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Curious, creative, and committed to the craft.

Those words describe the people you’ll meet at Fordham Law School. Our faculty and students are dedicated to excellence and ethics and are engaged with what’s happening in the real world, whether transacting deals for clients in multinational corporate boardrooms, dispensing justice on the benches of courtrooms, or fighting for underserved communities in the heart of New York City. Our education is grounded in enduring legal principles, but always open to emerging theories, techniques, and technologies. Historically, Fordham Law has opened its doors to people not welcome at other law schools due to their religion, gender, race, or class. Today, this diversity is one of Fordham Law’s greatest strengths. We’re creating a community of compassionate and highly capable lawyers who have a larger goal in mind: to make a difference for our profession, society, and world.
From the Classroom to the World Beyond

Located in the heart of New York City, Fordham Law is a vibrant, collaborative, and diverse community of dedicated teachers and engaged, hands-on students who are working together to master the law, understand its role in advancing justice, and make sure that justice is accessible to all. Our approach to legal education is grounded in the craft of law. We always stay abreast of new approaches and technologies and their impact on the legal field in a rapidly changing world. Whether in the classroom or in our clinics, you will absorb the expertise of a faculty committed to educating the next generation of eminently capable, collaborative, service-minded, and client-centered lawyers.
Where Critical Thinking Meets Creativity

A Curriculum That Gets You Where You Want to Go

Top-notch professional skills. A deep appreciation for law's foundations. Experiential learning. A chance to dip into tech-related legal issues as they unfold in real time. At Fordham, you’ll get the opportunity to focus your interests, spark new ones, and master the tools you’ll need to succeed, wherever and however you dream of practicing law.
Degree Programs

**Juris Doctor**

Full-time Day (3 years)

Part-time Evening (4 years)

Total credits in either program: At least 83, 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.)**
First Year J.D. Day and Second Year Evening Required Courses

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*One-credit variable indicates intensive writing course.

Upper-Level J.D. Requirements

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Courses

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

A Representative Sample of Electives

**Corporate & Finance**
- Banking Litigation
- Bankruptcy
- Broker-Dealer
- Business Bankruptcy
- Commercial Arbitration
- Commercial Drafting
- Commercial Finance/Secured Transactions
- Commercial Paper
- Commercial Transactions
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Corporations
- 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
- Employment Law
- European Union Business Law
- Financial Institutions I and II
- Financial Institutions: Banking
- Financial Institutions: Non-Banking
- 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
- International Trade Law
- International Commercial Law Seminar
- International Commercial Arbitration
- 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

**Litigation & Civil Practice**
- 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

**Experiential Learning**
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Externships (sample)
  - Civil Government and Non-Profit
  - Criminal Justice
  - Intellectual Property/Media
  - Housing Litigation
  - Judicial
  - New York City Council
  - Civil Government Litigation
A Representative Sample of Electives (cont.)

**Clinics**
- Community Economic Development
- Consumer Litigation
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Criminal Defense
- Democracy and the Constitution
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Family Advocacy
- Federal Litigation
- Federal Tax
- Immigrant Rights
- International Human Rights
- International Law and Development in Africa
- Legislative and Policy Advocacy
- Mediation
- Queens DA Prosecution Clinic
- Samuelson-Glushko Intellectual Property and Information Law
- Securities Litigation and Arbitration

**Dispute Resolution**
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration Practice
- Arbitration Practicum
- Conflict Management Systems Design
- International Arbitration
- Introduction to Arbitration
- Mediation: International and Comparative Perspectives
- Negotiation and Mediation
- Fundamental Lawyering Skills
- Introduction to the Deal
- Trial and Arbitration Advocacy

**Constitutional Law & Policy**
- 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

**Intellectual Property**
- Advanced Trademark Law: U.S. and Multinational Law and Practice
- Art and Cultural Heritage Law
- Blockchain and Smart Contracts
- Blockchain, Virtual Currencies, and Tokens: Business and Legal Issues
- Copyright Law
- Digital Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Digital Copyright
- European Union Information Law and Policy
- Fintech and Artificial Intelligence: Regulatory and Corporate Law Framework
- Intellectual Property and Advanced Technology: Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law and Design
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Practice Skills
- Programming for Lawyers
- Smart Securities and Blockchain Regulations
- Technological Change & the Law
- Trademark Law

**Criminal Law**
- 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
- Environmental Law

**Environmental Law**
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- International Environmental Law
- Environmental Deal Making and Strategy
- Climate Change: Law and Policy

