NOW IS THE TIME
HERE IS THE PLACE
IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE

THAT’S WHY YOU’RE APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL.

And it’s why you’re considering attending the University of San Francisco School of Law, where change is our guiding principle. We see education a little differently here, and that makes the experience you’ll have a little different, too. At USF, we know the law is a living, evolving entity, and we encourage active participation and earnest activism within it. It’s our job to prepare you for that participation and help you discover where your passion lies. We take that job seriously. Our duty to you and your career is what drives every decision we make.

It’s why we’ve created a team of faculty who are impactful scholars, passionate legal activists, and devoted teachers and mentors who are dedicated to your success.

It’s why we’ve designed courses to challenge you while you’re in school and prepare you to succeed when you’re in practice. It’s why we give you every tool you need to launch and grow a career you’ll be proud of — from bar exam prep to law clinics to networking opportunities.

Decide to change your life, and join us.
LEARNING YOUR WAY

THERE’S NO SUCH THING AS ONE SIZE FITS ALL WHEN IT COMES TO A LEGAL EDUCATION.

USF offers a wide range of programs, degrees, and certificates to cover the full range of our students’ interests. You’ll tackle challenging courses that build your critical analysis skills, prepare you to pass the bar exam, and set you up for success and fulfillment as a practicing lawyer.

JD PROGRAMS
Full-time
Part-time

JD CERTIFICATES
Business Law
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
International and Comparative Law
Labor and Employment Law
Public Interest Law
Taxation Law

DUAL DEGREES
JD/LLM in Taxation
JD/Master of Business Administration
JD/Master of Arts in Urban and Public Affairs

LLM PROGRAMS
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
International Transactions and Comparative Law
Taxation

MASTER’S PROGRAM
Master of Legal Studies in Taxation
PASSION

USF offers 16 concentrations, all of which are led by faculty who are experts in their fields and who pass their knowledge and passion on to you. The goal is to expose you to many areas of law in order to make sure that you find your area of law. The following list catalogues many, but not all, of our course offerings.

COURSES

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
 Arbitration
 Arbitration and International Civil Dispute Resolution
 Mediation
 Negotiation
 Negotiation, Mediation, and Group Counseling
 Personal Injury Mediation and Arbitration

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GRADUATE WITH EXPERIENCE

GAINING MEANINGFUL PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WHILE YOU’RE IN SCHOOL GIVES YOU A COMPETITIVE EDGE.

At USF, you’ll learn by doing: participating in legal clinics, exploring externships, joining the advocacy program, excelling in moot court, learning abroad... you’ll have access to it all, and it will build your skills and confidence.

The reputation of USF law grads helped me land my first legal job. Working at an innovative, fast-paced company like Salesforce now brings opportunities to expand my practice and work on cutting-edge issues.

KIRAN BELUR ’07
Head of Trademarks and Copyrights at Salesforce, who has hired many USF law grads and students

HAVING AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON SOMEONE’S LIFE THROUGH YOUR WORK IS ONE OF THE MOST GRATIFYING ASPECTS OF PRACTICING LAW.

Under the supervision of professors, our law clinics let you practice real lawyering by representing defendants, advocating for children in immigration proceedings, tracking racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and working with startups to secure trademarks.

AND THAT’S ONLY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE.

At USF, you’ll discover where your passion lies as you gain valuable hands-on experience that prepares you to hit the ground running.

USF LAW CLINICS
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Law Clinic
Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Law Clinic
Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic
Immigration Policy Clinic
Internet and Intellectual Property Justice Clinic
Racial Justice Law Clinic

13,553 HOURS OF HANDS-ON LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDED TO CLIENTS BY STUDENTS IN SIX USF LAW CLINICS IN 2019–2020
“Having practical experience to understand the nuances of a courtroom and its proceedings gives me the confidence to pursue a career as a trial attorney. The legal system can be daunting to those outside of it, and I want to advocate for those people.”

