PROBLEM SOLVERS.
DIFFERENCE MAKERS.
NEBRASKA LAW.
“We have never needed lawyers more than right now. I guarantee that for any problem you think needs to be addressed, for any issue in the world that you believe should be resolved, lawyers will be deeply involved in creating the solutions that make this world and our clients’ lives better.”

– Dean Richard Moberly
Problem solvers. When you decide to study law, you commit to becoming a solution seeker for clients, businesses, and communities. What problems do you want to solve?

All law schools teach you to think like a lawyer, but at Nebraska Law, we believe that is not enough. Here, you will learn to BE a lawyer, ACT like a lawyer, FUNCTION as a lawyer. How is that different? Here are some examples:

- Understanding criminal law is important. But you must also have communication skills to negotiate with opposing counsel successfully.
- Having a good grasp of tax law and business law is essential for a corporate lawyer. But it is also important to read a situation and change strategies mid-stream, if that is what is required.
- It is one thing to understand the laws that govern immigration. It is another to be culturally competent so that you can effectively work with clients from different backgrounds.

Nebraska Law is committed to making you the best problem solver you can be. We give you not only the analytical skills you’ll need to interpret and apply the law, but also the professional skills required for you to be a successful attorney. You will develop those skills through unique classroom activities, special programming, student organizations, leadership opportunities, skills classes, competitions, and real-world experiences.
ORIENTATION
You will arrive at Nebraska Law a few days before classes begin to start learning how to be a lawyer through sessions that introduce you to reading and communicating like a lawyer, give you an overview of common law reasoning, and initiate you into the world of legal professionalism and ethics. You’ll also take a strengths assessment and attend an eye-opening workshop on understanding the characteristics that make you unique.

Following orientation, join Nebraska Law faculty, staff, and students in a service project that helps people in the Lincoln community. Find out how great it feels to give someone’s home a fresh coat of paint! You’ll be rewarded with smiles and gratitude.

CLASS SCHEDULE
Everyone in the 1L class takes the same array of coursework designed to expose you to different areas of the law. You’ll learn what kinds of problems need solving and decide which ones interest you most. Are you fascinated by criminal issues? Do you love thinking about international law? Or is the idea of creating contracts more your speed? If you aren’t sure yet, that is perfectly fine. You’ll find out a lot about yourself this year and in the years beyond.

Did You Know?
Living in Lincoln is less expensive than many other cities. Housing costs are 18% less than the national average, with a typical 2-bedroom apartment running between $600-$700 per month. During the months leading up to law school, our Admissions Office will provide you with housing information and connect you with other incoming students so that you can find a roommate, if you want one.
Most students benefit from extra help during the first-year transition into law school. An assortment of optional workshops are available to assist you with such skills as outlining your class notes, managing your time, reading efficiently, and learning how to take a law school exam. Everything you need to ensure your success is here for the taking.

Mentoring Opportunities with Alumni

You can sign up to be paired with an alumni mentor. Choose whether you want a mentor who has the same interests, a similar background, or lives and works in the geographic area where you’d like to be. You decide and then we’ll give you advice about how to make the most of your mentoring relationships.

Mentoring Opportunities with Current Students

The “Big/Little” program matches you with a “Big Brother or Big Sister” from one of the classes ahead of you. You’ll find that your “Big” will be a resource for study materials, advice, and general support.
Whether you want to be part of a community that shares a common interest or want to join a group that makes a difference in the world, you will find at least one student organization that appeals to you!

Here are a few examples of ways you can make an impact on issues through student organizations:

- Raise money to assist victims of human trafficking. The Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society helps people establish themselves financially and physically after suffering abuse and isolation.

- Step up to be a leader and assist with the Susan B. Anthony charity auction hosted by the Women’s Law Caucus. This activity raises about $14,000 annually to help victims of domestic violence.

