Fordham Law School

The Network Effect
Connecting the people, jobs, and ideas that matter most.

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You'll find the people of Fordham Law School everywhere you go, from our home in New York City to cities around the country and countries around the world.

Our graduates hit the streets running, joining an ever-growing alliance of doers and thinkers, organizers and inspirers, justice-makers and jury-swayers, movers and shakers. We're at the front of courtrooms and classrooms. Deep inside the ranks of law firms of every size and specialty. We're transacting big business. Defending the underdog. Addressing cutting-edge theoretical issues. Solving real-life legal problems. Creating leaders. Making the world a better place. In short, we're doing everything possible to connect Fordham Law graduates to the people, places, ideas, and career opportunities that matter most.

We call it The Network Effect.
The Classroom Connection

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY, FORDHAM LAW IS A VIBRANT AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF DEDICATED TEACHERS AND ENGAGED STUDENTS WHO WORK TOGETHER TO MASTER THE LAW AND UNDERSTAND ITS ROLE IN ADVANCING JUSTICE. OUR APPROACH TO LEGAL EDUCATION IS INDIVIDUALIZED, SUPPORTIVE, AND COMPELLING. YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THE RIGORS OF THE CLASSROOM AND THE EXCITEMENT OF HANDS-ON FIELDWORK IN A WIDE RANGE OF LEGAL SPECIALTY AREAS.
Where Critical Thinking Meets Creativity

Curriculum, Meet Life Path

Build your legal foundation. Focus your interests. Reinvent your career. Interact with information. Hone your skills. Then choose the professional future that’s exactly right for you. A Fordham Law education opens minds and opens doors. It will take you where you want to go.
Degree Programs

Juris Doctor

Day or evening, full-time or part-time. Fordham offers the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree tailored to your schedule. Our full-time day program covers three academic years; our part-time evening program covers four academic years. Either program requires that you complete at least 83 credits, including required courses in foundational areas, upper-level writing and professional skills, and elective courses.

Dual-Degree Programs

J.D./M.B.A.

J.D./M.S.W.

J.D./M.A. in International Political Economy and Development

Non-J.D. Programs

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law
Corporate Compliance
Fashion Law
Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law
International Business and Trade Law
International Dispute Resolution
International Law and Justice
U.S. Law
Dual Concentration

Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.)

Corporate Compliance
Fashion Law

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)
J.D. Required Courses: Fundamental Coursework

Legal Writing & Research *(3)*

Criminal Law *(3)*

Contracts *(4 or 5)*

Property *(4 or 5)*

Torts *(4 or 5)*

Civil Procedure *(4 or 5)*

Constitutional Law *(4)*

Legislation & Regulation *(4)*

Legal Process & Quantitative Methods *(1)*

Upper-Level Courses

Corporations

Professional Responsibility

Professional Skills

Writing Requirement *(prior to last semester)*

*One-credit variable indicates intensive writing course.*
Courses

Your interests, your future. At Fordham Law, you can select from nearly 300 elective courses, helping you discover your legal interests while developing expertise in specific legal areas.

A Representative Sample of Electives

**Antitrust & Economic Regulation**
- Antitrust: International Regulation
- Cross Borders
- Antitrust Law
- Antitrust Law in Information Economy

**Banking/Finance/Corporate**
- Advanced Business Law
- Banking Law
- Banking Litigation
- Bankruptcy
- Broker-Dealer
- Business Bankruptcy
- Commercial Arbitration
- Commercial Drafting
- Commercial Finance/Secured Transactions
- Commercial Paper
- Commercial Transactions
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Corporate Crisis Management
- Corporate Crisis Management and International Investigations
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Finance: Legal Aspects
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Reorganization Under Bankruptcy Code
- Corporate Strategy and Taxation
- Corporate Sustainability, Transnational Business, and Human Rights
- Corporate Tax
- E-Commerce
- European Union Business Law
- Financial Institutions I and II
- Financial Services Regulation
- Global Capital Markets and Governance
- Global Corporate Compliance
- Globalization of American Corporations: Tax and Regulatory Policy
- Income Taxation
- Insurance Law and Litigation
- International Banking
- International Business Transactions
- Introduction to the Deal
- Law and Economics
- Law and Professional Sports
- Law Firm as a Business
- Law Firm Marketing
- Litigating the Corporate Case
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Partnership and LLC Law
- Public Finance Law and Practice
- Real Estate Drafting
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Transactions
- Securities Litigation
- Securities Regulation
- Securities Regulation: The Broker-Dealer Perspective
- Securities Regulation Drafting
- Securitization
- Title VII Dodd-Frank Derivatives
- Compliance
- Trusts and Wills

**Civil Practice & Litigation**
- Civil Litigation Drafting
- Commercial Arbitration
- Complex Litigation
- Conflicts of Laws
- Copyright Litigation
- Criminal Litigation Drafting
- Discovery and Pretrial Process
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Labor and Employment Arbitration
- Land Use Law
- Litigating the Corporate Case
- New York Practice
- Patent Litigation
- Professional Responsibility: Civil Litigation
### Clinical Education Courses

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Clinical Externships (sample)
- Civil Seminar
- Criminal Justice
- Intellectual Property/Media
- International and Domestic Human Rights
- Judicial
- New York City Council
- Prosecution Clinics
- Community Economic Development
- Consumer Litigation
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Criminal Defense
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Family Advocacy
- Federal Litigation
- Federal Tax
- Immigrant Rights
- International Human Rights
- International Law and Development in Africa
- Legislative and Policy Advocacy
- Mediation
- Presidential Succession
- Queens DA Prosecution Clinic
- Samuelson-Glushko Intellectual Property and Information Law
- Securities Litigation and Arbitration
- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration in West Africa Today
- Arbitration Practice
- Arbitration Practicum
- Conflict Management Systems Design
- International Arbitration
- Introduction to Arbitration
- Negotiation and Mediation
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills
- Introduction to the Deal
- Trial and Arbitration Advocacy

### Constitutional Law

- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Constitutional Rights and Human Rights in Comparative Perspective
- Constitutional Torts
- Current Supreme Court Controversies
- First Amendment
- Language of the Constitution
- Law of the City of New York
- State and Local Government
- United States Constitutional History
- United States Foreign Relations Law

