The Florida A&M University College of Law offers both a full-time, three-year day program and a part-time, four-year evening program of study in Orlando, Florida. The Part-time Evening Program is designed for particularly well-qualified and dedicated students who are unable to attend on a full-time basis and want to earn a law degree while working full-time.

The law school offers a rigorous traditional curriculum of required and elective courses that will be complemented by extensive skills training—which includes an intensive three-year writing program and a clinical program. Students will be introduced to emerging trends and developments in law as taught by exceptional full-time faculty and adjuncts.

Community service is an important facet of our educational program. The Florida A&M University College of Law plans to serve the Orlando community by educating lawyers and future leaders to understand the value of helping those in need. Through a clinical program, law students will provide pro bono legal services in Orlando while still in law school. In providing the legal services, law students will gain valuable experience and training and at the same time, recognize the need for these services as they start to practice law throughout the State and Nation.

Faculty

Professors: Abrams, Robert; Bernier, Barbara; Bullock, Joan; Cooper, Markita; Jones, John Paul; Langston, Lundy; Levitt, Jeremy; Nunn, Kenneth; Saleem, Omar

Associate Professors: Broussard, Patricia; Cato, Rhoda; Dawson, Victoria; Henslee, William; Jones, Hastings; Reaves, Rhonda; Smith, Jennifer; Washington, Deleso

Assistant Professors: Boothe-Perry, Nicola; Cavazos, Ann Marie; Fineman, Jonathan; Houston, Crisla; Moore, Karin; Ngov, Eang; Smith, Phyllis; Thompson, Robert

Instructors: Blevins, Timothy; Harper, John; Perez-Kudzma, Carmenelisa

Interim Library Director: Poydras, Phebe

Admission Requirements and Procedures

The College of Law admitted its first class of students in Fall 2002 with both an evening and day program. Applicants have the option of applying to one or both programs at the time of application. For admission to the Part-time Evening program, preference will be given to applicants whose circumstances are such that they can pursue a legal education only on a part-time basis.

The following admission requirements apply to all applicants to the College of Law:

1. All applicants for admission (except those admitted in the 3-3 program) must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education prior to enrollment. Upon admission, two copies of an official transcript confirming the conferral of the bachelor's degree must be submitted to the College of Law prior to the start of classes.

2. All applicants must submit a completed Application for Admission, along with a $20 non-refundable application fee.

3. All applicants must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and are responsible for making their own arrangements to take the LSAT. For admission purposes, LSAT scores are valid for three (3) years from the test date. Applicants are encouraged to take the LSAT no later than December for admission the following fall semester.

4. All applicants must register for the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) and are responsible for making their own arrangements for submitting official transcripts of all undergraduate work to LSDAS for evaluation. LSDAS information and registration materials may be obtained from Law School Admission Services, Box 239, Newton, PA 18940, (215) 968-1001.

5. All applicants are required to submit a personal statement and two letters of recommendation. Rather than submit letters of recommendation with the application, applicants are encouraged to utilize the LSAC letter of recommendation service that is included in the LSDAS registration subscription.

For admission to the entering class, application materials will be accepted beginning October 1. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Evaluation of Applications

Admission to the College of Law is competitive. Selection for admission is based on a thorough evaluation of all factors in an applicant’s file. Because it is presumed that Part-time Evening Program students will have full-time employment, the College of Law places greater weight on quantifiable achievement predictors for applicants to the Evening Program.

In reviewing the applications of individuals applying for admission to the College of Law, the Admissions Committee will evaluate the following factors:

• The applicant's score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT);
• The applicant's cumulative undergraduate grade point average (UGPA);
• The applicant's writing ability as evidenced by the LSAT writing sample and the personal statement;
• The applicant's undergraduate (and graduate) institution;
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• The applicant's undergraduate (and graduate) institution;
• The applicant's community service or public service;
• The applicant's academic honors and other awards;
• The applicant's work experience;
• The applicant's extra-curricular activities;
• The applicant's letters of recommendation; and,
• The applicant's character and motivation.

Requirements for the J.D. Degree

To be eligible for the award of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, a student must:

1. Successfully complete at least three academic years of full-time study or at least four academic years of part-time study;
2. Successfully complete the program of study;
3. Successfully complete all required courses;
4. Successfully complete at least 90 semester credit hours of course work, 60 credits of which must have been completed at this law school;
5. Satisfy the residence requirement;
6. Satisfy the writing requirement;
7. Earn a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.00; and,
8. Be approved by the College of Law faculty.

