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A Law School That Fits You





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Southwestern offers the longest-running **Accelerated J.D. Program** (SCALE®) in the country. The SCALE program offers:

- A tight-knit cohort
- Small class sizes
- Flexible curriculum
- Guaranteed externships

FAQs

When does the first year of SCALE start?

- Mid-June. The application typically opens in September

Is an interview required?

- Yes, we want to make sure you understand the program

How many hours of class will I have most days?

- 4 to 4.5 hours

Is SCALE on a semester or quarter system?

- Students take classes over eight quarters plus one summer session

How long is each quarter?

- 10-12 weeks



SCALE is an exceptional program because I could participate in extracurricular activities while finishing law school in 2 years.”

Alexa Chavez '22
Accelerated J.D. (SCALE)

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Do what
you love,
sooner.

Accelerated 2-Year J.D. Program

“Southwestern has provided a safe space for me to be myself in a field where I don’t see many people who look like me.”

Sydney Woods '22
Full-Time Day



Full-Time Day Program

Full-time Day students make up the largest portion of the student body. Though many students come from different backgrounds, they choose the full-time program because it offers a fair amount of flexibility while still allowing students to complete the degree in three years.

- Start developing a concentration area with an elective available in your second semester
- Externships are available as early as the summer after 1L
- Maximize time in your schedule for honors programs, experiential learning, and public-service hours



Full-Time Day 3-Year J.D. Program

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Southwestern's
flexible part-time
program was the
best fit for me.”

Ken Villanueva
3L, Part-Time Hybrid Evening

Part-Time J.D. Programs

Southwestern has a 4-Year program that fits you

- Part-Time Day Caregiver Program J.D. Program (PLEAS)
- Part-Time Day J.D. Program
- Part-Time Hybrid Evening J.D. Program

Part-Time Day

- PLEAS students benefit from one of the few part-time J.D. programs designed to accommodate students with child- or elder-care responsibilities. Classes are scheduled for mornings only. Other part-time day students have classes during mornings and afternoons
- Lighter course load than full-time program
- Part-time day students are enrolled in courses with full-time day students so they benefit from larger group discussions and a wider network of colleagues
- Experiential learning opportunities are available for all part-time students

The **Part-Time Hybrid Evening J.D. Program** accommodates working professionals and those who would prefer to attend evening classes:

- Commute to campus only two evenings per week
- Attend the remaining class hours online
- Take additional courses during the academic year, summer, and intersession terms
- Participate in a custom-designed externship for evening students
- Participate in clinics and honors programs

This is our most flexible part-time format ever!

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Part-Time 4-Year J.D. Programs



Customize Your Curriculum!

Civil Litigation & Advocacy

The Civil Litigation & Advocacy Concentration, part of the Parish Civil Justice Program, prepares students for the courtroom and for law practice as litigators in law firms. Students take courses in litigation skills and assist with real litigation matters through clinics, externships, or practicum courses.

Criminal Law & Advocacy

The Criminal Law & Advocacy Concentration provides a robust and engaging curriculum of specialized electives, clinics, and externship opportunities. This concentration is ideal for students interested in joining a District Attorney's or Public Defender's Office, exploring private practice, or with an eye on becoming a judge.

Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies

This new concentration challenges students to examine the law through a critical theory lens, focusing on race, gender, and sexuality perspectives. Coursework covers subjects such as civil rights, criminal law, employment law, family law, and immigration law, allowing students to develop a broad theoretical basis for understanding the law. Theory is then informed by hands-on experiences in clinics, externships, and practica.

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Entertainment & Media Law

The Entertainment & Media Law Concentration offers students a comprehensive program of innovative courses, the Entertainment & the Arts Clinic, and externship opportunities in one of the world's leading entertainment hubs. Offered in cooperation with the Biederman Entertainment & Media Law Institute, Southwestern's industry-focused curriculum is top-rated nationally. Externship opportunities include SAG-AFTRA, Universal, and Warner Bros.

Labor & Employment Law

The Labor & Employment Law Concentration offers training in up to a dozen distinct practice areas relating to workplace law, from employment discrimination and wage-and-hour disputes to collective bargaining and workers' compensation. Students also learn through externships and classroom simulations.

Public Interest Law

The Public Interest Law Concentration provides an engaging curriculum that encourages students to provide access to justice for underserved individuals and communities. The concentration offers a rich array of courses rooted in clinical and experiential-based skills building, substantive and theoretical legal training, and public-service opportunities, which are complemented by our unique location in the center of the Los Angeles public-interest-law corridor.

Technology Law & Entrepreneurship

The Technology Law & Entrepreneurship Concentration prepares students for the fast-changing world of high-growth technology startups. Students can focus on the business-law side or the technology-law side, or select courses from both areas. Students also engage in practical skills courses to prepare for real-world practice.

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