### Criminal Law & Litigation

- Anti-Money Laundering Law
- Complex Criminal Litigation
- Criminal Law Theory
- Criminal Litigation Drafting
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Investigative Evidence
- New York Criminal Procedure
- Psychology and Criminal Law
- Terrorism and Law in the 21st Century
- Trial Techniques
- White Collar Crime

### International & Foreign Law

- Admiralty and International Maritime Law
- Aviation Law
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Comparative Antitrust Law and Enforcement
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law
- Comparative Family Law: United States and Taiwan
- Comparative Law
- Doing Business in the EU
- Global Capital Markets and Governance
- Immigration Law
- International Arbitration
- International Banking
- International Business Transactions
- International and Comparative Labor Law
- International and Comparative Patent Law
- International and Comparative Perspectives in Mediation
- International Cartel Enforcement: the Globalization of Antitrust
- International Environment Law
- International Financial Crime
- International Human Rights
- International Investment Law
- International Law
- International Project Finance
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to Islamic Law
- Jewish Law: Sources, Principles, and Jurisprudence
- Multinational Corporations
- National Security and Foreign Relations
- U.S. Foreign Relations Law

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Concentrations

Do you want to focus on a particular field of law? At Fordham, you have the opportunity to sharpen your knowledge in a group of classes associated with specialized areas of legal practice. With a concentration, you will signal to employers that you’re prepared for focused legal work when you graduate.

You can select one or more concentrations from among the following five. Concentrations are completely optional, and students never have to pick a “specialty” at Fordham.

Business and Financial Law
Whether you want to work at a law firm or go in-house, this concentration will teach you the fundamentals needed to solve the business world’s most complex problems. Learn how laws governing business and finance impact the organization and operation of business, from small, locally owned enterprises to large, global corporations.

Intellectual Property and Information Law
Obtain a solid, substantive grounding in both intellectual property and information law, and gain an understanding of how these fields shape the way art, inventions, and information are protected and transferred. Learn how to protect client interests in areas as diverse as law enforcement, print journalism, pharmaceuticals, and the arts.

International, Comparative, and Foreign Law
In a globalized, interdependent world, you need a similarly comprehensive view of the law. This concentration, integrating three subfields of law, provides you pathways for legal practice in multilateral institutions, government agencies, NGOs, law firms, and private sector work involving international and transnational law.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Seeking a classic legal field that never goes out of style? This concentration will provide you the firm foundation needed to become a skilled litigator and creative problem solver. You will obtain the skills necessary to expertly resolve disputes both in and out of the courtroom.

Public Interest and Service
Live Fordham Law’s service-oriented motto and discover a rewarding career path. This concentration prepares you to fight injustice and to help empower and advocate for disenfranchised individuals and communities. Relevant coursework will give you a solid base of knowledge in the field that shows employers you’re ready for a host of public interest positions or important careers in government.
Evening Program

You're busy: with life, work, and family. We understand. For more than a century Fordham has offered a top-ranked evening program that has made it possible for you to keep your day job and still have a rich law school experience. Our evening program allows you to complete your degree in eight semesters while attending classes Monday through Thursday (and on optional Saturdays). You will have the opportunity to participate in all the School's activities and groups—law journals, moot court, student government, clinics, and networking events—depending on your personal schedule. As an evening student, you can select from most of the same electives as full-time students and will have access to administrative offices with extended hours.
Legal Research/Library Resources

The 70,000-square-foot Maloney Library, located on floors 5 and 6 of the Law School building, is a place for study, instruction, and connection. The library boasts 676 study spaces including carrels, tables, comfortable lounge chairs, and collaborative study rooms, accommodating your learning style. You can fuel up at the library’s Cronin Cafe and work through the night in its after-hours study area. Maloney librarians, including eight legal information experts with J.D. degrees, will help you find the information resources you need to succeed in the legal environment of the 21st century. Librarians offer popular advanced legal research classes in Maloney’s two high-tech classrooms. The library connects you with thousands of online journals, e-books, and full-text databases, and puts at your fingertips a collection of more than 436,000 books and book equivalents.

With soaring windows overlooking the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Maloney Library elevates your legal learning while grounding you in the life of New York City.
Out Of The Classroom, Into The World

Work in Fordham’s nonprofit law firm, solving real-life problems for real-life clients. Write for student journals, mastering topical legal issues. Compete domestically and internationally, proving your mettle as a thinker and speaker. Work and study all around our city and all around the world. Experiencing Fordham law means personalizing your professional life, sparking new interests, and giving meaningful life to the spirit of service. You’ll graduate as a focused, work-ready lawyer who is connected intimately to a highly networked professional community in New York City and beyond.
Clinics: Real-World Practice, Real-World Relationships

You need real lawyering skills to solve legal problems in the real world. Fordham Law’s 17 clinical practice areas will provide you the experience you need to find creative and meaningful solutions to the complex legal problems of our 21st-century world. In whichever of the clinics you choose, you play an important role in the resolution of real cases with real clients. You will gain a more complete understanding of and appreciation for the law while experiencing real people, real issues, and real outcomes.

law.fordham.edu/clinics

Clinics

Community Economic Development
Consumer Litigation
Corporate Social Responsibility
Criminal Defense
Entrepreneurial Law
Family Advocacy
Federal Litigation
Federal Tax
Immigrant Rights
International Human Rights
International Law and Development in Africa
Legislative and Policy Advocacy
Mediation
Presidential Succession
Queens D.A. Prosecution
Samuelson-Glushko Intellectual Property and Information Law
Securities Litigation and Arbitration
Exterships: The City as Classroom

Once you’ve become familiar with the classroom, the library, and your peers and professors, get acquainted with Fordham’s most vibrant learning environment: New York City. The School’s externship program provides you with an impressive collection of opportunities across the Big Apple, from the neighboring Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to the hallowed judicial halls of the U.S. courts.

law.fordham.edu/externships

Sample of externship placements

United States Attorney’s Office: Civil and Criminal Divisions
New York District Attorneys Offices
New York State and Local Courts
United States District Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeals
United States National Labor Relations Board
United States Patent and Trademark Office
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
United States Environmental Protection Agency
New York State Attorney General’s Office
New York City Council
The Legal Aid Society
Safe Horizon
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
Screen Actors Guild—American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG—AFTRA)
American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)
Fordham’s six student-edited journals are your opportunity to shape legal scholarship. Enrich your academic experience by writing for one or joining its editorial board. You’ll gain exposure to timely legal issues involving the economy, business and finance, the media, the environment, and international affairs.