JUSTINE JOYA ’19
Gave an opening statement in Humboldt County Superior Court during one of her two semesters in the Racial Justice Law Clinic.

“The clinics give our students the opportunity to forge meaningful relationships with clients who otherwise would have no one to help them, to hone their research and writing skills, and to become effective advocates who are able to think and react in the moment when they appear in court.”

PROFESSOR LARA BAZELON
Director of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Law Clinic and Racial Justice Law Clinic

“When you participate in the USF School of Law Externship Program, you graduate with valuable skills and contacts. You can earn academic credit and be paid for the hours you spend working at government agencies, corporate legal departments, law firms, nonprofit organizations, and state and federal courts.

But you’re not just thrown into the deep end and expected to swim. Alongside experienced professors who teach the externships’ course components, you gain insight into legal and professional issues that arise in your fieldwork.

“USF helped set me up for a successful career. I focused on improving my oral and written advocacy and spent significant time in externships — including one in the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office, where I work now — which gave me experience advocating for clients in the courtroom.”

WARD HOSKINS ’18
Attorney at San Francisco Public Defender’s Office, where he set the foundation for his first job out of law school as an extern.
During the Moot Court Program, our students build invaluable skills that prepare them for practice, including learning to work as a team to create top-notch work together. At one competition in particular, they argued in front of intellectual property lawyers from Apple, Oracle, and top IP firms, making strong connections to professionals who can help them get their first job.

AMY FLYNN ’92
Associate dean for academic affairs and director of the Moot Court Program

INTENSIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM
In this two-week course, you’ll learn the art of trial advocacy, including crafting opening statements and closing arguments and conducting direct and cross examinations. Workshops, demonstrations, individualized feedback, and lectures given by renowned litigators and judges sharpen your skills.

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MOOT COURT
In the Moot Court Program you’ll get hands-on experience researching and writing legal briefs before arguing a case in front of a judge and jury. That experience can pave the way to a spot on one of our award-winning advocacy teams.

INTENSIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM
135 HOURS EACH STUDENT TYPICALLY SPENDS PRACTICING COURTROOM SKILLS OVER TWO WEEKS DURING THE INTENSIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

“The goal of the Intensive Advocacy Program is learning by doing, not learning by sitting. Students who finish the program come out as strong communicators and strong advocates, no matter who they’re representing.”

DORIS CHENG ’98
Co-director of the Intensive Advocacy Program, shareholder at Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger, and president of the Bar Association of San Francisco

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES
An international perspective is critical to being a modern lawyer. Go global with our semester exchange programs in the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, and Luxembourg, or gain valuable work experience on a summer externship in China, the Czech Republic, Europe, Mexico, or Vietnam.
CHOOSING TO ATTEND USF SCHOOL OF LAW IN THE MIDDLE OF SAN FRANCISCO SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.

You’re comfortable blazing your own trail. You’re inspired by the law and the countless ways it impacts our world, and you want to be a part of that impact. In the center of one of the world’s most active legal landscapes, you’ll have access to opportunities to work in firms from San Francisco to Silicon Valley, in state and federal courts, in district attorneys’ and public defenders’ offices, and more.

WHEN YOU’RE HERE, YOU HAVE ACCESS TO IT ALL.
CONNECTIONS

Almost as important as the education you’ll receive within our walls is the support you’ll receive from alumni connections once you’re outside them. USF School of Law alumni are in major cities across the United States and around the world, and they’re eager to help you when you graduate — and even before.

**Cameron Cameron**

I consider USF to be my family, which helped tremendously in many ways. The school and the faculty and staff were so supportive, which prepared me for the legal profession.

**Nicole Holmes-TO**

I love referring business to my colleagues because it’s a source of business and reward for me. It’s a way to help others, and it’s a way to help myself.

**Search Bradw J.D. 2013**

As an attorney, I meet with USF students and alumni and get to help them with their legal needs.