FULL-TIME PROGRAM

The Full-time Day Program students must successfully complete six semesters or three academic years for their degree requirements. Enrollment in the Day Program represents a commitment to the full-time study of law. Under American Bar Association accreditation standards, students enrolled as full-time students may not work in excess of twenty (20) hours per week.
Curriculum Guide

First Year
Fall Semester
LAW 5000 Contracts I .............................................. 3
LAW 5301 Civil Procedure I ....................................... 3
LAW 5400 Property I .................................................. 3
LAW 5700 Torts I ........................................................ 3
LAW 5792 Legal Methods I ......................................... 3

Spring Semester
LAW 5301 Civil Procedure II ..................................... 3
LAW 5700 Torts II ....................................................... 2
LAW 5400 Property II ................................................ 2
LAW 5792 Legal Methods II ....................................... 2
LAW 5000 Contracts II .............................................. 3
LAW 5301 Constitutional Law I ................................. 3

Second Year
Fall Semester
LAW 6062 Business Organization ................................ 4
LAW 5501 Constitutional Law II ................................ 3
LAW 6330 Evidence .................................................. 3
LAW 6750 Professional Responsibility ........................... 2
LAW 5100 Criminal Law ............................................ 3

Summer Semester
LAW 6062 Business Organization ............................... 4
Electives ......................................................................... 4

Third Year
Fall Semester
LAW 6503 Florida Constitutional Law ........................... 2
LAW 6940 Clinical Program or Pro Bono ...................... 0-12
LAW 6710 Family Law .............................................. 3
LAW 6303 Florida Practice ......................................... 2
Elective(s) .................................................................... 1-6

Spring Semester
LAW 6940 Clinical Program ........................................ 3
LAW 6320 Remedies ................................................... 2
LAW 6503 Florida Constitutional Law ........................... 2
Elective(s) ................................................................... 1-7

Fourth Year
Fall Semester
Clinical Program or Pro Bono ........................................... 0-6
Elective(s) ................................................................... 0-9

PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAM
The part-time evening program operates year-round. In addition to the fall and spring semesters, two five-week summer sessions are an essential part of the part-time evening program. Evening program students can complete their degree requirements in four years, consisting of eight semesters and three summers.

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First Year
Fall Semester
LAW 5000 Contracts I .............................................. 3
LAW 5301 Civil Procedure I ....................................... 3
LAW 5792 Legal Methods I ....................................... 3

Spring Semester
LAW 5000 Contracts II .............................................. 3
LAW 5300 Civil Procedure II ..................................... 3
LAW 5792 Legal Methods II ................................... 2

Second Year
Fall Semester
LAW 5400 Property I .................................................. 3
LAW 5501 Constitutional Law I ................................. 3
LAW 5700 Torts I ........................................................ 3

Spring Semester
LAW 5301 Constitutional Law II ................................ 4
LAW 5400 Property II ................................................ 2
LAW 5700 Torts II ....................................................... 2

Summer Semester
LAW 6062 Business Organization ............................... 4
Electives ......................................................................... 4

Third Year
Fall Semester
LAW 6503 Florida Constitutional Law ........................... 2
LAW 6303 Florida Practice ......................................... 2
LAW 6051 Sales .......................................................... 2
Elective(s) .................................................................... 3

Summer Semester
LAW 6710 Family Law .............................................. 3
Writing Requirement .................................................. 2
Elective(s) .................................................................... 1-3

Fourth Year
Fall Semester
Clinical Program or Pro Bono ........................................... 0-6
Elective(s) ................................................................... 0-9

Spring Semester
Clinical Program or Pro Bono ........................................... 0-6
Elective(s) ................................................................... 0-8

Required Course Descriptions

LAW 5000 Contracts: The law of enforceable promises, including contract formation, interpretation, conditions, performance, assignment and delegation, third-party beneficiary contracts, breach, justifications and excuses for nonperformance, remedies, promissory estoppel and restitution. Emphasis is placed on classic contract doctrine, the sales of goods under Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code and other commercial legislation.

LAW 5100 Criminal Law: Introduction to the substantive criminal law from both statutory and common law sources. Coverage includes the purposes of criminal law, criminal responsibility, theories of punishment, crimes against person and property, and defenses.
LAW 5300 Civil Procedure  An introduction to the organization of the federal and state court, principles of jurisdiction, and procedural rules for civil cases. Topics include: pleadings, class actions, pretrial motions, discovery, venue, joinder of claims and parties, res judicata, collateral estoppel, summary judgment, non-jury and jury trials, claim and issue preclusion, binding effects of adjudication, and appellate review.

LAW 5400 Property  A study of the acquisition, ownership, and transfer of property. Topics include an analysis of ownership concepts, rights of possession, future interests, concurrent interests, landlord and tenant issues, common law principles, gifts, estates in land, licenses, easements, restrictive covenants, contracts for the sale of land, conveyancing, mortgages, recording systems and land use regulations.

LAW 5501 Constitutional Law (F)  Historical and legal analysis of the basic constitutional framework of the American system of government with an emphasis on the sources and limits of federal and Supreme Court jurisdiction, allocation of powers between the federal government and states, separation of powers, congressional regulatory power under the commerce clause, and the guarantees of individual rights.