Articles in the **Fordham Law Review**, the School’s oldest scholarly journal, have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court more than 70 times. In fact, the Law Review is the **fourth**-most-cited student-edited law journal in judicial opinions overall. It publishes around **75** articles each year.

law.fordham.edu/lawreview

The **Fordham International Law Journal**, the **sixth**-most-cited international journal in judicial opinions and the **fourth** in other journals, provides a forum for international law issues and publishes six books annually, including one devoted to European Union law.

law.fordham.edu/ilj

Among public policy journals, the **Fordham Urban Law Journal** is a titan, ranking **second** in the nation for citations in other public policy journals and **eighth** for citations in judicial opinions. It publishes five books per year, targeted at decision makers interested in a broad range of contemporary legal and policy issues.

law.fordham.edu/ulj

The **Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal** serves as a leading source in media law, First Amendment rights, and entertainment and sports law. The **sixth**-most-cited IP journal in other journals and the **ninth** in judicial opinions, the journal publishes scholarly articles connected with intellectual property law, including copyrights, trademarks, patents, and Internet law.

law.fordham.edu/iplj

The **Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law** publishes scholarly articles relevant to the business and legal communities. It also provides a forum for the academic and professional legal communities on a wide variety of current issues in financial, securities, and tax law.

law.fordham.edu/jcfl

The **Fordham Environmental Law Review**, the **tenth**-most-cited student-edited environmental journal in other journals, addresses an expansive collection of domestic and international environmental issues ranging from regulation of air, water, and soil pollution to social policy issues such as corporate responsibility and environmental racism.

law.fordham.edu/elr
Notorious RBG Holds Court at Fordham Law

As part of the Robert L. Levine Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Fordham Law Review, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg enthralled students with life- and career-spanning insights on her various roles as incisive legal scholar, accomplished Supreme Court litigator, distinguished judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and, of course, the second woman justice of the country’s highest court. Scenes from the event were later used in the hit documentary RBG.
U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. (seated on bench, third from left) served as a final judge for the Moot Court Board’s annual Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Competition.
Student Teams: Competition Builds Lawyering Skills

Our student teams routinely shine in regional, national, and international competitions. More important, students hone the practical skills that lawyers need.

The cases argued in the Moot Court program may be simulated, but the success of the program's team members is real. Participants sharpen their advocacy skills as writers and oralists. Recent successes include national championships, national finalists, regional championships, and best brief and best speaker honors.

law.fordham.edu/mootcourt

The Brendan Moore Trial Advocates consistently produce great results against other law schools in national and regional mock trial competitions. The Moore Advocates refine students' ability to argue factual inferences, apply facts to legal problems, advocate persuasively, and understand and apply the rules of evidence. Their awards include best overall advocate, best opening, best summation, best cross-examination, and best direct examination.

law.fordham.edu/mooreadvocates

Fordham's Alternative Dispute Resolution program breeds creative thinkers, skilled in expertly resolving disputes outside the courtroom. Student teams from the program’s Dispute Resolution Society perform at high-level national and international competitions. Recently, the DRS reached the national finals of the American Bar Association’s 19th Annual National Representation in Mediation Competition, after finishing first in the regional rounds.

law.fordham.edu/adr
A Global Network

The Fordham Law Network Effect crosses oceans, spans continents, and overcomes language barriers. Our international programs put you face-to-face with overseas neighbors who need legal help: from developing frameworks that recognize the rights and dignity of their community members to creating sustainable solutions for responsible corporate growth. You’ll engage with global economies, collaborate with governmental agencies, and learn from distinguished foreign professors through study abroad programs and extensive human rights initiatives. In doing so, you’ll have the opportunity to cultivate your legal skills and make valuable contacts in some of the world’s major cities, from Beijing to São Paulo to Paris. Our study abroad programs also offer you internships with multinational corporations, law firms, courts, government offices, and human rights organizations.
The Leitner Center for International Law and Justice

Train to become an international legal expert and impassioned human rights advocate. The Leitner Center, one of the country's largest and most dynamic law school human rights programs, houses more than a dozen programs offering you numerous hands-on opportunities in human rights fieldwork, advocacy, and scholarship. The Center's long-term partnership with local social justice organizations and global stakeholders contributes to the promotion of human rights on a global scale, both in knowledge of and respect for international law.

leitnercenter.org

Prepare for your international human rights career with a real, fieldwork-centered investigation abroad through the Center’s Crowley Program in International Human Rights. The program’s Annual Human Rights Fact-Finding Project offers you an opportunity unique among law schools: the prospect of conducting your investigation overseas for two weeks. You’ll then assist faculty in writing a comprehensive report on the trip’s findings that will be published in a scholarly journal. Recent trips include Thailand and Myanmar, Bangladesh, Rwanda, Turkey, and Bolivia.

Looking to join the next generation of human rights lawyers? The Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic will provide you the knowledge and inspiration to produce results-oriented practical human rights work around the world.

Gain valuable experience with a Leitner Internship Program grant to work with international human rights organizations full-time for 10 weeks during the summer.

The James E. Tolan Human Rights Fellowship awards one year of postgraduate funding for a Fordham Law graduate to work on a program designed in conjunction with an international human rights organization.

Hear prominent scholars of international law and political theory discuss their ongoing works throughout the semester as part of the Center’s Human Rights Colloquium.

Savor the knowledge of leading human rights advocates and scholars from around the world during the Center’s weekly Brown Bag Lunch Speaker Series.

The Sustainable Development Legal Initiative (SDLI) serves as the Center’s focal point in promoting international sustainable development, using the law to promote environmentally sound growth and poverty eradication.

The Asia Law and Justice (ALJ) Program exposes you to challenges to the rule of law and adherence to basic human rights while also providing opportunities to participate in hands-on projects with local grassroots groups operating in Asian countries.

