WE ARE
NEBRASKA LAW

UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA–LINCOLN
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No matter your legal interests, a Nebraska Law education prepares you to improve your community and your clients’ lives, both as a lawyer and as a leader. Our students learn to focus on their strengths to optimize their unique talents and abilities. Small class sizes allow you to receive personal attention and increased opportunities to participate in activities that grow leadership skills. The quality of our education is demonstrated by outcomes such as high bar passage and employment rates, as well as through the stories of our graduates who become judges and law-makers; manage firms, companies, and non-profits; assist people experiencing life-changing difficulties; work on national and cyber security issues; and lead in countless other ways.

At Nebraska Law, we live our mission through our commitments to building an inclusive and connected community; preparing our students for a lifetime of learning, service, and ethical leadership; and solving vital societal problems. I hope you will explore the following pages to learn more about the specific ways we do this and will then be inspired to apply with us. We look forward to working with you as you put the tools in place to create a meaningful and satisfying career and, in the process, perhaps change your world for the better.

-Dean Richard Moberly

At Nebraska Law, we:

- Think Creatively
- Value Diversity
- Act Courageously
- Listen Graciously
- Build Community
- Work Hard
- Speak Thoughtfully
- Serve Humbly
- Demand Excellence

Nebraska Law’s mission is to develop inclusive leaders who advance justice, solve problems, and serve with integrity. More than 9,000 alumni serve as public interest lawyers, lawmakers, public defenders and prosecutors, judges, and client-serving attorneys impacting lives and advancing justice. Our committed faculty and staff support our students by providing experiential learning opportunities and classroom curriculums that prepare them to lead their communities and serve with integrity.
YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION BELONGS TO YOU

Our focus is on our students. Our faculty and staff are determined to help you develop a program that is flexible, unique and specialized to your passions and interests. We will guide you as you strive to reach your goals.

A Personalized Experience
You will work one-on-one with faculty and staff to create an education that prepares you to have a career working on the problems that matter most to you.

A Supportive Community
Class sizes are small enough for students to know each other and work together. Faculty know students by name and are approachable and accessible so you can get the personal attention that makes a difference in your education and your career.

A Flexible Curriculum
More than half of the credits needed to graduate are electives, so students can chart their own paths through customized curricular choices.

EXPAND YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Nebraska Law students receive a high-quality Big Ten legal education at a competitive price, resulting in graduating with low debt, the lowest in the nation last year, according to Forbes. Low debt gives you the choice to take the position you want after graduation rather than forcing you to take a less-appealing job to service high student loan payments.

We offer a variety of scholarships to assist students with the cost of their legal education. Students are automatically considered for scholarships based on a wholistic evaluation of their applications. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, a combination of LSAT scores and GPA, answers to questions about being a first-generation college student, hardships faced during undergraduate education, the desire to work with underserved populations, and a history of financial need. In addition, there are scholarships funded by private donors that students can apply for through information provided on our website or by inquiring with the Admissions Office.

WE’LL PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT’S NEXT

There’s no better law school to prepare you to take your place as an inclusive leader. Follow in the footsteps of alumni who have developed as professionals through practical experience opportunities to become well-rounded in the law and leadership. Like others before you, you’ll be prepared to reach your goals and impact your community, your country, and your world.

At Nebraska Law, we understand that lawyers are looked up to as leaders in their communities by the clients, organizations, and agencies they serve. We are committed to providing every law student with the opportunity to develop inclusive leadership skills so that our graduates are ready to take their places as the next generation of problem solvers and change makers.

MOLLY BRUMMOND
Assistant Dean for Student Development
THE COMFORTS OF A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WITHIN A THRIVING CITY

Live – A variety of housing options are available from modern apartment living to more traditional pet-friendly houses within walking distance or a short drive from campus. Students may also opt for on-campus housing, although most law students choose to live off-site.

Play – Lincoln is known as a college town but most college towns aren’t cities of nearly 300,000. Lincoln is home to concert venues, live theatre, art galleries, sporting events, nightlife establishments, and restaurants featuring world cuisines. Plus, you can explore 130 miles of biking and running trails and venues to golf, fish, walk and kayak.

Affordable – Low cost of living plus high quality of life provides the ideal experience. Housing costs are 17% lower than the national average according to payscale.com.

