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Overview^{3, 4}

The University of Florida Levin College of Law has a longstanding tradition of producing national leaders and is one of the nation's best values in legal education. The school is dedicated to advancing human dignity, social welfare, and justice through knowledge of law.

The mission of the Fredric G. Levin College of Law is to achieve excellence in educating professionals, advancing legal scholarship, serving the public, and fostering justice. The school aspires to prepare lawyers to serve their clients, the justice system, and the public with a high level of accomplishment and a commitment to the highest ideals of the legal profession. The school also strives to provide students with a well-rounded legal education, and the curriculum is designed to teach students about the law and to help them develop the skills necessary to use that knowledge in practice.

Student-Faculty Ratio⁵

13.2:1

Admission Criteria⁶

	LSAT	GPA
25th-75th Percentile	156-162	3.31-3.76
Median*	160	3.55

The above LSAT and GPA data pertain to the 2013 entering class.

*Medians have been calculated by averaging the 25th- and 75th-percentile values released by the law schools and have been rounded up to the nearest whole number for LSAT scores and to the nearest one-hundredth for GPAs.

Admission Statistics⁷

Approximate number of applications	1713
Number accepted	863
Percentage accepted	50.4%

The above admission details are based on 2013 data.

Class Ranking and Grades^{8, 9}

Two official class rankings are available during a student's law school tenure, after completion of the first year and upon graduation. The end-of-first-year ranking is calculated based on cumulative grade point average compared with other students of the same matriculation date. Graduation ranking is calculated based on cumulative grade point average compared with other graduates of the same date. Unofficial rankings are also available after each fall and spring term and are approximate based on cumulative grade point average compared with other students of similar credits completed.

GPA is determined by computing the ratio of grade points of semester hours of work attempted in courses in which letter grades are assigned. Students receive grade points according to the following scale:

A (Excellent)	4.0
A	3.67
B+	3.33
B (Good)	3.0
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C (Satisfactory)	2.0
C-	1.67
D+	1.5
D (Poor)	1.0
D-	0.67
E (Failure)	0.0

The minimum grade for passing a course in the Juris Doctor program is a "D-" or "S." Grades of "S" (satisfactory) and "U" (unsatisfactory) are given in a few courses, and are not computed in the GPA. A grade of "S" is equal to a "C" or better. "I*" (Incomplete) or "N*" grades recorded on the student record indicate the non-punitive initial-term receipt of an "I" or "N." A grade of "I*" or "N*" is not considered a failing grade for the term in which it is received, and it is not computed in the grade point average. However, if the "I*" or "N*" has not been changed by the end of the next term for which the student is enrolled, it will change to "I" or "NG" and be counted as a failing grade and used in computation of the grade point average. "I*" and "N*" grades are not assigned to graduating students; they receive grades of "I" or "NG."

Grade Normalization (Curve)¹⁰

In general, faculty policy specifies that the mean grade for all seminars and course sections in which more than 25 students are enrolled must fall between 3.15 and 3.25 (inclusive). The mean grade for a course section is required to fall within the specified range. If 15 or fewer students are enrolled in a seminar or course section, there is no minimum GPA but the mean grade for a course section may not be higher than 3.60. The higher mean grade for courses in which there are 15 or fewer students is recommended rather than mandatory but in no event may the mean grade exceed 3.60.

Honors and Awards¹¹

Honor	Criteria
Order of the Coif	Top 10 percent of graduating class
<i>Summa cum laude</i>	GPA of 3.90 or higher
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	GPA of 3.70 or higher
<i>Cum laude</i>	GPA of 3.30 or higher
Dean's List	GPA of at least a 3.30 per semester
Book Awards	Chosen by professors based on exam grades

Journals

The **Florida Law Review** was founded shortly after World War II by enterprising law students committed to advancing their law school into the ranks of quality schools with law reviews. These students' dream was realized in 1948 with the publication of the first issue of the Law Review. Since its inception, the Law Review has maintained a tradition of excellence, publishing the highest quality scholarly work in a timely manner. Throughout the years, the Law Review has contributed to the legal discourse on many hot-button issues and helped launch the careers of many well-respected lawyers, judges, businessmen, and professors. Entirely student-edited, the Law Review publishes articles, essays, lectures, and other scholarly work from professors, practitioners, and students from across the country and around the globe. The ninety student members and two staff assistants work tirelessly to publish one volume per year, with five issues in each volume.¹²

The **Florida Journal of International Law** is a scholarly publication devoted to timely discussion of prescient international legal issues. Its subscribers include legal scholars and practitioners from around the world. The Journal is published three times a year and is one of four co-curricular, student-run publications produced at the College of Law. The Journal selects its editorial board and staff from the top ten percent of students at the law school and from winners of the open write-on competition held once per year. Recent articles published or accepted have treated subjects as varied as International Trade and Commerce Law, Human Rights Law, Terrorism, National Security, War Crimes, International Environmental Law, International IP, and Maritime Law.¹³