- Present fascinating constitutional problems such as a consideration of Twitter usage and First Amendment rights at elementary and middle schools through the Community Legal Education Project.
Student Organizations

**Groups with a Practice Area Focus**
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Environmental and Agricultural Law Society
- Health Law and Ethics
- International Law Student Association
- Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
- Nebraska Defense Counsel Association
- Nebraska Entertainment and Sports Law Association
- Nebraska Family Law Organization
- Nebraska Real Estate Law Organization
- Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Club
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association

**Organizations that Promote Community and Belonging**
- Allies and Advocates for LGBTQ Equality
- Armed Forces Legal Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Greater Nebraska Connections
- Multicultural Legal Society
- Women’s Law Caucus

**Religious Organizations**
- Christian Legal Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- St. Thomas More Society

**Issue- and Social Problem-focused Groups**
- Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society
- Community Legal Education Project
- Equal Justice Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- University of Nebraska Innocence Project

**Political Societies**
- American Constitution Society
- Federalist Society
- Republican Law Student Association
- University of Nebraska Law School Democrats

**Social Organizations**
- Delta Theta Phi
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Bar Association

“As a first generation minority student moving to Nebraska from California, I was worried about finding a community in law school. However, many of my worries were silenced the moment I attended my first Multicultural Legal Society/Black Law Student Association gathering. The community is very intimate and supportive. During my first year, the president of MCLS/BLSA even opened up her home for Thanksgiving. MCLS/BLSA has become my Nebraska Law family and for that I will be eternally grateful.”

– Paloma Contreras, ’19

“The Equal Justice Society taught international students in after-school programs about landlord-tenant laws and leases. Several of the students asked questions and wanted to take home the information sheets we provided. Landlord-tenant laws are really important for people to understand so they are treated fairly.”

– Lexi Bartels, ’20
What issues interest you most? During your first year, you’ll not only learn more about your interests from your coursework but the Career Development Office will also expose you to a variety of programs such as bi-monthly panel discussions and employment fairs designed to help you explore different career options.

What do you want to do during the summer?
Participate in our summer program at Cambridge University in the U.K. Or travel to China with a group of students to earn credits and experience a dynamic culture. You may also choose to take part in any other ABA accredited law school’s study abroad program.
The Career Development Office will be with you throughout your law school journey, starting with offering video resume workshops during the summer before orientation. They will use your strengths assessment to help you determine the work environment best suited for you. You will connect with Career Development staff either in a one-on-one or small group meeting during your 1L year to discuss topics such as what you’d like to do during the summers, the cities or geographic areas where you’re interested in living and working, and your goals regarding where you think you’d like to end up, both with regard to where you land your first job and also what kind of work you want to do.

You may choose to work during the summer after your 1L year. After just one year of law school here at Nebraska Law, you can work in a legal capacity helping a business find solutions to challenges, assisting attorneys at a law firm, or attacking social problems at a public interest organization.

Employers from Omaha and Lincoln firms, businesses, government offices, and public interest organizations come in the early spring to interview you and other 1L students for summer work. Most students who take summer work experiences either get paid for their work or are able to receive grant funding for public service work through the Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund.

Students who wish to spend summers working outside Nebraska will find a good resource in the Career Development Office for networking advice, alumni connections, and internship and job postings. In recent years, Nebraska Law students have spent time in such nationally known places as the Pentagon, the United Nations, the Executive Office of the President of the United States, and NASA.

“I’m originally from Wisconsin and chose Nebraska Law because of the tremendous work opportunities offered during the summers. I knew I would have a good chance of landing paid summer work between my 1L and 2L years, which is not the norm at other schools. At Nebraska, most students get paid summer experiences and I was no exception!”
– David Shea, ’19

“I like working with people from other backgrounds and learning about new cultures. The trip to China was a great extension of my International Perspectives course and gave me the benefit of seeing a civil code jurisdiction up close. I hope to use what I learned in China to further my study of international law so that I will find employment with a firm or government agency that does international work.”
– Dylan Bakken, ’19
In your upperclass years you will begin to see the value of the flexible and broad choices in Nebraska Law’s curriculum. Just two classes are required after your 1L year: Constitutional Law and Legal Profession. The other requirements are your choice of 6 credits of skills classes and one seminar course. Your final 54 credits are purely elective, which gives you tremendous flexibility to customize your education to your interests and goals.

Nebraska Law is known for having outstanding professors in a wide array of practice areas. Work with a faculty advisor to pick the path that appeals to you so that you can work on solving the problems that matter to you most.