**Fashion Law**
- Fashion Law Practicum
- Fashion Law and International Trade
- Fashion Ethics, Sustainability, and Development
- Fashion Law and Finance
- Fashion Licensing
- Fashion Modeling Law
- Fashion Retail Law
- Summer Fashion Law Boot Camp

**International & Human Rights**
- Admiralty and International Maritime Law
- Antitrust – International Cross Border Mergers
- Aviation Law
- Comparative Antitrust Law and Enforcement
- Comparative Constitutional Law: Challenges to Democracy
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Contemporary Issues as to Nuclear Weapons and International Law
- Corporate Sustainability, Transnational Business and Human Rights
- Crimmigration: The Intersection of Immigration and Criminal Law and Procedure
- Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Human Rights Law
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions
International Commercial Arbitration
International Commercial Law Seminar
International Human Rights Scholarship
International Law
International Litigation and Arbitration
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Labor Law in International Context
Mediation: International and Comparative Perspective
National Security Law
National Security Law and Policy in the 21st Century
Protection of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Under International Human Rights Law
Quantitative Trading and United States Market Structure Regulation
Refugee Law and Policy

Labor Law
Disability Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Labor and Employment Arbitration
Labor and Employment Law Drafting
Labor Law
Law and Professional Sports

Legal History & Legal Theory
Natural Law: Reason, Rights, and Justice
American Legal History
Criminal Law Theory
Critical Legal Theories
Critical Race Theory
English Legal History
History of Commerce and Law
United States Constitutional History
Family Law
LGBT Rights Colloquium
Gender, Sexuality, and the Law

Property/Real Estate Law
Real Estate Finance
Real Estate Transactions
Cooperatives and Condominiums
Land Use
Land Use and Real Estate Development
Affordable Housing Law: Practice and Policy
Real Estate Drafting
Residential Landlord Tenant Law
Clinical Housing Litigation Seminar and Fieldwork
Community Economic Development
Clinic Seminar and Fieldwork

Professional Responsibility
Advanced Seminar in Public Interest Lawyering
Alternative Dispute Resolution Ethics
Corporate Counsel
Criminal Advocacy
Lawyers and Justice
Multinational Practice Public Interest Law Survey

Public Interest Law
Administrative Law
Advanced Seminar in Public Interest Lawyering
Consumer Protection Law
Disability Law
Election Law
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Justice
Environmental Law
Ethics in Criminal Advocacy
Ethics in Public Interest Law
First Amendment
Health Care Law Advances
Health Care Policy and the Law
Law and Medicine
Law and Policy of Climate Change
Human Rights
Immigration Law
International Human Rights
Introduction to Health Care Law
Juvenile Justice Survey
Nonprofit Law and Organizations
Poverty Law
Practice of Law in the Public Sector

Tax Law
Accounting for Lawyers
Corporate Strategy and Taxation
Corporate Tax
Estate Administration
Estate and Gift Taxation Planning
Globalization of American Corporations
Income Taxation
International Taxation
Nonprofit Organization
Tax Planning and Transactions
Tax Policy and Distributive Policy
Trusts and Wills

Technology
Blockchain and Smart Contracts
Blockchain, Virtual Currencies and Tokens: Business and Legal Issues
Compliance, Technology and Financial Services
Digital Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Digital Copyright
E-Commerce
E-Law in the Global Setting: Data Safeguards and Electronic Evidence Challenges
Electronic Discovery and Information Governance
Fintech and Artificial Intelligence: Regulatory and Corporate Law Framework
Information Law Survey
Information Privacy Law
Internet Based Crimes
Law Practice Technology
Programming for Lawyers
Concentrations

Are you drawn toward certain areas of law? Fordham offers students the (optional) opportunity to focus more intensely on particular types of lawyering. The benefits? You can get to know a practice area more deeply, and, just as important, the Fordham faculty who specialize in that area. While you may or may not choose to list your concentration on your transcript, it can be a way to stand out to prospective employers. You can select one or more concentrations from among the following five:

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
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 motto “In the Service of Others” 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: Study Law, Flexibly

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 students to keep their day jobs and still have a rich law school experience. In recent years, a working pathologist, a 10-year army veteran, an entrepreneur, an actor, and a housing rights advocate have all enrolled part-time. Like these students, you'll be able to complete your degree in eight semesters while attending classes Monday through Thursday (and on optional Saturdays). We also offer condensed, 7-week classes; hybrid courses that offer alternating in-person and online instruction; and a 2-week January term with 1- and 2-credit classes on evenings and weekends. In keeping with the superb academic program and immersive, experiential learning that Fordham is known for, all part-time students will have the chance to participate in the Law School's activities and groups—from our prestigious journals and championship moot court teams to student government, hands-on clinics, and networking events. Like full-time day students, evening students can also choose from among the same electives, opting to concentrate on one or more areas of the law. And of course, you'll have access to Fordham's renowned faculty and services, on your schedule.
The Maloney Library

Each year, librarians at the Maloney Library’s Reference Desk answer more than 2,000 research questions. Successful law students know that the library is the place to go to consult with legal information professionals committed to helping them do their best work.

