

# School of Law

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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.

## Administration

- Paul Litton, Dean and R.B. Price Professor of Law
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- Alisha L. Rychnovsky, Manager of Business Administration
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- Chelsea J. Coursey, Executive Director of Advancement

## 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, Professional Responsibility, and Property II. 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.

Note: After the catalog is published in June, changes to the law school curriculum will be made on our website (<https://law.missouri.edu/>). Broken links inside the law school's online catalog may be reported by contacting [umclawweb@missouri.edu](mailto:umclawweb@missouri.edu).

## 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 (<https://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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## Undergraduate

In coordination with the College of Arts & Science, the School of Law offers an undergraduate Minor in Law (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/>)

collegeofartsandscience/additionalcertificatesminors/minor-law/). For other undergraduate offerings please see the Degree Programs Table (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>).

## **Graduate**

The School of Law offers graduate degrees in American Law and Dispute Resolution.

## **Professional**

The School of Law offers a professional program, Juris Doctor.