The ALJ Program partners with the Committee to Support Chinese Lawyers in its efforts to improve the plight of Chinese human rights lawyers, conducting research, publishing reports, and providing advocacy support.


The International Law and the Constitution Initiative explores the relationship between internationalism and constitutionalism.
International Study Opportunities

Study the law in many of the world’s most dynamic regions. Fordham offers a variety of programs, across four continents, to select from in the summer or during the academic year.

law.fordham.edu/studyabroad

Summer Programs
In Fordham Law’s summer programs, you’ll complete six credits of coursework and have the opportunity for externship and internship placements in prominent national courts, as well as in distinguished foreign law firms and nongovernmental organizations.

Belfast/Dublin Summer Program
law.fordham.edu/ireland

Fordham-SKKU Summer Institute of International Law
law.fordham.edu/korea

Fordham-Ghana Summer Law Program
law.fordham.edu/ghana

Double-Degree Programs
You also have the option of enrolling in one of the Law School’s five international double-degree programs with prestigious universities in China, France, Italy, and Spain. In three years, you can earn your J.D. from Fordham and a master’s from a participating foreign university.

Fudan Law School (Shanghai)
Université Paris I
Université Paris II
Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid)
LUISS Guido Carli (Rome)

Semester Abroad Programs
Bocconi School of Law (Milan)
Bucerius Law School (Hamburg)
China University of Politics and Law (Beijing)
East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai)
ESADE (Barcelona)
European University Institute (Florence)
Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo, Brazil)
Jindal Global Law School (Delhi)
National Taiwan University (Taipei)
Pantheon-Sorbonne University (Paris)
Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul)
Tel Aviv University
University of Amsterdam
University of Lucerne
Waseda Law School (Tokyo)
THE LEGAL COMMUNITY HAS MANY IMPORTANT WAYS TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF THE FORDHAM LAW APPROACH TO LEGAL EDUCATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NATION’S LARGEST LAW FIRMS ARE HIRING OUR GRADUATES IN GREAT NUMBERS. THE SUPREME COURT REGULARLY CITES OUR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COMPETITIONS AWARD OUR STUDENT TEAMS TOP PRIZES FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE IN MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL CONTESTS.
Specialty Areas
In its 2019 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked a number of Fordham Law programs among the top 25 in the country.

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**Trial Advocacy:** #12  
**Dispute Resolution:** #13  
**International Law:** #15  
**Clinical Training:** #25
Jobs by Employer Type (2017)

Represents all employment types (long-term, full-time, short-term, and part-time divided by the total number of employed graduates) from data on the ABA Employment Summary Report: law.fordham.edu/employmentstats

- Law Firm 67.5%
- Business 12.2%
- Government 7.4%
- Public Interest 4.8%
- Clerkship 4.8%
- Academic 3.2%
The Evening Program ranks #3 nationally according to U.S. News & World Report.
Fordham Law School ranks #4 in the number of graduates employed in the 25 largest law firm offices of the country’s largest legal market: New York City.

1. NYU
2. Harvard
3. Columbia
4. Fordham
5. Georgetown

Top 25 largest law firms reported by the National Law Journal. Employment number compiled by the Maloney Library.
in alumni employed at Am Law 100 firms

Am Law 100 firms employ 10+ Fordham Law alumni

in alumni attorneys at the Manhattan DA’s office

in alumni partners at Am Law 200 firms

graduates received prestigious public interest fellowships in 2017–2018

in alumni serving in corporate counsel offices
Fordham Law’s 17 live-client clinics allow students to solve real legal problems for clients while working with our faculty.

The Class of 2018 performed nearly 100,000 hours of public interest work during their time at Fordham Law.
According to the *National Law Journal*, Fordham Law ranks 20th nationally in terms of placement of graduates in the NLJ 100.

According to the *National Law Journal*, Fordham Law ranks 10th in the number of alumni promoted to partner.
**Student Journals**

Highly regarded and cited often by judges and scholars, Fordham’s student-edited law journals enrich the academic experience of students.

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49 States, 80 Countries
The Fordham Law alumni community is a global network. Graduates can be found in 49 states and in 80 countries around the world.

States of Practice
Following graduation, Fordham Law alumni fan out all across the country to engage in meaningful legal work. The five states with the highest concentration of practicing alumni are New York, New Jersey, California, Connecticut, and Florida.
Top 10 Feeder Schools, Entering Class Fall 2017
Fordham students are drawn from among the most academically rigorous undergraduate schools in the country.

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WE BELIEVE THAT WHO YOU ARE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT YOU DO. SO WE INFUSE OUR LEGAL EDUCATION WITH AN ABIDING SPIRIT OF ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE. WE EMPHASIZE SERVING THE COLLECTIVE GOOD OF THE WORKPLACE—AND OF THE WORLD. WE VALUE THE STUDY OF ETHICS. WE TEACH OUR STUDENTS TO LIVE WHAT THEY LEARN.
Public Service, Personal Satisfaction

Make a Difference from Day One

Through the important work of our centers, institutes, and student organizations, and through the unsurpassed strength and loyalty of the entire Fordham Law family, we foster passionate interest in social justice and the public interest. By adhering to the Jesuit educational concept of *cura personalis*, “caring for the whole person,” we have created a law school experience that is happier, friendlier, and more inclusive—with a focus on you!
Public Interest Resource Center

At Fordham Law, public service is a tradition and a guiding force. Ennoble your legal education by joining the nearly 500 students who participate annually in the pro bono initiatives and public service projects of the Public Interest Resource Center.

PIRC artfully marries grassroots action with legal efficiency and sophistication. With 28 student organizations to choose from, you will find a cause to which you can devote your passions, interests, and skills. Each graduating class, on average, participates in more than 100,000 hours of public service work during their time at Fordham.

In addition to its welcoming space, where you can plan activities, share information, and network with like-minded peers, PIRC also offers a supportive staff available to mentor and advise you in your public service endeavors. New groups are empowered to address cutting-edge issues and challenges in New York City, the country, and the world. In fact, the majority of PIRC groups were established by first-year students. So don’t be shy: join a group or form a group and work for your cause.