LAW 5700 Torts  The history and development of the legal principles underlying non-contractual civil wrongs at common law and under modern statutes are studied together with an analysis of the responsibility in tort for wrongs to the person and property. Topics include: intentional acts, liability without fault, negligence, privacy rights and harm to reputation.

LAW 5792, 5793 Legal Methods 1,2 A two-semester course, both parts required for graduation. Emphasis on writing legal memoranda, legal documents, case briefing and analysis.

LAW 6035 Sales and Secured Transactions  Surveys the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) in such areas as property interest, warranty and product liability, performance, remedies, rights of third parties, documentary transactions, negotiable instruments, assignee related rights, liability, banks and check collection process, wire transfers, perfection, priorities, default, security in bankruptcy.

LAW 6060 Business Organizations  A study of the fundamentals of basic business associations including corporations, and the law of agency and partnership. Focus is on choice of business forms, formation of partnerships and corporation; rights, duties, and powers of agents, partners, shareholders, directors, and officers; closely held corporations; proxy regulation; derivative suits; dividends and stock redemptions and an introduction to the law of securities regulation.

LAW 6112 Criminal Procedure  Introduction to basic criminal procedure from arrest through judicial review, with an emphasis is on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution and their impact on the constitutional rights of the accused.

LAW 6330 Evidence  Comprehensive examination of the problems of proof and the rules of evidence. Special attention is given to the concept of relevance, hearsay and non-hearsay, character evidence, testimonial proof, impeachment and support, scientific and demonstrative evidence and privileges.

LAW 6430 Estates and Trusts  The course deals primarily with the disposition of family wealth including the passage of property from deceased to living persons for both intestate and testate succession; the rules governing the execution, revocation, and probate of wills; will substitutions, principles governing the modern trust, fiduciary powers, duties and liabilities.

LAW 6503 Florida Constitutional Law  Analysis of selected provisions of the Florida Constitution, with emphasis on recent decisions of the Florida Supreme Court and analysis of current proposals for constitutional change.

LAW 6710 Family Law  The law governing the definition, formation, maintenance and dissolution of the family. Topics include adoption, alimony, annulment, child custody, divorce, emancipation of minors, intra-family torts, legitimacy, marriage, paternity, pre-marital agreements, property division, tax implications of divorce, and procedure and jurisdiction in various types of causes of actions in domestic relations. Attention is given to common law, state law, and recent constitutional doctrine.

LAW 5750 Professional Responsibility  Consideration of the ethical problems in the practice of law, the legal constraints on the lawyer's professional conduct, the role of the lawyer in the legal profession and the place of the profession in society, including a detailed analysis of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

LAW 6791 Legal Bibliography  This course identifies and describes the primary sources of law and their finding tools in print and electronic format. Students are instructed in the research strategies necessary to find and update the law.

LAW 6303 Florida Practice  A study of the unique aspects of Florida Law, including Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the preparation of pleadings and materials for trial, the court system, legislative procedures, and the significance of Florida's integrated bar with an emphasis on professional responsibility. The course examines jurisdiction and process. The Rules of Florida civil procedure are reviewed in depth.

LAW 6940, 6932 Clinical Program  A concurrent program of academic instruction and skills training designed to prepare the student for the practice of law. Students represent clients in civil and criminal proceedings under the supervision of practicing attorneys. The classroom component teaches lawyering skills of interviewing, counseling, discovery, negotiation, advocacy, and Florida practice. Students must have taken Evidence, Trial Practice and Professional Responsibility. All practice is in accord with Florida Student practice rules. Clinics may include: Bankruptcy, Civil, Criminal, Housing, Mediation, and Street Law.

**Elective Courses**

- Accounting for Lawyers
- Administrative Law
- Advanced
- Advanced Torts:
- Dignitary and Economic Harms
- Advanced Trial Practice
- Agricultural Law
- Antitrust Law
- Bankruptcy
- Comparative Law
- Computer Crime Law Seminar
- Conflicts of Law
- Construction Law
- Consumer Law
- Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks
- Death Penalty Seminar
- Domestic Violence Workshop
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Employment Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Federal Courts
- Federal Income Tax
- First Amendment
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- Independent Research
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transaction
- International Human Rights
- International Law Internship
- International Tax
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Internet and Computer Law
- Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation
- Juvenile Law
- Labor Law
- Law and Economics
- Law and Film
- Law and Literature
- Law and Politics of Africa
- Law and Religion
- Law Office Management
- Mediation Theory and Practice
- National Security Law
- Partnership Taxation
- Publicity Held Corporations
- Race and the Law
- Rights of Women
- Sales
- Scientific Evidence
- Securities Regulation