Legal Research/Boundless 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, collaboration, and connection. The library boasts 676 study spaces, including carrels, tables, comfortable lounge chairs, and study rooms. You can also fuel up at the library’s Cronin Café. Maloney librarians, including eight legal information experts with J.D. degrees, will help you find the information resources you need to succeed in today’s legal environment. The library’s technology initiative, “LawTech@Maloney Library,” will help prepare you for the increasingly technological practice of law, with hands-on training to master the latest tools for e-discovery, docket analytics, case management, AI-enhanced legal research, automated document creation, and cybersecurity. Librarians offer courses in law practice technology as well as popular advanced legal research classes. In addition, 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 other documents.

With soaring windows overlooking the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Maloney Library elevates your learning and scholarship while grounding you in the life of New York City.
Help Change Laws—and Change Lives

Almost as soon as you arrive at Fordham Law, you’ll get to work—doing real lawyering and helping clients. The school’s nonprofit law firm and its Feerick and Leitner Centers, on the building’s 9th and 7th floors, give students the opportunity to change laws, and change lives. Write for one of Fordham Law’s six student journals and shape current legal thinking. Contribute in New York City, across the country and overseas, proving yourself as a thinker, speaker, and doer. Work and study in local, national and international classrooms, courts, clinics and corporations, as you see what you’re capable of and shape your vision of your career. You’ll graduate as a lawyer who is not just ready for work, but adept at being a change maker in New York City and beyond.
Clinics: Work to Build Lasting Relationships

You need superb skills to solve legal problems in the working world. Fordham Law's 17 clinical practice areas and project-based learning experiences will provide you with the experience you need to find creative and meaningful solutions to today's complex legal problems. Whichever clinics you choose, you'll play an important role in resolving cases, gaining a more complete understanding of and appreciation for the law while experiencing what it's like to have your own clients as you forge outcomes that matter.

[link to website]

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
Democracy and the Constitution
Queens D.A. Prosecution
Samuelson-Glushko Intellectual Property and Information Law
Securities Litigation and Arbitration
Externships: 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 and the surrounding metro area. The School’s externship program allows students to take advantage of an impressive collection of opportunities across the Big Apple—from Legal Aid, to the neighboring Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, to the judicial halls of New York—and the world beyond.

law.fordham.edu/externships

Sample of externship placements

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Student Journals: Pressing Influence

Fordham’s six student-edited journals are your opportunity to shape legal scholarship. Enrich your academic experience by writing for one or joining an 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**, our oldest scholarly journal, have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court more than 70 times. In its landmark 2009 decision on the constitutionality of lethal injection, Baze v. Rees, 553 U.S. 35, the United States Supreme Court, three times, cited Professor Deborah Denno’s groundbreaking 2007 *Fordham Law Review* article, The Lethal Injection Quandary: How Medicine Has Dismantled the Death Penalty. The Law Review is the 4th-most-cited student-edited law journal in judicial opinions overall. It publishes around 75 articles each year.

The [Fordham Law Review](http://law.fordham.edu/lawreview)

The **Fordham International Law Journal** is ranked 7th in the nation and is the 4th-most-cited by other international law journals. It publishes six books annually, including one devoted to European Union law.

The [Fordham International Law Journal](http://law.fordham.edu/ilj)

Among public policy journals, the **Fordham Urban Law Journal** ranks #2 in the nation. Since 1980, the *Harvard Law Review* has cited it over 80 times, including Leticia M. Saucedo’s 2010 article, *Immigration Enforcement Versus Employment Law Enforcement: The Case for Integrated Protections in the Immigrant Workplace*. It publishes five books a year, targeting decision makers interested in a broad range of contemporary legal and policy issues.

The [Fordham Urban Law Journal](http://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. Supreme Court Justice Stevens cited two separate articles from the Journal in his concurrence in *Bilski v. Kappos*, 561 U.S. 593, a case outlining the patent eligibility of a process such as an investment strategy. The Journal publishes scholarly articles connected with intellectual property law, including copyrights, trademarks, patents, and Internet law.