Work – Lincoln is home to Nebraska’s state capitol giving students a front row seat to the lawmaking process. They testify in legislative hearings, propose new legislation, and advocate for policy change. Lincoln provides an abundance of clerkships and other employment opportunities in state and city government, firms, public interest organizations, courts, businesses and private practice.

Lincoln has a small-town feel, but offers all the activities and opportunities that come with a city. And downtown on game days is a whole new experience!

SARA OSANTOWSKI, ’21
I recently took another step towards my legal career by participating in on-campus interviews.

I've accepted a position at Baird Holm LLP as a Summer Associate! I'm looking forward to gaining experience in my interest of Healthcare and Real Estate as well as a variety of other private practices.

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I am incredibly grateful for the mentorship program and for my alumni mentor. She is so supportive and encouraging. I know I can always turn to her if I have a question about class or just about life in general. It is comforting to know that I have someone I can count on who has recently gone through law school and is always so happy and eager to help with networking opportunities.

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CONTRACTS
TORTS
CRIMINAL LAW
LEGAL ANALYSIS, WRITING, AND RESEARCH

FALL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

3

4

3

3

TOTAL: 15

CIVIL PROCEDURE
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES
LEGAL ANALYSIS, WRITING, AND RESEARCH

SPRING SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

5

3

TOTAL: 15

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We are committed to helping you develop as a student, lawyer and inclusive leader. Programming is provided during the first year that focuses on helping you bring your best self to the classroom. You will learn and develop the skills of self-assessment and reflection, time management, cultural competency, wellness, and leadership through small group discussions, Strengths-based approaches to personal development, and advice on study methods. Beyond the first year, we will continue our support for your development through a number of leadership opportunities and further programs to deepen your understanding of your professional capacity. Throughout your law school career, our focus is on your intentional growth.

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Opportunities to receive personal attention and mentoring are available to help you as a student and as a future lawyer.

- You will be assigned a faculty advisor who will guide you with advice, answer questions you may have about practice areas and law school in general, and assist you with course selection.
- You’ll have an opportunity to be paired with an alumni mentor. Your mentor can help bridge the gap between law school theory and the practice of law. Mentors also serve as sounding boards and sources of support.
- One of our student organizations sponsors a Big/Little Mentor Program which pairs interested 1Ls with upper class students to provide you with a familiar face who can offer advice on classes, clubs, activities, and how to navigate law school.

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Therapy sessions are available to enrolled students at no cost. Weekly group sessions are also available for law students.

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During your first year at Nebraska Law, you will take 30 credit hours designed to provide instruction in core subjects that are fundamental to legal practice. These courses will help you gain a broad understanding of fundamental subjects which not only prepare you for upper-level classes, but for success on the bar exam and in the practice of law.

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You’ll begin preparing immediately, not only for your long-term legal career, but also for your student work experiences. The Career Development Office will provide you with a variety of opportunities for networking, education, and practical experience. You will work on job search skills, including resume and cover letter writing, as well as learn more about effective interviewing. Networking opportunities include employer open houses, career fairs, and wine and cheese parties with sections of the bar. In the early spring, you will be invited to participate in on-campus interviews with dozens of local and regional employers interested in hiring Nebraska Law students for paid summer work.

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After your 1L coursework is complete, you will enjoy the benefits of Nebraska Law’s broad curriculum, which gives you options for tailoring your education to meet your specific needs. More than half the credits you’ll need to graduate are elective, giving you tremendous flexibility.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Build community and strengthen your leadership skills by participating in various College of Law student organizations. Each organization gives you a chance to connect with students who may share common interests or similar identities and backgrounds, or may be nothing like you at all. You’ll have the opportunity to stretch your strengths, take on leadership roles and collaborate with your peers.

Groups with a Practice Area Focus
- Environmental and Agricultural Law Society
- Global Trade and Business Think Tank
- Health Law and Ethics
- International Law Student Association
- Nebraska Family Law Organization
- Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law Club
- Sports, Entertainment, and Business Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association

BOARDS, EXTENSION PROGRAMS, and LEADERSHIP

Learn to lead by serving on a non-profit board as a law student. Second-year law students can apply to serve a one-year term in a non-voting seat on a nonprofit board of directors. This unique opportunity allows students to attend all board meetings and participate in related committee meetings. Students participate in a training session then work with a faculty supervisor to identify goals and plan how the student can best meet the planned objectives. Current non-profit organizations who complete the program include the Child Advocacy Center, Food Bank of Lincoln, Lux Center for the Arts, Malone Center, and Mourning Hope.

