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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



J.D. Part-Time Program



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— Jim McNichols, '95
*Benefits Tax Attorney,
Monsanto Company*



PART-TIME PROGRAM

The part-time program at SLU LAW provides working adults with an opportunity to earn a law degree while continuing their professional lives. The program's graduation requirements are identical to the full-time program; the only difference is the length of time it takes students to earn a degree. In the part-time program, students can earn a law degree in four years with summer attendance or five years without summer attendance.

A legal education involves problem solving and prevention, making a law degree beneficial in any profession and to any organization. Part-time students enter the program from a variety of professional backgrounds. These include teaching, insurance, banking, public relations, medicine, business, information technology and more. SLU LAW appreciates the unique challenges evening students face. Maintaining a balance between family, work and school requires support, and the SLU LAW faculty and staff view themselves as allies in this endeavor.

The J.D. requires 91 credit hours, including 30 hours of fundamental courses and several

upper-division course requirements. During the first three semesters, students take required foundational courses. Thereafter, students tailor their course selection to suit their individual interests. They may earn a certificate in health law, employment law or international law. Students also participate in focused skills training through direct or simulated interaction with clients. They can earn a concentration in business and transactional law, civil litigation skills, criminal litigation skills, taxation or urban development. Students who are able to take an occasional day/afternoon course will be able to complete the concentration requirements.

Student Opportunities

The many professional, public service and organizational opportunities at SLU LAW can significantly augment the traditional law school experience. Many student organizations are specifically tailored for non-traditional students, including the law journals and Student Bar Association meetings and events.

Faculty

Students in the part-time program learn from dedicated and expert faculty members with diverse expertise, scholarship and specialty areas of practice. Faculty members are routinely looked to for expert guidance by the federal, state and international communities. Regional and national media outlets also frequently call upon SLU LAW faculty members for their expertise. Students at SLU LAW are taught by faculty who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom.

Administration

Because part-time students often juggle multiple commitments, SLU LAW provides convenient access to administration services. Student Services is open Monday–Thursday until 8 p.m. to provide access to academic advice and guidance. The Career Services staff is experienced at assisting nontraditional students assimilate their professional background and legal training to enrich career opportunities. Students can schedule evening appointments or take advantage of the twice weekly evening drop-in hours. SLU LAW is committed to the provision of quality service to all students. Some of SLU LAW's faculty and administration have been non-traditional law students in the part-time program and have first-hand experience with balancing work, school and family.

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

- *Contracts I* (2)
- *Legal Research and Writing I* (3)
- *Torts* (4)

Second Semester

- *Contracts II* (3)
- *Criminal Law* (3)
- *Legal Research and Writing II* (3)

Third Semester

- *Civil Procedure I* (2)
- *Constitutional Law I* (3)
- *Property* (4)

Fourth Semester

- *Civil Procedure II* (3)
- *Electives* (up to 8)

Upper Division

- *Humanities Requirements* (2-3)
- *Legal Profession* (3) (*Professional Ethics*)
- *Seminar* (2)
- *Professional Skills Course* (1-3)

A total of 91 credit hours are required to receive the J.D. degree.



“The evening program is a tremendous asset to both the St. Louis community and its surrounding areas. I have been continually amazed at the sacrifices that many of my colleagues have made to complete their law school educations while either raising children, holding down full-time careers or both. Further, the diversity of professional backgrounds of evening students makes for an extremely rich culture. For me, the availability of an evening law program has allowed me to combine the law with my scientific background to create a whole new career path.”

— Jeff Duke, '02
Principal, Curtis, Heinz,
Garrett & O’Keefe, P.C.

The Law Library and Technology

The Omer Poos Law Library has developed an extensive collection to support all areas of the legal curriculum and to prepare students to become successful attorneys. The library boasts an impressive research collection of some 600,000 volumes. SLU LAW research librarians hold both J.D. and master’s degrees and work closely with students to guide them through the research process.

In addition to its print collections, the library provides access to an incredible array of electronic resources and subscribes to numerous online services. SLU LAW has agreements with libraries around the world to obtain books, articles, documents and other materials not available at campus libraries. SLU LAW interlibrary loans also allow users to receive articles and photocopies electronically as PDF files.

SLU LAW boasts 150,000 square feet of wireless access and almost every table and carrel in the library is wired. Furthermore, SLU LAW’s databases allow users to access a wide variety of legal materials at anytime, from anywhere.

As one of the top research universities in the country, SLU LAW students can utilize the University’s three campus libraries — the Omer Poos Law Library, the Pius XII Memorial Library and the Medical Center Library — as well the thousands of online resources available through Saint Louis University Libraries.

TUITION & FEES

The 2009–2010 tuition and fees are based on the latest information available and are subject to change at any time. Other expenses vary based on lifestyle and needs. For more information about tuition and fees, go to law.slu.edu.