The [Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal](http://law.fordham.edu/iplj)

The **Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law** is ranked #3 overall in terms of the most cited law review in court opinions, and #2 in terms of student-edited journals. It publishes scholarly articles relevant to the business and legal communities.

The [Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law](http://law.fordham.edu/jcfl)

The **Fordham Environmental Law Review**, the 12th-most-cited student-edited environmental journal by other journals, addresses domestic and international environmental issues ranging from regulation of air, water, and soil pollution to environmental racism.

The [Fordham Environmental Law Review](http://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 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, think-on-your-feet skills that lawyers need.

In 2018 and 2019, Fordham Law’s Moot Court program gained national standing in its simulated cases. A few of the victories:

- Fordham Law’s Cardozo BMI team walked away as national champions.
- Fordham Law’s Seton Hall team were national semifinalists.
- Fordham Law’s National team was a quarterfinalist in region 2.
- Fordham Law’s Wexler team earned a national quarterfinalist spot and a “best oralist” award.
- Fordham Law’s UCLA team made it to the quarterfinals.

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 placed second in the national finals of the ABA Negotiation Competition and second for the best oralist award in the VIS International Arbitration competition in Hong Kong. Other recent awards include best advocate in arbitration and best mediator.

The Brendan Moore Trial Advocates, Fordham Law’s trial advocacy program, consistently produces great results against other law schools in national and regional mock trial competitions. Ranked 9th in the country, it refines students’ abilities to apply facts to legal problems, advocate persuasively and understand and apply the rules of evidence. Awards include winning the New York Regional of the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition in the categories of best overall advocate, best opening, best direct examination and many more—victories that have helped students land jobs in New York-area District Attorney’s Offices and in private practice as litigators.

The Power of Advocacy
Fordham Law’s trial advocacy program is ranked ninth in the country, according to the 2020 edition of U.S. News & World Report.

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International Opportunities

A Global Network

Fordham Law’s international programs put students face-to-face with overseas neighbors who need legal help. Students engage with global companies, collaborate with governmental agencies, participate in extensive human rights initiatives, and learn from distinguished foreign professors through study abroad programs from Dublin to Shanghai. Along the way, they garner internships with multinational corporations, law firms, courts, government offices, and major human rights organizations.

Students in the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice's programs around the world
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, offers opportunities in human rights fieldwork, advocacy, and scholarship. The Center’s long-term partnerships with social justice organizations and other stakeholders contributes to the promotion of human rights on a global scale, aiming to make international human rights protections an everyday reality for marginalized communities around the world.

leitnercenter.org

Prepare for your international human rights career with fieldwork-centered investigations and advocacy programs through the Center’s Crowley Program in International Human Rights in partnership with advocates and organizations abroad. Students participate in every aspect of designing and executing a human rights project, including fact finding, capacity building, and advocacy projects to gain a comprehensive understanding of the role of a human rights lawyer.

Engage in real-world human rights lawyering in the Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic. You’ll learn to be a strategic, reflective, and creative advocate for social justice through programs and partnerships with grassroots organizations around the world.

Examine the key role that corporations play in the field of human rights through the Corporate Social Responsibility Program. You’ll get the grounding for work on business and human rights issues through the Corporate Responsibility Clinic, which explores these issues in partnership with business and non-governmental agencies.

The Asia Law and Justice (ALJ) Program exposes you to critical human rights concerns in Asia, a region that is diverse and faces a wide range of challenges. The program also provides opportunities to participate in rule of law and access to justice projects in partnership with advocates and grassroots groups.

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.

Hear human rights experts discuss their work throughout the year as part of the Center’s weekly Human Rights Speaker Series as leading advocates and scholars join Fordham students for dynamic conversations.

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

Get your foot in the door after graduation with the James E. Tolan Human Rights Fellowship, which 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.
International Study Opportunities

Study the law in many of the world's most dynamic regions. Fordham offers a variety of programs, across five continents, 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 non-governmental 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—including a year of foreign study—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

Our study abroad programs complement and enhance the 25 international law courses offered on campus in New York City.

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)
Our stats speak volumes, whether it’s the number of our graduates hired by top-tier law firms, the student publications cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, or the competitions won by our student teams in moot court and mock trial contests around the nation and the world.
Top 25

Specialty Areas
In its 2020 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.