**Upper-class courses/study areas**

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
- Advocacy in Mediation
- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Negotiations

**BUSINESS & CORPORATE**
- Business Associations
- Business Planning
- Clinical Practice: Entrepreneurship
- Construction Law
- Copyright Law
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Tax
- Employee Benefits Law
- Entertainment Law
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Law
- International Taxation
- Introduction to Compliance
- Introduction to Federal Contract Law
- Partnership Tax
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law
- Unfair Competition

**CONSTITUTIONAL**
- Constitutional Law I
- Constitutional Law II
- Constitutional Problems
- Criminal Procedure
- Education Law
- Federal Courts
- Native American Law
- State & Local Government

**CRIMINAL**
- Capital Punishment
- Clinical Practice: Criminal
- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Sanctions
- Human Rights & International Criminal Law
- Juvenile Law
- Topics in Law & Psychology

**CIVIL RIGHTS**
- Economic Justice
- Employment Discrimination
- Forced Migration: Refugee & Asylum Law
- International Gender Issues

**COMMERCIAL**
- Antitrust & Trade Regulations
- Bankruptcy
- Electronic Commerce
- Regulation of Banks & the Fintech Industry
- Sales & Leases
- Secured Transactions

**EMPLOYMENT & LABOR**
- Education Law
- Employee Benefits Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Immigration Law
- Labor Law
- Workers’ Compensation

**NEED A BREAK?**

When it comes to fun, Lincoln has something for everyone! Take in a symphony or Broadway show at the Lied Center. Make your ears bleed at the Pinnacle Bank Arena with Metallica or Fall Out Boy. Whatever your preferences, you will find plenty to do in Lincoln that will take your mind off of law school – and that can be a healthy thing!
ENVIROMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES
Administrative Law
Agricultural Law
Environmental Law & Water
Land Use Planning
Water Law & Policy

FAMILY
Elder Law
Family Law
Family Law Practice
Family Mediation
Juvenile Law
Clinical Practice: Children’s Justice Clinic

HEALTH CARE
Elder Law
Mental Health Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
Copyright Law
Cyberlaw
International Intellectual Property Law
Patent Law
Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE
Arms Control: Problems of Law & Technology
American Foreign Relations
Comparative Law
Export Control: International Traffic in Arms Regulation
Forced Migration: Refugee & Asylum Law
International Business Transactions
International Cyber Security: Crime, Mischief & Warfare
International Human Rights Law
International Law
International Satellite Communications
International Taxation
International Trade Law

LITIGATION
Administrative Law
Advanced Legal Research
Client Interviewing & Counseling
Clinical Practice: Civil
Clinical Practice: Criminal
Clinical Practice: Immigration
Evidence
Pretrial Litigation
Remedies & Damages
Trial Advocacy

PROPERTY
Estate Planning
Estate Planning Problems
Real Estate Transactions
Wills & Trusts

SPACE, CYBER, & TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW
Aviation Law
Domestic Cyber Security
Domestic Spectrum Law & Policy
Domestic Telecommunications Law
National Security Law
National Security Space Law
National Space Legislation
Researching Space Law
Space Law
Space & Satellite Business Law

TAX
Corporate Tax
Employee Benefits Law
Farm & Ranch Tax
Individual Income Tax
International Taxation
Partnership Tax
State & Local Taxation

LEGAL PERSPECTIVES & ETHICS
Jurisprudence
Law & Behavioral Science
Law & Storytelling
Legal Profession
Mental Health Law
CUSTOMIZE YOUR EDUCATION

Programs of Concentrated Study

You can choose from four areas of concentration that are set or you can work with a professor to create a unique program that focuses on the specific areas of problem-solving that interest you.

Business Transactions: Focus on finding solutions for business through study of tax law, corporate law, partnership law, securities law, and other related subject areas. A capstone course gives you a chance to apply theory to real business issues.

Litigation Skills: Many issues can only be resolved in the courtroom. Hone and develop your trial skills to prepare for a career in criminal law or civil litigation.

Intellectual Property: Help clients protect their ideas and innovations by immersing yourself in patent law, copyright law, and trademark law. You may also choose to focus on entertainment, art, communications, or other related areas. Participate in our Entrepreneurship Clinic to gain experience filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Solo/Small Firm Practice: Small firms and solo practices need to be ready to solve all kinds of problems for all kinds of people. Prepare for this career by taking a broad range of courses, including business coursework that prepares you to successfully manage a small office and staff.

Create your own: Nebraska Law gives you the unique opportunity to create a program of concentrated study according to your own interests. Here are a few examples of individual programs students have pursued in recent years. Use one of these or create your own!