PIRC Student Groups

- Advocates for the Incarcerated
- Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights
- Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society
- Artist Representation Society
- Consumer Law Advocates
- Domestic Violence Action Center
- Drug Policy Reform Group
- Education Law Collaborative
- Environmental Law Advocates
- Farm to Fordham
- Fordham Health Law Society
- Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights
- Fordham Law Defenders
- Fordham Student Sponsored Fellowship, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity at Fordham Law School
- Housing Advocacy Project
- If/When/How Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
- Immigration Advocacy Project
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- Mentoring Youth Through Legal Education
- Stein Scholars Program
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund of Fordham Law School
- Students for the Education and Representation of Veterans
- Suspension Representation Project
- Unemployment Action Center
- Universal Justice
- Workers’ Rights Advocates
- YouthLaw

Sponsored Fellowship

In 2017, Fordham Law School awarded over $340,000 for summer public interest fellowships, which enabled students to work for various government and nonprofit organizations.
Centers and Institutes

Whether advancing scholarship on critical legal issues, providing hands-on training for future lawyers, or delivering much-needed legal advice to the vulnerable and underrepresented, our centers and institutes make a real difference. Get involved with one or more of them: learn about the law of the fashion industry, work for social justice, examine race and the law, wrestle with thorny IP topics, help write reports on national security, dive into corporate law matters, become a human rights advocate.

Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Center
Fordham Law’s mock trial team participates in civil and criminal trial competitions at regional and national levels. Competing in nearly 15 competitions every year, the Brendan Moore Trial Advocates apply facts to legal problems, argue persuasively, advocate passionately, and exercise the rules of evidence with skill and poise.

Center of European Union Law
A teaching and resource center devoted to European Union and international antitrust law, the center facilitates the exchange of ideas and information among foreign officials and scholars and their U.S. counterparts. It also reveals the intricacies of EU law to Americans through lectures, symposia, public programs, and informal events.

Center on Law and Information Policy
The law must increasingly evolve to keep pace with innovations in information technology. Fordham Law founded the Center on Law and Information Policy (CLIP) to conduct research, organize workshops and conferences, and prepare the next generation of thought leaders in this fast-growing field.

Center on National Security
The Center on National Security enhances public understanding of complex 21st-century security challenges and promotes intelligent policy recommendations. The center’s work includes compiling the country’s most comprehensive data and analysis project on terrorism prosecutions, presenting a robust foreign policy discussion series, and maintaining a vibrant cybersecurity project.

Center on Race, Law and Justice
The Center on Race, Law and Justice was established to engage both domestic and global issues of race, law, and equity. It considers the role of law in structuring racial inequality and disadvantage; intervenes in current debates about race and democracy; and seeks to directly influence legal pedagogy and praxis concerning race as well as matters of diversity, access, and opportunity in legal institutions and programs. The center’s broad, interdisciplinary inquiry into race and law focuses on generating the critical insights and solutions necessary to achieve real and positive change.

Competition Law Institute
The Fordham Competition Law Institute (FCLI) provides internationally recognized, top-rated programs on antitrust law and policy. Through its curriculum, FCLI contributes to the discussion of a wide range of legal issues related to worldwide antitrust protocol and to the development of better competition law enforcement across global jurisdictions.

Conflict Resolution and ADR Program
Offering unique opportunities for study in the field of alternative dispute resolution through renowned clinics and courses taught by leading academics, the Conflict Resolution and ADR Program balances theory and casework with a valuable practicum. Students also teach ADR and mediation skills in the NYC community.
Corporate Law Center
The Corporate Law Center convenes public lectures, expert panels, and academic symposia to showcase the business law scholarship of Fordham Law faculty and research affiliates in a variety of financial subspecialties, including corporate compliance. The center also connects students to distinguished alumni through the Business Law Practitioners Series mentoring program.

Fashion Law Institute
The world's first institute dedicated to law and the business of fashion, the Fashion Law Institute offers training for the fashion lawyers and designers of the future, provides legal services for design students and professionals, and makes available information and assistance on issues facing the fashion industry.

Feerick Center for Social Justice
The Feerick Center addresses the problems facing marginalized and low-income New Yorkers and promotes their rights through the provision of legal assistance and the education of the general public about social justice. Fordham Law faculty and the center’s students also collaborate with the city’s nonprofit, legal services, and public sectors to create long-term solutions to inequality.

Institute on Religion, Law, and Lawyer’s Work
To serve the increasing number of attorneys, judges, scholars, and students who desire to integrate faith values and perspectives in the context of legal practice, the institute promotes an open, positive, and constructive dialogue on issues relating to religion and law, through courses, interfaith programs, and religious lawyering.

Intellectual Property Institute
The Fordham IP Institute develops new IP initiatives while fostering progress toward the resolution of legal concerns within the IP community. Through the institute’s various fora, renowned policymakers formulate integrated approaches to international IP problem solving and produce influential papers, many of which lead to new laws and policies.

Leitner Center for International Law and Justice
One of the oldest and largest law school–based human rights programs, the Leitner Center provides training to law students, facilitates capacity building with activists around the world, and contributes to critical research among scholars in international human rights.

National Center for Access to Justice
Justice is among our society’s most profound ideals. Access to justice is the right to be heard. Too often, individuals are unable to obtain a legal representative, understand the proceedings against them, and secure a just result. The National Center for Access to Justice is dedicated to achieving reform that helps people obtain justice in the courts. The center’s Justice Index uses cutting-edge data analytics to help replicate best practices for access to justice in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Neuroscience and Law Center
Advances in neuroscience have prompted the legal profession to question long-held notions about criminal culpability, free will, thought, behavior, and pain. The Neuroscience and Law Center explores how these advances affect the legal system. The center is dedicated to using a multidisciplinary, evidence-based approach to examine the current and potential uses of neuroscience evidence; advancing legal scholarship and the use of neuroscience in legal circles; and providing information to academics, lawyers, and the public about legally relevant advances in neuroscience.

Stein Center for Law and Ethics
The Stein Center examines the important role that lawyers play in our society and explores the ways in which ethical values inform and improve the legal profession by promoting the critical analysis of legal ethics. It hosts and sponsors colloquia and symposia and promotes the open exchange of ideas among academics and practitioners.