**Trial Advocacy:** #9  
**Dispute Resolution:** #13  
**Clinical Training:** #19  
**International Law:** #21
Jobs by Employer Type (2018)

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

54.3% **Large Law Firm**

18.2% **Small to Medium Law Firm**

8.9% **Business**

5.8% **Clerkship**

5.8% **Government**

5.8% **Public Interest**

1.2% **Academic**
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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

According to the National Law Journal, Fordham Law ranks 10th in the number of alumni promoted to partner.
Fordham Law’s 17 live-client clinics allow students to solve real legal problems for clients while working with our faculty.

The Class of 2019 performed over 150,000 hours of public interest work during their time at Fordham Law.
States of Practice
Following graduation, Fordham Law alumni fan out 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.
Fordham students are drawn from among the most academically rigorous undergraduate schools in the country.

Fordham University
New York University
Columbia University
Cornell University
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
Georgetown University
Villanova University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Rutgers University
Living Out the Law

We believe that the kind of person you aspire to be is just as important as what you do. That’s why we infuse our legal education with a sense of community—both within Fordham and the world beyond. Fordham Law students can devote their passions, interests and skills to pro bono work for real clients, public service, and making the community a better place to live and work from their first week of law school. We value the study of ethics and we also value service—it’s in our DNA. We teach our students to live what they learn.
Public Service, Personal Satisfaction, a World-Changing Impact

Make a Difference from Day One

Through the important work of our centers, institutes, and student organizations, we foster our students’ passionate interest in social justice, access to justice for underserved populations, and serving the public interest. “In the service of others” is Fordham Law’s motto. We offer a legal education experience that is more meaningful and, as a result, more satisfying, whatever students go on to do.

Sponsored Fellowships

In 2019, Fordham Law School awarded over $370,000 for summer public interest fellowships, making it possible for students to work for various government and nonprofit organizations.
Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC)

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

With 27 PIRC student organizations to choose from, you'll be able to find a cause that sparks your passion, satisfies your interests, and hones your legal skills. The class of 2019 participated in more than 150,000 hours of public service work during their time at Fordham. From your first week on, it's possible to join—or form—a group and work for a cause that’s close to your heart.

**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
- 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
- Youth Law Advocacy Association

**Stein Scholars Program**

If you want to learn from your peers, be part of a public interest–oriented community, and pursue common goals of service and advocacy, then you want to become a Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law and Ethics.

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. 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.
Centers, Institutes, and Programs

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, dive into privacy controversies born of the Internet age, work for social justice, craft legal responses to racial and gender inequality in our society, wrestle with thorny IP topics as they evolve in real time, draft reports on vital national security issues, dive into corporate law matters, become a human rights advocate.

Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Center
Offering students hands on training, Fordham Law’s trial advocacy program is ranked 9th in the country in the 2020 U.S. News & World Report rankings. Teams of students participate in civil and criminal trial competitions at regional and national levels.

Center of European Union Law
A teaching and resource center devoted to European law, the 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.

Center on Law and Information Policy
The Center on Law and Information Policy—known as CLIP—makes significant contributions to the development of law and policy for the information economy and prepares the next generation of leaders to address the fast-changing issues at the intersection of law and technology.

Center on National Security
A nonpartisan law and policy think tank, the Center on National Security is dedicated to providing thought leaders, policy makers, and the public with the tools to better understand today’s national security issues.

Center on Race, Law and Justice
The Center on Race, Law and Justice generates innovative responses to racial inequality and discrimination by prioritizing law, data, and social science-informed interventions that create concrete change in communities, institutions, and public policy.

Competition Law Institute
Now in its 45th year, the Fordham Competition Law Institute provides internationally recognized programs on antitrust law, such as its annual International Antitrust Law and Policy Conference, widely recognized as one of the premier events in the field.

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 Fordham Corporate Law Center brings together scholars, professionals, policy makers, and students for the discussion and study of business and financial law.

Fashion Law Institute
The world’s first center dedicated to law and the business of fashion, the Institute offers training for the fashion lawyers and designers of the future.
Feerick Center for Social Justice
The Feerick Center addresses the problems faced by marginalized and low-income people, creating strategies that reform policies, educate the public, and help redress injustice.

Institute on Religion, Law and Lawyer’s Work
Through its courses, interfaith programs, panels, and mentorship, the Institute encourages open, positive, and constructive dialogue on issues relating to religion and law.

Intellectual Property Institute
The Intellectual Property Institute develops new IP initiatives and projects and holds the annual Intellectual Property Law and Policy Conference, known as the “Davos of IP,” to foster progress toward identifying and resolving issues of concern to the IP community.

