

Application for Admission to the College of Law

Fall 2010

Please read the instructions on page 4 before completing this application. Apply online at: www.uiowa.edu/admissions/graduate/programs/program-details/jd-main.



A. Personal Information

- Name _____
last (family or surname) first (given name) middle
 - Maiden Name _____ Should this name be included on your University records? yes no
 - US Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____
 - LSAC Account Number _____
 - Gender (optional) male female
 - Birthdate _____
mo/day/yr
 - List other name/s that may appear on transcripts, scores, or other materials being submitted _____
 - Current mailing address _____
street city state/country ZIP county (if Iowa)
 - Home (permanent) address if different from above _____
street city state/country ZIP county (if Iowa)
 - Phone number/s _____
home alternate cell
- Do you authorize us to send you text messages about important information and deadlines? yes no
- Birthplace _____
city state/country
 - E-mail address _____
 - Citizenship U.S. citizen; U.S. permanent resident (attach a copy of your Permanent Resident [green] Card); other (specify) _____
 - Country of citizenship _____ Current immigration status, if applicable (see instruction item A14) _____
Which immigration status do you intend to hold while enrolled here? _____
 - Ethnic/Racial/Tribal Affiliation Information (optional, see item G9, page 3 and instruction item A15) Are you Hispanic/Latino(a)? yes no
What race do you consider yourself to be? (indicate one or more) Alaskan Native or American Indian (tribal/nation affiliation): _____
 African American/Black Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Asian White I prefer not to respond
 - Are you a veteran? yes no

B. Admissions Information (see instructions)

- Are you applying for the joint law/graduate degree program? yes no If yes, list your graduate program _____, degree objective _____, and complete the *Application for Graduate Admissions*.

C. Educational Information

- Have you ever been enrolled for courses (on campus, correspondence, extension) at The University of Iowa? yes no
- List each college or university you have attended or in which you are currently enrolled. (see instruction item C2)

name of institution	city/state	from (mo/yr-mo/yr)	type of degree	date degree earned/expected
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
- List the high school from which you graduated _____
name city state/country year graduated
- When did or will you take the Law School Admission Test? _____
- What is your native (first) language? _____
- English Proficiency for Nonnative Speakers: I (plan to take/ took) the TOEFL in _____ / _____ (see instruction item C6)

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D. Statement in Determination of Residency

1. Do you consider yourself a resident of the state of Iowa? yes no

2. If you consider yourself a resident:

a) When did this residency begin? _____
mo/yr

b) Parent name _____

c) Parent address _____
street city state/country ZIP county (if Iowa)

3. Please give a chronological account of your major activities (including summers) for the three years immediately preceding your proposed entry to The University of Iowa College of Law.

from (mo/yr) to (mo/yr)	activity (i.e., work, school, military)	location (city/state)

E. Personal History

1. Have you ever (either as an adult or juvenile) been cited or arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any violation of the law? (You must disclose each instance; even if you were granted any type of pretrial diversion; even if filed charges were dismissed; even if such charges resulted in a deferred adjudication; even if you were acquitted of such charges; or even if such charges resulted in a conviction that was reversed, set aside, vacated, or expunged. You need not, however, disclose speeding or parking violations.) yes* no

(If you answered "yes," in a separate statement supplementary to your personal statement, describe each instance [including the jurisdiction; approximate date and time of the incident; and case number, if available]. You may also attach any relevant documentation.)

2. Have you ever served in the armed services of the United States? yes no

(If yes, then proceed to 2a and 2b.)

a) Have you ever been subject to court martial or subject to Article 15 proceeding (non-judicial punishment)? yes* no

b) Was your discharge other than honorable? yes* no

(If you answered "yes" to item 2a or 2b, in a separate statement supplementary to your personal statement, describe the circumstances of your court martial and/or discharge, [including the jurisdiction and approximate date and time of the underlying incidents]. Please attach any relevant documentation, including your discharge papers.)