Urban Law Center
A majority of the world’s population now lives in urban environments. The Urban Law Center is committed to understanding and facilitating the legal system’s place in contemporary urbanism. Through its innovative programs, the center is also dedicated to advancing the scholarship and practice of urban law and influencing the most pressing issues facing America’s metropolitan areas.
Stein Scholars Program

If you want to learn from your peers, grow in appreciation of differing viewpoints, and pursue common goals of service and advocacy, then you want to become a Stein Scholar.

The nationally recognized program combines academic requirements—coursework focusing on legal ethics and public interest law—with nonacademic seminars to help you develop and enhance your leadership and communication skills.

During your first summer as a Stein Scholar, you are guaranteed a stipend to work with a public interest organization. During your second year, you enroll in seminars that challenge you to think critically about the role of lawyers in society. In the Advanced Seminar, you will lead a semester-long project with a public interest law organization. Perhaps most important, you will join a community of diverse leaders who mentor each other throughout their careers as they pursue work as public defenders, district attorneys, human rights advocates, and grassroots activists.

Fordham Family: Connecting to Alumni

Even before you graduate, you will be meeting, greeting, and connecting with the School’s alumni network.

Found in 49 U.S. states and 80 countries worldwide, Fordham Law alumni work in institutions ranging from Fortune 500 companies to top-100 law firms, from international NGOs to high-level government agencies, from small and midsize firms to transformative public interest organizations. They visit campus often to deliver lectures, attend events, mentor current students, and work with our Career Planning Center to help you achieve your professional goals.

The Fordham Law Alumni Association includes 29 national and international chapters and 11 affinity groups, which connect alumni with shared interests, practice areas, and backgrounds. Across the country and around the world our graduates are active, supportive, and committed.
Student Services and Organizations

You can look forward to challenges in your Fordham Law education, but we also provide support and balance through student services. Programs are designed to enhance your experience through student groups, academic advisement, and personal counseling.

During your first year, the Academic Enrichment Program of Student Affairs provides you with legal skills workshops that help you with reading and briefing cases, preparing the short and long memo, and writing the appellate brief. The Board of Student Advisers will assign you an upper-level mentor who will provide guidance and assist with the transition to law school.

The Office of Student Affairs also offers weekly mindfulness and yoga classes, as well as the occasional movie pass.

Fordham Law Student Organizations

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Who We Know Is Who You’ll Know

At Fordham Law, we thrive on the power of the network. We build relationships with justices and judges of every stripe, from family court to the Supreme Court. We keep close company with big law partners and solo practitioners. We reach out to captains of industry, renowned academics, media moguls, culture czars, financial superstars, and institutional leaders.
Meet the Fordham Family

From Academics to Activists

Because we know many of the most influential legal and other professionals in New York City—and in the far-flung corners of five continents—soon you’ll know them too. Together you’ll share ideas, learning opportunities, and job placements. You’ll maintain an ongoing, vibrant, global conversation. You’ll gain a clear competitive advantage that will sustain, support, and inspire you throughout the life of your legal career.
Young jae Lee
Professor of Law

“Fordham Law School is a special place. Students and faculty alike think hard and rigorously about some of the most challenging issues facing us as a society and global citizens, but we do not lose sight of the importance of treating one another with warmth and respect. The combination creates a distinctive culture that endures over the years, and everyone is committed to preserving it and protecting it.”
Benjamin Reiser  Class of 2020

“I selected Fordham Law School to pursue my dream of becoming an entertainment lawyer because of the School’s proximity to Broadway, its ability to offer every relevant course I could imagine in this field, and Fordham’s Network Effect potential to connect me with industry leaders.”
Fordham Law is the perfect place to become an advocate for families and children. Our faculty offers both a deep and broad curriculum, and the Law School as a whole is a leader in grappling with some of the most important questions of family structure and equality.”
Andy Hinton

Class of 1989, Google

"Fordham Law has a great reputation for producing excellent, well-prepared legal professionals. Whether they practice in the courts, in business, or in public service, Fordham lawyers are always ready for the next challenge, and equally important, the next opportunity to innovate and drive the law forward."
“To make it so that Fordham's service mission works effectively on the outside, you have to create a strong basis on the inside. That's why I've participated in many of the Law School's service-oriented initiatives: the Stein Scholars Program, the clinics, the Leitner Center's Crowley Scholars Program. Fordham encourages its students to engage with the New York community and beyond.”
Khadijah Sharif-Drinkard
Class of 1997, Viacom Media Networks & BET Networks

“As a student, I participated in a litigation skills clinic, where I learned to focus on meeting the needs of my clients and communicating with them in a manner that was direct and sensitive. Fordham Law helped me hone these skills, and my professors provided invaluable guidance and support. Fordham Law is an incredible and robust community of educators and scholars who left an indelible impression on me, and I believe that their investment in me has certainly paid off.”
Michael Moore  Class of 2018, Founder and Agent, Michael Moore Agency

“I run my own theatrical literary agency. It’s a very exciting time in film and television, and on Broadway. With a law degree from Fordham, the opportunities in ‘the business’ expand even further.”
Who We Know Is Who You’ll Know

Matthew Diller
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law

“People turn to lawyers for help with some of the most difficult and important issues they will face. Fordham helps you develop the creative skills you will need to make a real difference in people’s lives. The law is a service profession, and Fordham Law is a service-oriented school.”
Lorena Jiron  
Class of 2017, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Day One

“The more you get involved during your time at Fordham Law, the stronger your network becomes. I feel that I can always call upon my peers in the Stein Scholars Program and my fellow members of the Latin American Law Students Association for support. We’re here for each other, and that type of fellowship is very reassuring.”
Hon. Denny Chin

Class of 1978, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Adjunct Professor, Fordham Law School

“I owe so much to Fordham Law School. Fordham taught me the law and how to think and act like a lawyer. It taught me the importance of decency, honesty, and hard work, and the importance of service to the public. I am a better judge because of what I learned at Fordham.”
Working The Network

OUR PROACTIVE, SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO CAREER PLANNING HELPS YOU MAXIMIZE CAREER OPTIONS, CLARIFY PERSONAL INTERESTS, AND SUCCESSFULLY REACH SHORT- AND LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS. WE PROVIDE LIFELONG CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLS, AND JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES.
Find Your Future

Your Career Starts Here

All Fordham Law graduates are linked into our dynamic professional and alumni network of experienced attorneys. These are people who have walked in your shoes—and who will help you go the distance.