Center for Judicial Engagement and Clerkships
The Center’s mission is to find new and innovative ways to involve members of the judiciary in the life of Fordham Law and to strengthen and build upon our successes by enhancing the existing clerkship support for our students and alumni.

Leitner Center for International Law and Justice
One of the oldest and largest law school–based human rights programs, the Leitner Center provides hands-on education and real-world training to law students and contributes to critical research among legal scholars in international human rights.

National Center for Access to Justice
The Center uses cutting-edge data analytics to support reforms that create a meaningful opportunity for all people to be heard and to secure their rights.

Neuroscience and Law Center
The Fordham Neuroscience and Law Center takes an evidence-based and multidisciplinary approach to examining the current and potential uses of neuroscience evidence in the legal system.

Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC)
The hub of public interest, PIRC offers programming and individualized career counseling for students drawn to public interest law. PIRC is the place where you can join and form student-run groups that channel passions, interests, and skills into pro bono, public service, and community service work.

Stein Center for Law and Ethics
The Stein Center examines the important role that lawyers play in our society, explores the ways ethical values inform and improve the legal profession, and inculcates service to others into teaching law, improving the legal profession in the process.

Urban Law Center
Through the Urban Law Center, students participate in advancing the scholarship and interdisciplinary practice of the legal, governance, and regulatory aspects of urban law, helping to craft solutions to the crucial issues facing cities today.
Student Services and Organizations

While law school can be challenging, the Office of Student Affairs offers many programs designed to ensure that your time at Fordham is successful, happy, and healthy.

During your first year of law school, your schedule will contain special blocks of time for programming around career development, professionalism, and well-being. In our legal skills workshops, for instance, you will learn to read and brief cases, manage your responsibilities and time efficiently, and effectively take law school exams. In addition, all first-years are assigned an upper-level mentor from the Board of Student Advisors who will provide guidance and assist with your transition to being an attorney-in-training. The Office of Student Affairs also provides personal counseling.

If you are a law student with a documented disability, the office will provide support and reasonable accommodations. Additionally, during your upper-division years, we offer several programs designed to ensure that you pass the bar exam on your first attempt.

To foster the importance of the law school-life balance, the Office of Student Affairs works closely with student organizations in their programming, and offers weekly mindfulness and yoga classes, as well as social gatherings and occasional movie passes.

Fordham Law Student Organizations

- Advocates for the Incarcerated (AFIT)
- Advocates for Sexual Health Rights
- American Constitutional Society (ACS)
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Artistic Representation Society (ARS)
- Art Law Society (FALS)
- Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society (ATLAS)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Committee on Diversity in Business Law (CDBL)
- Coalition of Concerned Students
- Consumer Law Advocates
- Drug Policy Reform Group
- Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC)
- Education Law Collaborative
- Entrepreneur Law Society
- Environmental Law Advocates
- Farm to Fordham
- Fashion Law Society
- Federal Bar Association, Fordham Law Chapter
- Fordham Follies
- Fordham Blockchain Law Society
- Fordham Business and Law Society
- Fordham Compliance and Ethics Society
- Fordham Law China Society
- Fordham Christian Fellowship
- Fordham Cyber and Technology Society
- Fordham International Arbitration Association
- Fordham Health Law Society
- Fordham Information Law Society
- Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights (FLAVR)
- Fordham Law Defenders
- Fordham Law Food Society
- Fordham Law Historical Society (FLHS)
- Fordham Law Women
- Fordham S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science) Society
- Global Law Society
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing Advocacy Project (HAP)
- Immigration Advocacy Project (IAP)
- International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
- Jewish Law Student Association (JLSA)
- Irish Law Student Association
- Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA)
- If/When/How Lawyering for Reproductive Justice (LRJ)
- Legal Aid Society’s New Leadership Program Fordham Chapter
- Mental Health Society
- Media and Entertainment Law Society (MELS)
- Muslim Law Student Association (MLSA)
- Mentoring Youth Through Legal Education (MYLE)
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Security Association
- OUTLaws
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Press Law
- Universal Justice
- Fordham Law Real Estate Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)
- Slavic Law Association of Vocal Students (SLAVS)
- Softball
- Sports Law Forum
- South Asian Law Student Association (SALSA)
- Fordham Law Student Veterans Association
- Suspension Representation Project (SRP)
- The Federalist Society
- Unemployment Action Center
- Workers’ Rights Advocates
- Youth Law
Center for Judicial Engagement and Clerkships

In April 2019, the Law School announced the creation of the Center for Judicial Engagement and Clerkships (CJEC), which has a dual mission:

1) **Judicial Engagement:** finding new and innovative ways to engage members of the judiciary in the life of our School

2) **Clerkships:** strengthening and building upon our clerkship successes by enhancing the existing clerkship support for our students and alumni

Throughout the academic year, the CJEC partners with other Centers, faculty, and student organizations to host events with judges, including Jurists in Residence and Courts in Session. These engagements will enable students to gain firsthand exposure to federal and state court judges and the judicial process in both formal and informal settings.