Part-Time (8-11 hours per semester)

- Tuition: \$12,470 (per semester)

Part-Time (1-7 hours): \$1,620/per hour

Summer 2010 (6 hours max): \$4,220*

* Estimate based on Summer 2009 tuition

Application Fees & Deposits

(all fees and deposits are non-refundable)

- Application fee: \$55
- First Advance Tuition Deposit: \$150 (Due April 15)
- Final Advance Tuition Deposit: \$300 (Due June 1)

IMPORTANT DATES 2009–2010

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| Sept. 1 | School of Law Fall 2010 Applications Accepted |
| Sept. 2 | Part-Time Information Session |
| Sept. 26 | LSAT Administration |
| Nov. 11 | Part-Time Information Session |
| Dec. 1 | General Decision & Scholarship Notification Begins |
| Dec. 5 | LSAT Administration |
| Jan. 1 | First day to File FAFSA |
| Jan. 9 | Open House |
| Feb. 6 | LSAT Administration |
| Feb. 12 | Scholarship Consideration Deadline |
| March 3 | Part-Time Information Session |
| April 15 | First Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit Due |
| May 25 | Summer Institute Program* |
| June 1 | Final Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit Due |
| Aug. 9–14 | New Student Orientation |
| Aug. 16 | Classes Begin* |

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Apply at law.slu.edu

Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or the completion of the equivalent of six semesters with expected date of graduation to take place during the current academic year.
- Registration for both the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and the Law School Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS). No application is complete without test scores and transcript analysis from LSAT/LSDAS. It is highly recommended that applicants take the test in the fall prior to the year they wish to enter law school. The School of Law will only consider LSAT scores earned within the last three years. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be forwarded directly to LSDAS. The School of Law requests the LSDAS report upon receipt of the application.

An applicant's file is complete when SLU LAW has received:

- A completed Saint Louis University School of Law Application
- LSAT/LSDAS Report from Law Services
- Two letters of recommendation submitted through LSAC's Letter of Recommendation service
- \$55 application fee
- A personal statement (two pages or less)
- Resumé

There is no set order in which application documents should be submitted. However, the application must be received by the Office of Admissions before the School of Law can request an applicant's LSAT/LSDAS report.

Submission Guidelines:

- The application process begins Sept. 1.
- The Admissions committee begins reviewing completed applications in November.

- The first round of admission decisions is made by Dec. 1.

Determination for Admission

The Admissions Committee considers several factors in order to determine a candidate's eligibility: academic achievement, strength of the undergraduate program, application information, Law School Admission Test (LSAT) results (the Committee places exclusive weight on an individual's highest score), personal statement, work experience, graduate degrees earned, motivation, leadership and service.

It is each applicant's responsibility to provide the Office of Admissions with all the necessary documents to complete the application. In order to ensure that the Office of Admissions has received all the necessary application documents, including the application fee, applicants are encouraged to contact the Office throughout the admission process. The Office staff can be reached by e-mail at admissions@law.slu.edu or by telephone at 314-977-2800. Please note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The Personal Statement

The personal statement is an important part of the application process and is used as a way for students to set themselves apart. With the additional information provided in the statement, the Admissions Committee looks beyond LSAT scores and undergraduate G.P.A. in order to gain insight into a student's individual character. As such, information regarding personal or professional goals, academic performance and career history is helpful. Attention is given to brevity and clarity of thought and expression. Please limit the personal statement to two pages or less.

Letters of Recommendation

SLU LAW requires applicants to utilize the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. (Visit <http://www.lsac.org> for information and instructions.) A minimum of two (2) letters is required. Students should request letters from individuals who can accurately assess their intellectual ability, motivation, character and academic performance.



Great importance is placed on content that verifies the qualifications of the applicant. Please note: More than two letters of recommendation are accepted, but review of an application will commence after two letters are received.

Letters of Recommendation should be sent to:

LSAC
P.O. Box 8508
Newtown, PA 18940
Phone: (215) 968-1001

Resumé

The resumé for part-time evening students is especially important in order to show professional experience and the ability to excel in a graduate program.

Financial Assistance

Students at SLU LAW have a number of federal and private resources available to help meet law school expenses.

Saint Louis University's Office of Financial Aid is committed to both educational excellence in the Jesuit tradition and student service. This commitment is validated by the many scholarship and financial aid programs available, which have been created to reward academic excellence and maintain the affordability of a Saint Louis University education. Saint Louis University has a variety of ways to help students reach their law school goals. Prospective law students can speak with the Financial Aid Coordinator in the School of Law. The coordinator is available to answer questions, provide financial aid forms and discuss financing options. Saint Louis University FAFSA Federal School Code is 002506.

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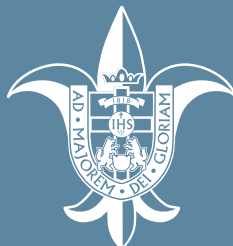
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