Your Fordham Law degree is a gateway. To a meaningful career. To a life of service. To the point where your professional interests meet your personal aspirations.

Whether you want to lead in the law, business, politics, finance, government, public interest, academia, or another career field, your Fordham Law education will prepare you for success.

The School’s coordinated career support can help you define your professional path, develop faculty connections, and tap into Fordham Law’s alumni network.
Career Planning

Career planning should be about more than finding a job. It should be about making a choice that inspires you.

Career Planning Center (CPC) counselors will work with you and provide the advice, support, resources, guidance, and tools you need to help:

- determine your career path
- explore opportunities
- connect with employers
- showcase your best professional self in the job search

The single most important function of the CPC office is counseling. All career counselors are former practicing attorneys who were involved in recruiting at their prior employers or were recruiters in the legal area at their previous employers.

From your first year at Fordham through your first job and beyond, the CPC’s Professional Development Platform will guide you in its integrated approach to career development.

The platform consists of a point-counselor system, career exploration and skills-based programming, small-group summer legal job search strategy sessions, a mock interview program, and the Professional Development Handbook.
Public Interest Career Support

Fordham Law School’s motto, “In the service of others,” is reflected in all aspects of the Law School experience. Whether you want to pursue a career path in public service at a nonprofit, an NGO, or a government agency—or you simply want to make a difference by doing pro bono work—Fordham offers an abundance of support, from the counselors in the CPC to the Public Interest Resource Center and the faculty fellowship and clerkships committees. Your journey begins with one-on-one counseling with the counselors in PIRC or the CPC. You can then continue to explore paths and navigate the public service job search through our resources.

CPC programming, in conjunction with PIRC as well as the Law School’s centers and institutes, provides you with the opportunity to meet attorneys in public service, often alumni.

Are you thinking about a public service fellowship? In collaboration with PIRC, a committee of faculty members will mentor you through the process.

Not sure you want to pursue a career path in public service but want to effect change? Fordham Law has a vast array of options for you to explore and in which you can get involved during your time here.

The PIRC-sponsored student groups, the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, and the Feerick Center for Social Justice represent just a few of the myriad outlets for Fordham lawyers to make a difference.

Public Interest Fellowships

In the 2017–2018 academic year, 7 graduates received prestigious public interest fellowships, including:

- Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship
- New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Honors Program
- James E. Tolan Human Rights Fellowship
On-Campus Recruitment

You will be able to take advantage of a number of programs the CPC puts together to make it easier for you to learn about employers, meet with their representatives, find out about their hiring needs, and apply for available positions. Services are available to you even after graduation, as part of the comprehensive career planning services the CPC provides to Fordham Law J.D. alumni in perpetuity.

Employer Receptions
The CPC hosts a series of on-campus receptions, attended by close to 60 of the employers that participate in our Fall On-Campus Recruiting Program. Attendees range from law firms and corporations to government agencies and public interest organizations. You are invited to attend these receptions, where you will be able to meet and mingle with attorneys and recruiting personnel—many of whom are Fordham Law alumni—in an informal setting.

On-Campus Recruiting
We welcome to our campus a wide variety of employers—law firms, corporations, financial institutions, government agencies (including district attorneys’ offices), and public interest/not-for-profit organizations—interested in our students because of their reputation for excellence. Visit law.fordham.edu/employmentstats for more information.

Career Fairs
If you are one of the many Fordham students interested in a career in public service or in the public interest, the Public Interest Resource Center coordinates Fordham Law’s participation in two of the largest public service career fairs in the country: the Equal Justice Works Career Fair (in the Washington, D.C. metro area) and the Public Interest Legal Career Fair (in New York City).

Online Job Bank
While you are a student, access to our online Job Bank allows you to search for and apply to listings for summer and term-time internships, and full-time employment postgraduation. The employers who post their hiring needs in our Job Bank include law firms of all sizes, government agencies, corporate legal departments, public interest organizations, and even courts. We are constantly engaged in employer outreach to expand our Job Bank.

OCI Employers
There were 163 employers that interviewed Fordham Law students through the 2017–2018 On-Campus Interview Program.
Clerkship Program

Interested in learning the practice of law from behind the bench? Fordham Law School has a comprehensive support structure to assist your pursuit of a judicial clerkship, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

The Faculty Clerkship Committee works collaboratively with the CPC and the Office of the Dean to provide clerkship applicants with an array of support and guidance—from strategic counseling to resume and cover letter critiques. Moreover, we work hard to keep you in the know—communicating regularly with you on all aspects of the clerkship process from application timing to process to substantive materials to interviewing. The CPC also develops proprietary clerkship-related materials, programs, and resources.

In the five-year period between 2012 and 2017, in any given term, Fordham Law has had between 40 and 55 judicial clerks at both the federal and state levels. During this time, federal courts represented have included the Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, Tenth, and Federal circuits, and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as many other federal district courts. State court clerkships during this time have primarily included New York and New Jersey.

Moreover, the Faculty Clerkship Committee maintains regular and close contact with judges at the federal and state levels developing and strengthening our relationships and your potential clerkship opportunities. Through the CPC’s programs and resources, clerkship applicants can engage with alumni who currently are or have clerked. The Fordham network among judges and clerks is a powerful resource.

Top 25

Fordham Law is one of the top 25 law schools measured in terms of J.D. Class of 2017 initial employment with Big Law (firms with 101+ attorneys) and federal clerkships reported to the ABA.
Alumni Network

The Fordham Law alumni network is exceptionally strong, active, and supportive—and they are here to help you.