Clerkship Program: 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 CJEC works collaboratively with the Faculty Clerkship Committee 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 CJEC also develops proprietary clerkship-related materials, programs, and resources.

The CJEC maintains regular and close contact with judges at the federal and state levels, developing and strengthening our relationships and students' potential clerkship opportunities. Through the CJEC’s programs and resources, clerkship applicants can engage with alumni who are currently clerking or who have clerked in the past, tapping into the deep Fordham Law network of judges and clerks.

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**45 to 55 Clerks Per Term**

From 2014 to 2019, Fordham Law had 45 to 55 clerks at the state and federal levels every term, including 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, and federal circuits, as well as the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York and District of New Jersey, as well as NY, NJ, and other state levels.
At Fordham Law, our network is deep and wide. People in our sphere make things happen—from judges administering justice, to big law partners advocating for clients; from lawyers crusading for the underserved, to entrepreneurs cultivating businesses. We nurture longterm relationships and support the members of our Fordham family throughout the journey.
Meet the Fordham Family

From Academics to Activists and Everything in Between

Because we know many of the most influential professionals, legal and otherwise, from New York City to the far-flung corners of the planet, you will get to know them too. Together you will share ideas, learning opportunities, and job placements, gaining a clear competitive advantage that will sustain you throughout your legal career.
“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.”

Young jae Lee
Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Law
Mohamed Sidibay
Class of 2021, Global Partnership for Education in Washington, D.C., and an ongoing role as a panelist for the Education Commission in New York

“I wanted to be a lawyer because law is a way to bring about effective change. What I’m hoping to gain from law school is to be able to go back and help my country develop a strong judicial system. Sierra Leone took everything away from me. I want to help make sure that she gives more than she takes from the next generation.”
Rebecca Kysar  Professor of Law

“Fordham is a top institution with fantastic professors, particularly in the business and tax areas. It’s inspiring to be able to teach tax to people who will be on the cutting edge of the practice. With all the [tax] law’s changes, young lawyers are on a more level playing field with more senior tax lawyers, since the old planning playbook can no longer be followed.”
"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."
Sahar Moazami  Class of 2017, UN Program Officer, OutRight Action International

“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.”
“My path to being a lawyer began with a strong legal education—and I can’t help but note the role of women in my education. I should have appreciated how amazing it was in 1981 that two of my four first-year professors were women. I wish I could do law school again… the gift of practicing law is that you’re doing something incredibly interesting all the time.”
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.”
“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.”
Akilah Browne
Class of 2019 (Evening), Housing rights advocate, Skadden Fellowship recipient, New Economy Project

“I’m concerned for people in the margins who are not being protected by affordable housing. At Fordham Law, in my work for the Community Economic Development Clinic, I was able to learn a lot in a short time about grassroots, community development advocacy, and nonprofits. I never saw my law degree as a means to make more money. I saw my law degree as a means to advance justice.”
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.”
Get the Career You Want: The Network Effect

Our proactive, systematic approach to career planning helps you maximize career options, clarify your personal interests and passions, and reach your career goals, whether right out of Fordham Law or ten years down the line. 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 web of experienced attorneys, from New York City to Nairobi. These are people who have walked in your shoes—and they will invite you into their offices and courtrooms, talk to you about your career, and help you to go the distance.

Your Fordham Law degree is your gateway. To an exciting career. To a life of service. To melding your personal aspirations with your professional interests so you can shape the legal career that’s right for you. Our coordinated career support centers can help you define your professional path, develop faculty connections, and tap into Fordham Law’s alumni network.

Whether you want to lead in the law, business, politics, finance, government, public interest, academia, or another field, your Fordham Law education will help you get there, every step of the way.
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 previously.

During your first year at Fordham, you will have blocks of time integrated into your schedule devoted to programming around career development and professionalism.