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Entertainment and Media Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Real Estate Law
- Sports Law
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law
- Taxation

Did you know?
The Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund (NPILF) provides summer fellowships to Nebraska Law students who secure public interest positions that would otherwise be unpaid. Summer opportunities have included positions with the ACLU, Legal Aid, Nebraska Appleseed, and even the United Nations. Students work in diverse areas including elder law, Native American law, domestic violence, healthcare, and human rights just to name a few.
Joint Degrees

You may be interested in working with issues that are so specific that you want to earn a master’s in a particular subject area along with your JD. Joint degrees are available in 9 different areas to allow students who would benefit from earning a master’s (or, in the case of psychology, a doctorate) degree to do so. Combine your JD with another graduate degree in one of our established joint degrees or if you’d like to pursue an area that you don’t see listed here, let us know. We may be able to assist you in creating a joint degree that fits your interests.

- Law & Business Administration
- Law & Community and Regional Planning
- Law & Gerontology
- Law & History
- Law & Journalism and Mass Communication
- Law & Political Science
- Law & Psychology (Master’s or Doctorate)
- Law & Public Accountancy
- Law & Public Health

Students who pursue a joint degree typically spend their first year doing the 1L law curriculum. Often, all or part of the second year is spent in the non-law discipline, and then subsequent years usually combine law classes along with coursework from the other graduate program so that coursework from both areas can be connected.

“I knew I wanted to go into international law but after learning about the Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law program my focus now includes space law policy. Nebraska Law’s programs of concentrated study make it easy for me to tailor my legal education so that I’ll graduate with specializations in space and international policy on my transcript.”
- Amanda Berman, ’20

“I am interested in criminal justice reform, and I chose to pursue law and psychology degrees because I believe that I cannot attempt to reform a system that I do not understand. Pursuing a degree in psychology while simultaneously learning how to read case law and interpret statutes has helped me to challenge some of the assumptions inherent in the law. At the same time, I am able to conduct research in order to further understand and resolve the consequences of those legal assumptions. I feel that my growing understanding of both law and psychology has allowed me to not only identify problems within the criminal justice system, but to begin developing the necessary solutions.”
- Julie Wertheimer, ’20
CONTINUE BUILDING PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

Firms from all over the Midwest come to campus in the fall to interview members of the 2L and 3L classes for summer work and permanent positions after graduation. This is your chance to interview to spend your summer or your career in Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City or, if you prefer, keep it local.

Participate in Honorary Organizations

Be part of the Nebraska Law Review: If you are in the top 10% of your class or successfully write your way onto Law Review, you can be part of a prestigious group of students who oversee the production of Nebraska Law’s journal of legal scholarship. Law Review gives you a chance to work with professors and students from across the country who are publishing on current topics and problems.

Moot Court Board: Participate in a write-on program to earn a spot with the organization that oversees the Grether Moot Court Competition in the fall and the Allen Moot Court Competition in the spring. You'll write the problems that will be used to compete and some members will judge oral arguments.

Take part in competitions: If you’ve got a competitive side, you’ll be happy to know about the many opportunities to participate in student competitions. Nebraska’s rich history of competition success includes six national championships in the American Bar Association’s Client Counseling Competition. Here are some of the other opportunities to compete by putting your legal skills to work on simulations that mirror real life client problems:

- Allen Moot Court Competition
- Arbitration Competition
- Client Interviewing and Counseling Competition
- Grether Moot Court Competition
- National Moot Court Team Competition
- National Trial Team Competition
- Representation in Mediation Competition
- Mediation Triathlon
- Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

Something to know:
You will participate in a mock appellate court argument as part of your 1L Legal Research and Writing coursework. If you dream of being a litigator, you may want to put those skills to work in one of the 2L and 3L moot court competitions. Practicing your verbal and written communication skills is what leads to mastery!
Prepare for a Leadership Role

Great lawyers are leaders. They are able to inspire and direct others. Law school is the time when you should start fine tuning your influencing skills by taking on a leadership position in one of our many student organizations. Nebraska Law’s relatively small class sizes and student body give you more opportunities to step forward!

Take the Dean’s Leadership Class. Good lawyers know the law and how to apply it to find solutions for clients. But often good lawyers find themselves in leadership roles without having any training in management or supervision. Nebraska Law wants you to be prepared to be incredibly successful as both a lawyer and a leader. The Dean’s Leadership Class gives you an understanding of leadership theory and also gives you real-world strategies for being an outstanding manager.

Attend a conference. Specific interests can be further explored by attending one of the conferences hosted by Nebraska Law.

