offer an intellectually rigorous and collegial environment for the study of law. Furthermore, we seek to graduate well-rounded lawyers who are sensitive to ethical issues, prepared to serve clients, and ready to be leaders in promoting justice.

Academics

Known worldwide for its Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, the School of Law’s curriculum combines both traditional law school classes with an appreciation of the many dispute resolution techniques in which lawyers engage and includes a certificate program in the rapidly developing area of dispute resolution.

Mizzou Law students are required to complete 89 hours of law school classes in order to graduate. Following the prescribed first year, students are required to take Constitutional Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure and Professional Responsibility. Several clinical and externship programs are available to upper level students, along with skills training in trial practice, negotiation, interviewing and counseling. The curriculum couples courses traditionally tested on the bar examination so that the law school can continue its long tradition of success on bar examinations nationwide, with cross disciplinary dual degree and certificate programs in several other areas. As a result, the law school’s curriculum is appealing not only to those who want to engage in the traditional practice of law, but also to those who want to use their law degree as a stepping stone into other disciplines.

Faculty


The catalog also has a cumulative listing of all faculty at the University of Missouri (http://catalog.missouri.edu/faculty) that includes information on the faculty member’s highest degree attained.

Detailed faculty profiles for the School of Law faculty is also available at http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/directory/.

Academic Policies

Below is a listing of policies that only apply to students in the School of Law. Be sure to also check the listing of the University’s Academic Policies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies) for policies that apply to all students.
The policies and procedures of the MU School of Law are revised on a regular basis. Provisions regarding such policies and procedures contained on our website are subject to change without notice. If you have questions or note errors or omissions, please contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. All statements concerning requirements, prerequisites, conditions or other matters are for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. They are not to be regarded as offers to contract.

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