

LAW SCHOOL

For complete information on Drake Law School and the admission policies and procedures, academic and graduation requirements, special programs and financial aid opportunities, contact the Law School Office of Admission toll-free, 800-44-DRAKE, extension 2782. Locally, call 515-271-2782.

Drake Law School offers a high-quality legal education that provides students with essential lawyering skills as well as opportunities for specialization. The Law School actively seeks to attract and admit students from a wide variety of backgrounds and accepts qualified students with undergraduate degrees in any academic area. *Students need not have completed an undergraduate pre-law program to be eligible for admission.*

The Law School's outstanding faculty share a commitment to research and regularly publish scholarly books, chapters and articles; at the same time, they are dedicated to teaching. The school's first-class activities include the award-winning Dwight D. Opperman Hall and Law Library, a state-of-the-art center for legal research, class seminars and studying.

Drake law students have ample opportunities to use the legal theories they learn in class. They work with clients at the Neal and Bea Smith Law Center; clerk for state and federal judges at the trial and appellate levels; intern with state and federal administrative agencies, the Iowa Legislature and state prosecutors; and work for insurance companies, law firms and private companies in Des Moines. Approximately 85 percent of Drake students either have clerking opportunities or work part-time in the legal field during their education at Drake.

Joint Degree Programs

3+3 Option

Under the 3+3 option, qualified Drake University undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Science, College of Business and Public Administration and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication may complete both the undergraduate and J.D. degree requirements by enrolling for three years each in the undergraduate program and the Law School.

Admission to Law School under the 3+3 option is not guaranteed. Applicants are required to take the LSAT entrance exam and must meet regular admission standards. Candidates also must have completed substantially all undergraduate work and must be able to obtain the undergraduate degree through credited work completed in first-year law courses.

If necessary to meet undergraduate degree requirements, candidates may take a combination of undergraduate courses and at least two law courses (totaling a minimum of five credit hours per semester) during the first year of Law School. Candidates are advised to consult their undergraduate advisers concerning the undergraduate degree requirements.

Law-Pharmacy Option

Under the law-pharmacy option, qualified students in Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences may complete both the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) and J.D. degree requirements in eight years.

Candidates are advised to consult both the Law School and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences concerning the admission requirements for this option.