

Admission and Application Information for Students From Countries other than the United States

The College of Law welcomes applications from students who are citizens of countries other than the United States. However, the study of law in the United States is very different than it is in many other countries. Most North American law schools – including the University of Nebraska College of Law– offer only one degree, the Juris Doctorate (“JD”) degree, and admit only students who have or will have an undergraduate degree (*i.e.*, the first degree from a college or university) prior to the time they begin their legal studies. Despite its name, the JD degree is not an advanced degree in law. It is instead a professional law degree that requires three years of study. Students who are interested in an advanced degree in law are most likely interested in a LL.M. degree. The University of Nebraska College of Law does not offer an LL.M. degree.

The study of law in the United States is very expensive. At the College of Law, students who are not residents of the State of Nebraska should expect to spend at least \$36,131 (United States) during each of their three years of study. The \$36,131.00 amount does not include summer living expenses or airfare to the United States. **You should not apply to the College of Law unless you have available to you the total amount of funds necessary to finance your legal education.**

If you are interested in obtaining a JD degree from the University of Nebraska, you must first apply for admission. In order to apply for admission, you must do each of the following.

- (1) Take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and have the results forwarded to the University of Nebraska College of Law.
- (2) Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have the results forwarded to the University of Nebraska College of Law. You need not take the TOEFL if you are a citizen of an English speaking country, for example, Great Britain or Australia.
- (3) Request that the college or university from which you received your undergraduate degree forward an official copy of your transcript to the University of Nebraska College of Law along with an explanation of the grading system used. An official transcript is one that bears the original stamp or seal of the school and also bears the original signature of an appropriate school official. Unless the original transcript is in English, it must be accompanied by an English translation of the transcript. The explanation of the grading system should be written in English.

Exception: If you received your undergraduate degree in Canada, you are required to subscribe to the Law School Data Assembly Service. You must request that one official transcript be sent to LSAC from the registrar’s office of each school you attended.

- (4) Submit a completed College of Law Application.
- (5) Have two letters of recommendation (in English or translated into English) sent directly to the University of Nebraska College of Law.
- (6) Complete and return the Financial Resource Certification sheet and supporting documentation found at <http://law.unl.edu/forms/FinancialResourceForm.pdf>.

Although the College of Law may waive the LSAT requirement if it is impossible for the student to take the Law School Admission Test, under no circumstances will the College waive the TOEFL requirement for a student from non-English speaking countries. Any request for a waiver of the LSAT requirement must be in writing and must be submitted with the application.

Admission to the College of Law is extremely competitive and is available only to students who have or will have an undergraduate degree by the time they begin taking classes at the College of Law. Admitted students begin taking classes during the fall semester. The fall semester begins each year in late August.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Our address is:

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