All students will benefit from the CPC’s Professional Development Platform, which will guide you in its integrated approach to career development while you’re in law school and beyond, including career exploration and skills-based programming, small-group summer legal job search strategy sessions, a mock interview program, and more.
Public Interest Career Support

Service is part of Fordham Law School’s DNA, and it’s imbued in every aspect 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 Law offers an abundance of support, from the counselors in the Career Planning Center to the Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC). Your journey begins with one-on-one counseling. You can then explore paths and navigate the public service job search through our interconnected resources, including meeting attorneys in public service. Often, they are Fordham Law alumni, and you’ll work alongside them, helping real clients.

Are you thinking about a post graduate public service fellowship? A committee of faculty members—in collaboration with PIRC—will mentor you through the process.

Not sure you want to pursue a career path in public service but dream of being a change agent? Fordham Law has a vast array of options. You can advocate for the disenfranchised as part of Fordham’s Housing Justice Initiative, making a difference for low-income tenants. Fight to change legislation and experience firsthand what commitment, knowledge, and the right resources can accomplish.

The PIRC-sponsored student groups, the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, the Access to Justice Initiative, and the Feerick Center for Social Justice represent just a few of the entry points for Fordham Law students who want to make a difference.

Public Interest Fellowships

In the 2018–2019 academic year, five graduates received prestigious public interest fellowships, including:

- Skadden Fellowship
- Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship
- New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship 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 open 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.

On-Campus Recruiting

We welcome a wide variety of employers to our Lincoln Center Campus—large law firms like Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, corporations like Ernst & Young, financial institutions like Cain International, government agencies including the New York County District Attorney’s Office, and public interest/not-for-profits like Legal Aid and the Southern Poverty Law Center. These firms, companies, and organizations are 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 (PIRC) 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).

Employer Receptions

The CPC hosts a series of on-campus receptions, attended by 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.

Public Interest Legal Career Reception

Coordinated by PIRC and co-sponsored by 20 law schools, the Public Interest Legal Career Reception will introduce you to the outstanding and rewarding work done in public service with nonprofits, government agencies, and private/public interest law firms. Past participants (over 100) have included the ACLU, New York Civil Liberties Union, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office Southern District of New York.

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.

160+

On-Campus Interview Employers

Over 160 employers interviewed Fordham Law students through the 2018–2019 On-Campus Interview Program.
Alumni Network

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

Our alumni advance Fordham Law’s mission and reputation by engaging and collaborating with fellow alumni, students, and the wider Fordham Law community. Alumni resources and initiatives include:
Fordham Law Alumni Association (FLAA)
The FLAA, one of the largest law school alumni associations in the country, engages students within the Fordham Law alumni network from day one. As a student, you automatically become a member of the FLAA and have access to its benefits.

FLAA Mentorship
The FLAA and Fordham Law’s mentorship and advising initiatives pair you with a diverse group of alumni of differing seniority levels, backgrounds, and experiences, in a variety of legal careers—all of whom are available to help students do everything from mastering the first year to acing interviews and getting an offer.

Worldwide Alumni Chapters
Fordham Law alumni can be found in 49 U.S. states as well as 80 countries worldwide. The FLAA currently has 31 national and international chapters, connecting you with Fordham Law alumni around the globe.

Networking Affinity Groups
The FLAA has formed a series of 12 active affinity groups that provide forums for alumni to gather socially and network, including:

- Alumni Attorneys of Color
- Business and Financial Law
- Compliance
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Intellectual Property and Information Law
- International Law
- LGBTQ
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Interest, Service and Government
- Solo/Small Firm
- Women’s Networking – D.C. Chapter
- Women’s Networking – NYC Chapter

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, hosting social events, service projects, and quarterly meetings.

Small to Midsize Firm Leaders’ Advisory Council
This council, consisting of alumni in leadership roles at small to midsize firms, 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.

Public Interest Advisory Council
This council offers advice on how best to prepare for legal practice in public interest and public service positions, including legal knowledge, professional skills, and the ethos of service.
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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 March 15. 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 an 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 2020 entering class as regular applicants may submit LSAT scores earned on or after June 2015 but no later than March 2020.

Does Fordham have an early action program?
Fordham has an early action program for the 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 take the LSAT by the September 2019 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 a 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 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.
What are the median LSAT and GPA for admitted students?
Our 2018 entering full-time students had a median LSAT of 164 and a GPA of 3.6. Our 2018 part-time students had a median LSAT of 161 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.

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.

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@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 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.

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 home page (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 web page on Residential Life (law.fordham.edu/gradhousing) for more information.
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