**It's about building a relationship with other attorneys and students who are in the same position as you.**

**Top Cities**

Where recent alumni are working outside the Bay Area:

Boston, Las Angeles, New York, and San Diego

**Unlimited**

Number of career counseling, job search strategies, and alumni/alumni for our students.

**Dana Robinson**

Law school is already so rigorous and demanding, why add an unnecessary sense of competition on top of that? Instead, the environment here at USF is supportive.

**Amiel Meeks**

It's a legal career, but it's also about the people you work with. It's about building relationships, and it's about being part of a larger community.

**Jennifer Aker**

I've been surprised by how much I enjoy the work I do. It's a legal career, but it's also about the people you work with. It's about building relationships, and it's about being part of a larger community.

**340+**

Alumni stories

**1912**

USF School of Law founded

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Alumni stories

**CAMERON ELIZABETH ZAVALETA '09**

Entrepreneur.

“Law school is already so rigorous and demanding, why add an unnecessary sense of competition on top of that? Instead, the environment here at USF is supportive.”

**78 Courses McKinley 1912 to Students Enrolled in 2019-2020**

“Because of the opportunities and relationships built at USF, I was able to pursue my dreams and make my career a reality.”

**Anonymous**

My advice to incoming students: Be ready to embrace the challenges that come your way and be ready to take charge of your own future.
THE USF FACULTY DIFFERENTIATES OUR LAW SCHOOL FROM THE PACK, AND WHAT SETS THEM APART IS THEIR PASSION.

Our faculty are zealous about their students, their study of the law, and their activism. The way our professors engage in the legal community and in law reform speaks to our mission, as does their ability to inspire our students to do the same. The individual attention and care every student receives is incomparable, and our ethos of law as impact — as alive, and happening, and happening right here, right now — is at the heart of our approach to teaching.

Faculty here have an equal commitment to both teaching and scholarship, which is different from other law schools where the focus is on scholarship and teaching is just another thing you do. Our students pick up on that. It’s important to me to interact with students in class, meet them in office hours, hire some as research assistants, and see them at law school events.

PROFESSOR TIM IGLESIAS
Expert in housing theory, affordable housing development, and fair housing, and serves on the California Fair Employment and Housing Council

“I appreciated the openness and accessibility of the faculty. They are all accomplished academics in their fields, but they treat you as an equal, give weight to what you say, and have genuine interest in your opinions. USF law professors aren’t shepherding you into their way of thinking, they are cultivating you as a thinker.”

YATINDRA PANDYA ’17
Associate at Trucker Huss focusing on employment law
SETTING YOU UP FOR SUCCESS

FROM THE MOMENT YOU ENTER USF SCHOOL OF LAW FOR YOUR FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION, THROUGH TO GRADUATION, WE PREPARE YOU FOR SUCCESS WHEN YOU SIT FOR THE BAR.

Our Academic and Bar Exam Success program gives all students exam strategy skills, teaches you how to outline, problem solve, and conduct legal analysis, and offers one-on-one meetings to give you the techniques and study strategies to excel in your courses. Bar Pass Boot Camp, a program that lives up to its name, immerses you in hard-core bar preparation. Eight weeks of attending Sunday morning lectures, writing prompt-based essays, and taking graded practice essays and exams gives you the skills, feedback, and confidence you’ll need when you sit for the bar.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

First-generation law students and students who face unique challenges are just two of the groups who might be eligible for specialized academic support services. Our Academic Support Program (ASP) individually selects participants in a holistic review, and works one-on-one with each to tailor an academic success strategy. A program director meets with every member throughout the year to assess academic progress, work on writing skills, and adjust their academic approach as necessary.

An important aspect of ASP is its diversity component. USF recognizes that the demands of a legal education may be especially challenging for applicants who have been culturally, educationally, economically, or historically disadvantaged, who have not been in an academic setting for a number of years, or who have certain disabilities. We are committed to ensuring that everyone has the tools they need to flourish in law school.