Through their efforts to advance Fordham Law's mission and reputation, our alumni engage and collaborate with fellow alumni, students, and the wider Fordham Law community. Alumni resources and initiatives include:

Fordham Law Alumni Association (FLAA)
The FLAA is one of the largest law school alumni associations in the country, as well as an excellent resource for students and graduates alike. The FLAA serves to deepen the already strong bond between Fordham Law and its alumni, and it emphasizes the importance of engaging students with the alumni network from day one. You become a member of the FLAA as a student and have access to association benefits.

FLAA Advising Programs
The FLAA and Fordham Law have a number of mentorship and advising initiatives that will pair you with a diverse group of alumni who span different career paths, seniority levels, backgrounds, and experiences. Alumni serve as a resource for students on a variety of topics, from mastering the first year to strategies for interviewing.

Worldwide Alumni Chapters
Fordham Law alumni can be found in 49 U.S. states as well as 80 countries worldwide. The FLAA currently has 29 national and international chapters. These provide great connections with Fordham Law alumni around the globe.

Networking Affinity Groups
The FLAA has formed a series of affinity groups that provide forums for alumni to gather socially and network with one another based on shared interests, practice areas, and backgrounds. Each of these specific affinity groups regularly hosts networking receptions, panel discussions, and committee meetings.

FLAA Recent Graduate Committee
Members are leaders in our alumni community who graduated within the past 10 years. They dedicate their time and talents to strengthening the mission of Fordham Law. The group is made up of recent graduates across the United States with diverse backgrounds and areas of practice. They serve as mentors and advisors to current students and host social events and service projects.

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Consisting of alumni in leadership roles at small to midsize firms, this council offers expertise and guidance to students choosing careers in small to midsize firm settings.

Entrepreneurial Law Advisory Council
This council provides students with a structured program that delivers practical problem-solving opportunities to serve the strategic and legal needs of startup enterprises.

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Directions to Fordham Law School

The Law School is accessible in several convenient ways.

From points north, via the George Washington Bridge/1-95, join the Henry Hudson Parkway (West Side Highway) south. Exit at 79th Street. At the second traffic light, turn right onto West End Avenue. Continue south to 65th Street and turn left. Turn right onto Columbus Avenue. Keep to the right of Columbus Avenue and turn right onto 62nd Street.

From New Jersey and points west, via the Lincoln Tunnel, follow signs uptown. Take 10th Avenue uptown where it becomes Amsterdam Avenue. Turn right onto 62nd Street. The Law School is on the right near the corner of Columbus Avenue.

From the East Side (Queensboro Bridge, Midtown Tunnel), drive uptown to 66th Street and turn left. Traverse Central Park. Continue on 66th Street to Columbus Avenue. At Columbus Avenue, turn left. Keep to the right of Columbus Avenue and turn right at 62nd Street.

A public parking garage is located on 62nd Street across from the Law School.

The Admissions Office is located at 150 West 62nd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10023.
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?
We strongly encourage you to use the Law School Admission Council service and apply electronically at lsac.org. You can request a paper application by contacting us via email (lawadmissions@fordham.edu) or by calling our office (212-636-6810).

When are applications accepted?
Our application opens on September 15 and closes on April 1. Please note that we are rolling admissions and review files as completed.

How much is the application fee?
The application processing fee is $70.

Can I receive an application fee waiver?
Fee waivers are granted on a case-by-case basis. Please submit your request directly to our office by email (lawadmissions@fordham.edu). Transfer and visitor applicants are ineligible for the application fee waiver.

Can I apply to the full-time day and part-time evening programs at the same time?
No. You can apply to only one program per admissions cycle. If your original application is declined, you may submit a written request to be reconsidered for the alternate program.

What LSAT scores qualify me for consideration?
All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Candidates applying for admission to the 2019 entering class as regular applicants may submit LSAT scores earned on or after June 2014 but no later than March 2019.

Does Fordham have an early action program?
Fordham has an early action program for the traditional full-time day and part-time evening programs; however, it is not binding. To qualify for early action consideration, you must submit your completed application, including your valid LSAT score, by October 15. You will be notified by December 15 as long as your file is completed and ready for review. To guarantee a decision by December 15, you must have taken the LSAT by the September 2018 test date.

Does Fordham have spring enrollment start?
No. We enroll for a fall semester start only.

Is a personal statement required?
Yes. It can be written on the topic of your choice and should not exceed two pages, double-spaced.

Do you require letters of recommendation?
Yes. We require at least two letters, which should be sent along with your application via www.lsac.org.

When can I expect to be notified about my application?
Fordham makes decisions on a rolling basis. The committee endeavors to notify applicants of decisions within six to eight weeks after the completion of the application. Applications received on or around University calendar breaks will take additional processing time.
Does Fordham accept transfer and visiting students?
Yes. Applications for transfer and visiting students may be submitted from March 15 to June 30. Transfer and visiting applications are considered starting at the end of June, and applicants will typically receive a decision by the first week of August. Students wishing to visit for the spring semester must submit their application by December 15. Transfer or visiting student applicants should visit our website (law.fordham.edu/admissions) for detailed application instructions.

What are the median LSAT and GPA for admitted students?
Our 2017 entering full-time students had a median LSAT of 163 and a GPA of 3.6. Our 2017 part-time students had a median LSAT of 159 and a GPA of 3.48.

Does Fordham offer applicant interviews?
No. Due to our large applicant pool, we are unable to offer evaluative interviews. However, the Office of Admissions has an open-door policy where applicants can stop in anytime during normal business hours to meet with an available Admissions Officer.

How does the application reconsideration process work?
If you receive an unfavorable decision on your application, you can request a reconsideration. Please submit your request in writing via email (lawadmissions@law.fordham.edu) and indicate the division for which you would like to be reconsidered. The reconsideration process will begin in June, with notification usually sent the first week of August.

Does Fordham offer tours of the Law School campus?
Yes. We offer self-guided tours during normal business hours throughout the year (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.) as well as guided tours starting in late September when school is in session. For more information on the visitation schedule, please see our calendar on the admissions homepage at law.fordham.edu/admissions.

Does Fordham offer housing to students?
Yes. Students may apply for rooms in McMahon Hall on the Lincoln Center campus. The Law School also has access to apartments on the west side of Manhattan. Please visit the section on Residential Life for more information.

Where can I find the bar admissions requirements?
In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
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