- Cyber Law and Cyber Security
- Estate and Business Planning
- Space Law
- Water Law
- Women’s Leadership

“As the president of the American Constitution Society, I had the opportunity to attend the National ACS Convention in Washington, D.C. I networked with students from all over the country and came back to Nebraska with an idea to address the issue of voter turnout. Law students should be on the front lines of civic activism and election security. Members of my organization intend to volunteer as poll workers and help the local community with elections.”
- Josh Waltjer, ’20

“As the incoming president of the Women’s Law Caucus, which is both a student organization and a 501(c)(3), I had the opportunity to lead a board of directors meeting this summer. I found this to be a really unique experience that I likely wouldn’t have had in law school but for my involvement in the organization.”
- Amanda Wall, ’19
By your third year, you will qualify to work in one of our five clinics. You will have an opportunity to put your skills to work helping others find legal solutions to their challenges before you even graduate law school!

Nebraska Law Clinic students have argued cases in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals, the U.S. District Court in Nebraska, the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska Court of Appeals, as well as county and city courts. Each clinic provides unique opportunities to work with a variety of cases and clients and offers you opportunities for hands-on experience helping real-world clients solve their legal problems.

Our Five Clinics

Children’s Justice

In partnership with the University of Nebraska Center on Children, Families and the Law, this clinic focuses on child welfare laws, the child welfare process, child development, and trauma in young children. You will serve as a guardian ad litem (attorney for children removed from the home) in the Lancaster County Juvenile Court.

Fun Fact:
Over two-thirds of eligible students participated in at least one clinic during the 2017-2018 academic year. Nebraska Law clinics served over 530 clients during that period and student participants appeared in court over 450 times.
Civil
In this clinic, students represent low-income clients and gain experience in civil matters such as bankruptcy, landlord-tenant issues, divorce, domestic relations, and estate planning.

Criminal
The Criminal Clinic is unique in that it is one of the few prosecution clinics in the U.S. and provides students the chance to handle cases in forgery, physical and sexual assault, and drug possession from the initial charge determination to trial to final sentencing.

Entrepreneurship
You will work with Nebraska’s business community in this clinic by advising and representing startup business clients. Work on everything from early-stage legal matters such as entity formation and financing, to more complex matters like contract drafting and review and intellectual property protection.

Immigration
Cases in this clinic are typically family-based immigrant matters, Violence Against Women Act cases, deportation defense, affirmative and defense asylum applications, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa cases.

"Unlike traditional classes or even my job with a private immigration firm, being in the clinic has allowed me to see what it’s like to have my own clients that I can represent in my own way. Representing clients on my own gives me not only real world experience, but it has also given me a preview into what it will be like to be a first-year attorney rather than just a law student or law clerk. In my opinion, the Clinic is definitely the most valuable thing I’ve done so far in law school."
- Andy Huynh, ’19

"Participating in the Entrepreneurship Clinic allowed me to conduct client meetings under a professor’s supervision. Afterwards, I met with my instructor to discuss my strengths and weaknesses and for him to offer client interaction tips. Client meetings can be scary but it was incredibly comforting to know that my professor was there for me and would assist if needed. The clinic helped me grow as a professional so that I could leave the clinic with confidence to tackle real-world issues."
- Ryan Kirshenbaum, ’18
During your 3L fall semester, you will set a personal meeting with a Career Development Office (CDO) representative to discuss your goals and help you understand what is needed for you to get ready for employment.

**Do you want to stay in Nebraska?** The CDO hosts a number of events each year that allow you to network and meet people who can help you start off your career.

**Nebraska Alumni Base**

The dots on the map below represent the number of alumni currently working in each of the locations indicated. While many of our alumni work in Lincoln, an almost equal number of alumni are employed in Omaha.

In addition to the areas shown, 419 Nebraska Law alumni work in 181 other small Nebraska communities.
Want to be somewhere other than Nebraska? CDO will coach you through the process of connecting, networking, and landing the job you want in the city where you want to live. Nebraska Law will get you where you want to go, whether that is Washington, DC, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, or somewhere entirely different.

National Alumni Base
The quality of a Big Ten law school combined with Nebraska Law’s reputation for turning out graduates with an exceptional work ethic, comprehensive knowledge of the law, and unmatched professional skills make our alumni highly attractive to employers everywhere. That is why our alumni can be found working in every state, as well as places outside the U.S.
APPLY BY MARCH 1ST

Steps to apply:

Visit LSAC.org to find information about when and where the LSAT is offered. Be sure to note the deadlines for LSAT registration.