STRENGTHS DEVELOPMENT

Nebraska Law is a strengths-based school that utilizes Gallup’s Clifton StrengthsFinder™ assessment as a tool for exploring and investing in your talents. You will take the assessment, which is based on over 40 years of research, to identify your unique strengths and will have the opportunity to have one-on-one coaching with strengths advocates at the law school to help you understand how your talents impact your work, leadership style, and life. Understanding and being able to articulate your talents makes you more effective at marketing yourself to employers and acing job interviews.

Without an awareness of your strengths, it is almost impossible to lead effectively.

There is no definitive list of characteristics that describe all great leaders. Each of us has unique talents that we can capitalize on to lead others effectively. The law college offers programs and support to encourage each student to develop their innate talents and maximize their leadership potential.

LEARN TO LEAD

One of the greatest fears I had when first thinking about law school was that I would feel as if I did not belong or was an imposter. Fortunately, the first few people I met were members of the Multi-Cultural Legal Society who instantly went out of their way to make me feel like I belonged and dismissed any preconceived notions of who could go to law school.

JOSE JAIMES, ’24

Organizations that Promote Community and Belonging
- Armed Forces Legal Society
- Black Law Student Association
- Greater Nebraska Connections
- Multi-Cultural Legal Society
- Nebraska Law Strengths Advocates
- Nebraska OUTLaw
- Women’s Law Caucus

Religious Organizations
- Christian Legal Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Muslim Law Students Association
- St. Thomas More Society

Groups that focus on Issues and Social Problems
- 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

Social Organizations
- Delta Theta Phi
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Bar Association
PARTICIPATE IN HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

Nebraska Law Review: If you successfully write your way onto Law Review, you can be part of a prestigious group of students who oversee the production of our journal of legal scholarship. Law Review provides the opportunity to work with professors and students from across the country who are publishing on current topics and legal issues.

Moot Court Board: This organization conducts the Grether Moot Court Competition in the fall, the Appellate Brief Writing Boot Camp in the winter term, and the Allen Moot Court Competition in the Spring. During your 2L year, you may participate in any of these events. If you complete the Boot Camp and at least one of the competitions, you will be eligible to be elected to the Executive Board and receive a scholarship. Executive Board members administer the organization’s activities during their 3L year.

Competitions: Indulge your competitive spirit in the many opportunities for student competitions. Nebraska’s rich history of competition success includes six national championships in the American Bar Association’s Client Counseling Competition. Participate in one of several opportunities to compete by putting your legal skills to work in practice simulations that mirror real-life client problems:

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

Nebraska Law offers six clinics, which are opportunities for students to practice law with real clients and cases while benefiting from the oversight of a law professor. Students frequently report that their clinic experiences are some of the most valuable of their law school training. Our variety of clinical offerings give students chances to choose the types of legal problems they are most interested in solving. 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. The clinics are housed in dedicated wing of the law school, giving students a beautiful setting for gaining practical experience.

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.

Children’s Justice Clinic: Students participating in the Children’s Justice Clinic serve as guardians ad litem in the Lancaster County Juvenile Court, functioning as advocates for the legal needs of young children. Participants focus on courtroom skills, federal and state child welfare laws, as well as child development and trauma.

Civil Clinic: In operation since 1975, the Civil Clinic handles a variety of cases in an array of practice areas, including family law, bankruptcy, and advance directives. This clinic represents low-income clients and serves seniors and veterans.

Criminal Clinic: Nebraska Law offers one of the few prosecution clinics in the country, giving students a first-hand look at how the government puts together a criminal case. Students who participate in the Criminal Clinic will work at the local prosecutor’s office handling misdemeanors and low-grade felonies.

Entrepreneurship Clinic: Providing legal advice and representation to start-up business clients, the E-clinic helps develop skills needed to practice transactional law through working on early-stage legal matters for new businesses such as entity formation, protection of intellectual property, and contracts.

Housing Justice Clinic: Our newest clinic offers experience resolving landlord-tenant issues. Students will regularly appear in court representing individuals and families facing eviction.

Immigration Clinic: Such matters as deportation defense, asylum cases, and family-based immigrant cases are handled by students working in the Immigration Clinic. Students learn to interview clients, prepare pleadings and briefs, and appear in County and District Courts as well as Immigration Court.
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. I am able to conduct research to further understand and resolve the consequences of those legal assumptions. My understanding of both law and psychology has allowed me to not only identify problems, but to begin developing the necessary solutions.