3. Have you ever been dismissed or placed on probation by any school or college for either academic or disciplinary reasons? yes no

(If your answer is "yes," please explain fully on a separate sheet.)

*In your statement, please explain the impact (if any) this experience has had on you, and, in particular, on your decision to pursue a legal degree. Contact the College of Law Admissions Office if you have any questions about your responses to this question or what should be included in your statement.

F. Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information given in this application is correct and complete. I understand that after submission of this application, until denial or acceptance and matriculation, I am under a continuing obligation to inform the Admissions Committee of any changes to my class standing and expected graduation date, the initiation of disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges, and any arrests or citations or the resolution of any pending disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges, arrests, or citations. I understand that any material omission or misinformation contained in this application or any required supplements may void my admission and scholarship awards or result in dismissal.

signature of applicant

date

APPLICANTS: please continue to the top of page 3.

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The University of Iowa requests this information for the purposes of processing your application for admission. Persons outside the University are not routinely provided this information except for directory information, such as name and local address. Although responses to items marked "optional" are optional, responses to all other items are required for us to take action.

The University of Iowa prohibits discrimination in employment, educational programs, and activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or associational preference. The University also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to University facilities. For additional information on nondiscrimination policies, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, (319) 335-0705 (voice) and (319) 335-0697 (text), 202 Jessup Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1316.

G. Supplemental Information

Please answer the following questions. Feel free to give a detailed response to any of the questions below.

1. Have you ever attended another law school? yes no (If your answer is "yes," please explain fully on a separate sheet.)

2. Have you previously applied to The University of Iowa College of Law? yes no. (If your answer is "yes," please indicate the year of the entering class for which you applied and the final disposition of your application that year. If admitted, please indicate the reason you did not enroll for classes here.)

3. How did you hear about The University of Iowa College of Law? (check all that apply)
 - presentation at a Law School Forum (identify) _____
 - presentation at my college or university (approx. date) _____
 - recommendation of my prelaw (or other) adviser (identify) _____
 - recommendation of a University of Iowa College of Law graduate (identify) _____
 - recommendation of a University of Iowa graduate (identify) _____
 - recommendation of a family member (identify) _____
 - letter (or e-mail) of introduction from the College of Law _____
 - other (please specify) _____

4. Undergraduate major _____ Second major (if applicable) _____

5. Undergraduate minor (if applicable) _____ Second minor (if applicable) _____

6. What is your approximate rank in your undergraduate class? (see instruction item G6)

7. Have you applied (or do you plan to apply) to any other law school as an alternative to entering The University of Iowa College of Law? yes no
 If so, please list those schools _____

8. Submit a separate sheet of paper that lists the following information (where applicable). A résumé is acceptable.
 - a) scholastic honors;
 - b) significant extracurricular activities and community service since entering college (including the number of hours per week devoted to each activity and dates of participation);
 - c) jobs you have held since entering college (including the number of hours per week devoted to each job and dates of employment).

9. (Your response to this item is optional. If you choose to reply, please do so in a separate addendum.) If you feel that any circumstances have played a substantial role in your educational development and if you would like the Admissions Committee to weigh the factors involved, please describe your situation and tell us why these circumstances should be considered. Examples of circumstances which could merit consideration are significant economic, social, physical, or cultural factors in your background or any of the following:
 - a) You have a history of outperforming standardized tests. Indicate the scores you received on the ACT, SAT, or any other standardized test taken before entering college or graduating (see instruction item G9a).
 - b) Your undergraduate grade-point average does not reflect your academic ability. Specify the conditions that interfered with your performance.
 - c) Describe the importance of race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation in your life and educational development.

10. Write a personal statement (limited to two or three pages) that addresses the following questions. This is your opportunity to tell us what you really want us to know and remember about you.
 - a) Why do you want to study law?
 - b) Why do you want to study at The University of Iowa College of Law?
 - c) What has been your most significant accomplishment?
 - d) How would you contribute to our law school community and the legal profession?
 - e) Describe any life experiences which would indicate unusual drive, determination, motivation, or leadership characteristics.