1. Create an account with LSAC.
2. Prepare for the LSAT and take it.
3. Sign up for LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service or CAS.
4. Submit two to four letters of recommendation.
5. Submit a personal statement of two to three pages.
6. Request transcripts from all undergraduate institutions where you have credits.
7. Complete the online application for Nebraska Law.

After you’ve completed your application, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov.

Fun Fact:
Since 2010, Nebraska Law has been the only law school in the Big Ten to be named as the #1 Best Value Law School in the nation by preLaw Magazine. We have received that honor twice in the past five years.
YOUR BEST VALUE EDUCATION

Nebraska Law is one of the top schools in the country for graduating lawyers with less student loan debt. In fact, when you graduate here, you’ll have an average of $12,000 less than other public law school graduates and $60,000 less than private law school graduates. Low debt means you have an opportunity to take the job you want rather than the job you need to pay off your loans.

Opportunity Scholarships
Students whose response is “yes” to any of the following questions are encouraged submit a short addendum describing his or her personal situation. The application will then be considered for an opportunity scholarship, which may range in amount from $1000 to full tuition.

Have you overcome significant educational, economic, or other disadvantages to obtain your undergraduate education?

Do you anticipate a career that will focus on providing legal services to underserved communities after you graduate from law school?

Are you in the first generation of your family to graduate from college?

Academic Scholarships
Students who present exceptional LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs are considered for academic scholarships, which may range in amount from $1000 to full tuition. Applications to Nebraska Law are automatically reviewed for academic scholarship. No additional application is required.

For more information on scholarship opportunities, contact the Nebraska Law Admissions Office.
VISIT US

If you live a significant distance from Lincoln and would like to visit Nebraska Law, apply and talk to us about options for travel assistance. Come learn why people fall in love with Lincoln on a daily basis!

“I am from out of state and love living in Lincoln because it is a big city with a homey feel. Everyone is so friendly! Lincoln is full of the amenities of a big city yet everything is only 10 minutes away. The town really does have everything you need from social life to shopping, so much so that I didn’t notice that I didn’t leave the city limits for 3 months!”
- Melissa Ament ’20

LINCOLN IS THE ULTIMATE COLLEGE CITY

Often, people talk about college towns, but towns don’t have nearly 300,000 in population, or have Jay-Z play the local concert arena, or have Indian, sushi, Thai, and other globally authentic flavors available.

Likewise, not all cities are really college cities, with an energized downtown, vibrant arts and entertainment scene, and everyone wearing the school colors on game day. That’s a college city! But what makes Lincoln the ultimate college city is that everything from food to entertainment is low-cost, people are Midwestern-friendly, and safety rankings are high.

Rife with start-ups, Lincoln has been listed by Forbes magazine as the number 6 city in the U.S. for business and careers (2014). Omaha, just a 45-minute drive away, is home to the “Fab 5 Fortune 500” companies of Mutual of Omaha, ConAgra Foods, Union Pacific, Kiewit, and Berkshire Hathaway. Both cities boast entertainment arenas, exciting bars and restaurants, and flourishing art galleries and museums. Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo is consistently listed as one of the top five in the nation. Nebraska Law alumni populate law firms, businesses, government agencies, and public interest organizations in both Lincoln and Omaha.

We’d be remiss if we didn’t also mention that Nebraska Law students have access to Husker sports tickets. One thing that makes Lincoln special is game day, which is something you should experience at least once!
In making admission decisions, the Admissions Committee attempts to identify as best it can those applicants who have the ability to compete successfully in a rigorous academic environment, to contribute to a diverse intellectual community, and to engage successfully in the career of their choice in an increasingly diverse society. Because these characteristics are not always captured by an applicant’s LSAT score or overall grade point average, the Committee considers any upward or downward trend in the applicant’s academic performance over time, the quality of the applicant’s undergraduate institution, the applicant’s major and activities, letters of recommendation, personal statement, educational or economic disadvantages the applicant has overcome to obtain an undergraduate education, status as the first generation in a family to graduate from college or university or attend law school, commitment of future service to underserved communities, and any other information other than race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin supplied by the applicant.

Neither the Committee nor the College seeks to obtain any particular number or percentage of diverse candidates, but they do seek a diverse mix of students to ensure that the College has a sufficient range of background and experience in its student body to permit a deep, broad, and vigorous intellectual environment. As this description indicates, the admissions process is flexible, no particular factor in itself determines admission or non-admission, and the Committee has sufficient discretion to consider each applicant individually on the basis of the entire file.

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