JULIE WERTHEIMER, ’21

PROGRAMS OF CONCENTRATED STUDY

You can customize your legal education to focus on a specific practice area. Four ready-made areas of concentration are available or you may wish to work with a professor to create a unique program that prepares you to focus on the issues and problems that most intrigue you. Choose one of the following or design your own!

- Business Transactions
- Litigation Skills
- Intellectual Property
- Solo/Small Firm Practice

Examples of individualized programs created by our students and their faculty advisor:

- Agricultural Law
- 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
- Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law
- Sports Law
- Taxation

I have designed my curriculum by choosing the Business Transactions Program of Concentrated Study. I am planning on practicing business law and more specifically employment law, and was able to choose coursework to cover both. The courses included in the Business Transactions Program will give me a well-rounded understanding of business law that will be beneficial in practice.

KATIE CURTISS, ’21

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KATIE CURTISS, ’21
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout your time as a student at Nebraska Law, the Career Development Office (CDO) will interact with you to offer you opportunities for networking, interviewing, and job search preparation.

First Year (1L): You will be informed about job shadowing opportunities, externships, and other experiences such as Exploring Opportunities events to help you consider various practice areas while learning more about your strengths and what positions will bring you career satisfaction. In the spring, you’ll have the opportunity to participate in on-campus interviews so you can put your legal training to work through summer employment.

Second Year (2L): Many students see summer opportunities extend into part-time work during the school year. Sometimes these opportunities lead to permanent post-graduation job offers. 2L students also are invited to take part in on-campus interviews with regional and local employers in the fall.

Third Year (3L): During the fall semester of your 3L year, you’ll have a personal meeting with a Career Development Office representative to discuss your goals and make a plan to get ready for employment.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Nebraska Law is committed to advancing justice and supports those students who wish to pursue public service careers. The Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund (NPILF) raises money to pay stipends to students who want to spend summers working in a nonprofit or government organization. Recent funding has supported students working in such places as:

- Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (Lincoln, NE)
- Nebraska League of Women Voters (Lincoln, NE)
- Legal Aid of Nebraska (Lincoln and Omaha, NE)
- Environmental Law & Policy Center (Chicago, IL)
- International Legal Foundation (New York, NY)
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (New York, NY)
- The Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office (Los Angeles, CA)

John Rockenbach, ’19

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT FELLOW

Prior to law school, John had a goal of clerking for the United States Supreme Court. In law school he learned about circuit court clerkships and worked toward clerkships with the United States Court of Appeals for both the Sixth and Eighth Circuits. Now in Washington, D.C., John will serve the United States Supreme Court in the Office of the Counselor to the Chief Justice.

Do you want to stay in Nebraska?

Many students do find they want to at least start their careers here in this state where the opportunities are abundant, the quality of life is exceptional, and the cost of living is relatively low. The CDO hosts events that allow you to network and meet people who can help you launch your work as a lawyer. Many of our graduates take positions in Omaha and Lincoln, but each year a number of alumni take employment in smaller Nebraska communities as well.

Do you want to be somewhere other than Nebraska?

CDO will coach you through the process of connecting with people in the city where you want to live so that you can land the job you want. Our alumni are employed in every state of the U.S. and in a number of countries abroad. With a Nebraska Law degree you can go where you want to go, whether that is Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles, or somewhere entirely different.

Jordan Pitcher, ’20

PICK YOUR PATH

Even though I never actually had her as an instructor, Professor Wilson learned I was looking for a job in California. She made it a priority to talk with her California contacts about potential informational meetings and job interviews for me. I cannot begin to express how thankful I am to have had her help me navigate the job market in California.

JORDAN PITCHER, ’20
JOIN US AT NEBRASKA LAW

- Apply between September 1st and March 1st.
- Visit LSAC.org and create an account.
- Explore dates and registration deadlines for the LSAT.
- Prepare for the LSAT and take the exam.
- Sign up for LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Submit two to four letters of recommendation.
- Request transcripts from all undergraduate institutions where you have credits (including college courses taken for credit while in high school).
- Complete the online application for Nebraska Law and attach your personal statement and other documents you wish to include.
- After you have submitted your application, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov.
- Visit Nebraska Law. See the options at law.unl.edu/schedule-visit.
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.