The **University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy** is an interdisciplinary, non-partisan organization devoted to the study, commentary and analysis of domestic legal and social issues. Founded in 1987, the Journal fosters contemporary discourse on judicial decisions, legislation, law reform, and other legal and social issues facing public policy decision-makers. Each issue contains both analytical and thought-provoking articles written by lawyers, judges, scholars, and public officials. The Journal is published three times a year.¹⁴

The **Journal of Technology Law & Policy** is a scholarly legal journal, published twice per year, devoted to the discussion of relevant technology issues, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, antitrust, information privacy, and computer law. Since its founding in the Fall of 1995, JTLP has steadily become one of the foremost national intellectual property and technology law academic publications. JTLP began as a project of the Internet and Computer Law Association, a University of Florida student organization, until it became a fully accredited independent academic journal in 1999.¹⁵

Moot Court^{16, 17}

The Florida Moot Court Team competes each year at over a dozen tournaments throughout the country. The team has been a fixture at UF Law since 1909 when the college was founded, but was organized into its current form in 1961.

The Florida Supreme Court sat en banc at UF Law to judge the Florida Moot Court Team during the 29th annual Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Moot Court Competition. It was the second time in three years that the entire Florida Supreme Court has come together in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom to judge the competition.

Clinical Programs¹⁸⁻²⁰

The **Civil Clinics** give students an opportunity to represent indigent clients in family law matters, advocate for children in many different settings, become county court mediators, and work on other real-life lawyering challenges. There are four individual clinics within the Virgil D. Hawkins Civil Clinic program:

- The Family Advocacy Clinic
- The Gator TeamChild Juvenile Clinic
- The Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic (IPVAC)
- The County Court Mediation Clinic

The **Criminal Clinics** provide students with experiences and skills that are transferable to any area of litigation practice. These include interviewing and counseling clients, writing and arguing motions, and preparing for and conducting hearings and trials. Students intern in the offices of the State Attorney or the Public Defender and attend clinical lectures and simulation-based classes. The individual clinics within this program are the Prosecution Clinic and the Criminal Defense Clinic.

The **Conservation Clinic** is an initiative of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law. Housed at the law school's Center for Governmental Responsibility, the clinic offers both law and graduate students the opportunity to work on cutting edge environmental and land use law and policy issues. Students work in teams to provide quality professional services to clients in the governmental, non-governmental and private sectors to advance local, state, national and international conservation objectives.

Placement Facts²¹

Starting Salaries (2012 Graduates Employed Full-Time)

Private sector (25th-75th percentile)	\$57,000 - \$100,000
Private sector - Median	\$70,000
Public service - Median	\$43,403

Employment Details

Graduates known to be employed at graduation	32.4%
Graduates known to be employed nine months after graduation	63.1%

Areas of Legal Practice

Graduates Employed In	Percentage
Law Firms	50%
Business and Industry	12.9%
Government	17.8%
Public Interest Organizations	9.8%
Judicial Clerkships	6.1%
Academia	2.7%
Unknown	0.8%

Externships/Internships

Externships²²

Externships are offered in all areas of law including: Children & Families, Civil Rights, Corporate, Criminal, Domestic Violence, Environmental & Land Use, Higher Education, Health Care, Housing, Human Rights, Intellectual Property and Local Government. The College of Law offers externship opportunities with Florida Federal and Appellate Courts, national organizations, and government agencies.

Internships^{23, 24}

While participating in the Criminal Law Clinics, students intern at the offices of the State Attorney or the Public Defender while also attending clinical lectures and simulation-based classes. The Prosecution Clinic provides students with an opportunity to perform as interns in the actual practice of law under the direct supervision of a licensed Assistant State Attorney.

Student Organizations²⁵

- American Bar Association-Law Student Division
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Art Law Society
- Asian & Pacific American Law Student Association
- Association for Law and Business
- Association for Tax Law
- Association of Public Interest Law
- Black Law Students Association, W. George Allen Chapter
- Caribbean Law Students Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate and Securities Litigation Group
- Criminal Law Association
- Cuban American Bar Association - CABA

- Eighth Judicial Circuit Law Student Association (EJCLSA)
- Entertainment & Sports Law Society
- Environmental and Land Use Law Society (ELULS)
- Estates and Trusts Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division
- Gator Muslim Law Students Association
- Gators for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GADR)
- Health Care Law Society
- Immigration Law Association (ILA)
- Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- John Marshall Bar Association
- Latino Law Student Association (LLSA)
- Law Association for Women
- Law College Council
- Law School Democrats
- Law School Republicans
- Law Student Division of The Florida Bar
- Law Transfer Student Organization (LTSO)
- Law Yoga Club
- Military Law Student Association
- Outlaw
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Public Interest Environmental Conference (PIEC)
- Real Property Law Association
- South Asian Law Society

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