STARTING YOUR CAREER

We’re here to help you get “there,” wherever your legal destination may be. Our Office of Career Services is staffed with attorney-counselors who have diverse legal experience and extensive networks. They work with you on career planning, job search strategy, and connecting you with opportunities in the legal community. Specific services include individual career counseling, mock interviews, career skills workshops, and resume, cover letter, and social media presence review.

Throughout the year, you’ll connect with practicing attorneys in your field of interest, through opportunities such as tech sector networking events, the Lunch with Lawyers program, and various panels given by lawyers in different practice areas.

“The Academic and Bar Exam Success program is setting a foundation for how I approach my classes, teaching me how to structure my studying, how to take notes, how to synthesize them, how to do outlines.”

SARAH OMER ’21
You have an array of housing options when you attend USF School of Law. The majority of our students live off campus in the neighborhoods surrounding USF. There are also plenty of students who commute from around the Bay Area while living with roommates or at home. A newer option is our St. Anne’s residence, where USF law students live and learn together.

The St. Anne’s residence houses up to 45 law students. Located just one and a half miles from campus in the Inner Sunset neighborhood, St. Anne’s features a large kitchen, free laundry on each floor, and a large lounge area. A popular study spot with the first-year law students who make up the vast majority of St. Anne’s residents, the lounge is where you’ll find groups reviewing and discussing notes from that day’s lecture.

“Living at St. Anne’s with other law students, we really get to know one another, conquer classes together, and support each other.”

JAVKHLAN (JAY) ENKHBAJAR ‘19
Served as the resident adviser at USF’s St. Anne’s residence hall for law students

“It’s hard not to feel connected to my classmates. We work, study, and eat together pretty much every day.”

JESSICA RAMSEY ‘21
Commutes from about 10 miles away in Colma, and makes the most of her drive by practicing for exams while cocooning with a classmate

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“In San Francisco, there is always something to do — especially with all the great restaurants and shops in my neighborhood.”

JULIA MAYER ‘20
Takes the bus or walks to campus from her apartment in the Inner Sunset neighborhood

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There are so many reasons to attend the University of San Francisco School of Law, particularly: where we are, who we are, and who you are.

Where we are is in San Francisco, a beautiful city and innovation center that offers a tremendous range of opportunities across every type of practice. Who we are is a community of staff, faculty, and alumni eager to provide you with personal attention, mentoring, and professional connections to help you find the work you want, during and after law school. Our faculty of accomplished scholars, teachers, and practitioners will challenge, inspire, and support you as you gain the knowledge and skills you need to thrive.

And who you are is someone ready to seek your future as an excellent, ethical, and proud graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law.

Susan Freiwald
Dean
“Wherever my career takes me, whether into civil litigation or another area of practice, I know I want to use my law degree to help my community and work to increase black representation in the legal field.”

AMBRIA MAHOMES ’19
Financial assistance from four scholarships allowed her to attend law school years earlier than she would have otherwise.

ENDOW YOUR FUTURE

CHOOSE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

When you begin your legal career at USF School of Law, we’re here to help you navigate every part of the admissions process, whether it’s making sure you have your prerequisite testing requirements complete or assisting you in applying for financial aid. Our admissions staff travels around the country to meet as many prospective students as possible at recruitment events, and we’re always a phone call or an email away from answering all of your questions.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

ADMISSIONS
Our admissions staff is standing by with all the information you need about USF Law: enrollment processes, career services, our curriculum... whatever questions you have, we’re here to answer them.

We use a rolling admission system that typically begins accepting applications in mid-September and sending the first acceptance letters before the end of December.

ALLOW US TO HELP
Attending law school is one of the most significant investments you’ll make. Our financial aid team ensures that you receive all the scholarship and loan support for which you’re eligible, and makes the process of getting it easy to navigate.

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