

COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of Nebraska College of Law's mission is to "develop inclusive leaders who advance justice, solve problems, and serve with integrity." To achieve this goal, students receive an excellent legal education while they develop professional skills at a reasonable cost.

Our graduates practice law in a diverse range of settings, from large law firms in New York City to solo-practices in greater Nebraska, and everything in between. They prosecute crimes and represent criminal defendants. They represent families trying to plan their estates and adopt children in Lincoln, and they manage corporate legal matters for companies devoted to shareholder growth in Minnesota and Chicago. They protect individual rights and freedoms across the country, and also work for local, state and federal governments trying to resolve collective problems. These are just examples of course; the opportunities to lead are simply endless.

In fact, our law degree trains you to be effective in making change and solving problems no matter the environment. Nebraska graduates have started impactful nonprofit organizations and worked on the business-side of large insurance and banking corporations. They work to support local community-based organizations, and also become involved in international public interest initiatives.

Nebraska Law graduates have this flexibility because of the quality of education they receive. Students can take advantage of a broad-based curriculum that includes courses and programs in international law, agricultural and water law, and telecommunications and cyber law. The faculty consists of leading scholars in their fields, including international law, space law, labor law, tax law, juvenile law, immigration law, human rights, pension law, employment law, and constitutional law. We work to incorporate practical skills training throughout the curriculum, from skills exercises in doctrinal classes, to extended case simulations, to externships and clinics where students represent real clients with real problems.

Our low tuition – one of the lowest in the country – also increases our students' opportunities and options. Because of significant alumni and state support, as well as a history of good planning, we have been able to maintain reasonable tuition for resident and nonresident students. Nebraska Law students graduate with some of the lowest law school debt in the country, which means they can follow their dreams and goals, rather than having to focus their careers on how best to service their debt.

Many opportunities occur even before graduation. Lincoln is the state capital of Nebraska, which creates opportunities for students to work in the legislature, administrative agencies, prosecutors' offices, and courts. Students have the opportunity to present oral arguments before the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska Court of Appeals. In addition, the entire student body may observe trials and hearings conducted at the Law College by the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judges and practicing lawyers are frequent teachers and lecturers at the Law College.

Speaking of Lincoln, you should give it a close look as a great place to live for the three years you are here as a student. Our home city is a vibrant college town, the state capital, and a city of approximately 300,000 people that boasts museums, music venues of all sorts, sports, and some of the best and most extensive bike trails in the country for a city of its size. The great community feeling extends to our law school community.

We are a relatively small law school, with approximately 400 students in residence, and we offer students a close-knit, supportive community and faculty who maintain an open door policy.

Professional Degrees: JD, LL.M., M.L.S.

Certificates: Executive Certificates in Space, Cyber, and Telecommunication Law

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