11. Letters of Recommendation (See instruction item G11)

I intend to submit _____ (list how many) letters of recommendation.

	recommender's letter will be sent:		
	with this application	through LSAC	alone/directly
name of recommender _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
name of recommender _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
name of recommender _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The University of Iowa

Your interest in the College of Law is appreciated. We are proud of the excellence of our academic programs and believe that our students find the University and the community a satisfying and rewarding place to further their education. We hope that you have an opportunity to see the law campus. To schedule a visit, contact the College of Law Admissions Office.

Application Instructions

Answer every question that applies to you. Make sure your name appears at the top of each page of written material that you attach to this application.

A. Personal Information

A1. Name—List your name as you would like it to appear on all University records (or as it appears on your passport). If your name changes prior to enrollment, please notify the Office of Admissions in writing.

A3. US Social Security Number—We will use your Social Security Number to verify your identity for record-keeping purposes and to help match transcripts and other materials with your admission application. It will not be used as your student ID number. Your Social Security Number will be safeguarded by the University and will not be displayed on official records or made available to others. If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave this item blank.

A8-9. Current Mailing/Home Address—From August 15 through May 15, we will mail materials to you at your current mailing address. From May 16 through August 14, your home address will be used. Correspondence to international students is sent to their current mailing address. Please notify both the Office of Admissions and the College of Law of any address changes.

A13-14. Citizenship—Applicants who select “other” must provide their country of citizenship and immigration status (e.g., F1, J1, refugee, asylee, applicant for Permanent Resident card).

A15. Ethnic/Racial/Tribal Affiliation Information—Your response to this item is voluntary (international students may proceed to the next item). To comply with the US Department of Education regulations concerned with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, The University of Iowa must report statistical summaries of the student body. The University of Iowa must report statistical summaries of the student body. This information is confidential and does not appear on academic records. Information regarding individual students is not disclosed outside the University without the student’s consent. The following are definitions of the categories listed:

Hispanic/Latino(a): a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Alaskan Native or American Indian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

African American/Black: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

White: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

C. Educational Information

C2. Post-secondary Education—This listing must be complete. Include every institution attended, regardless of the duration of study, type of enrollment (i.e., extension, correspondence, etc.), or whether you earned a diploma or degree.

C6. English Proficiency for Nonnative Speakers—Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores are required except for applicants who:

- have completed a bachelor’s degree at an accredited university in the U.S.
- an equivalent degree at an accredited university in Australia, Canada (excluding Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom
- submit acceptable alternative evidence of a high degree of proficiency in English.

Scores must be reported to the University directly from the testing agency. Our TOEFL school code is 6681. For more information, visit www.ets.org/toefl. You may submit IELTS scores as an alternative to TOEFL.

D. Statement in Determination of Residency

The classification of residents and nonresidents for admission, fees, and tuition purposes is based upon information furnished by you. If this information changes, notify us. The registrar is authorized to require additional evidence as deemed necessary to verify your status.

G. Supplemental Information

G6. Class Rank—Unless you are a currently enrolled (or former) UI student, have your undergraduate institution forward your class rank or the grade distribution for your class to the College of Law. If your undergraduate institution does not class rank, have them send us a letter stating their ranking policy.

G9a. Standardized Test Scores—Have an official copy of your scores sent directly to the College of Law.

G11. Letters of Recommendation—The College of Law school requires at least two letters of recommendation. Recommendations from professors or others who can comment on your critical thinking, writing skills, and your potential for success in law school are particularly welcome. We participate in the Letter of Recommendation Service offered by Law School Admission Council (LSAC) as part of the LSDAS subscription. To download the letter of recommendation form, visit www.lsac.org. Letters should be sent directly to: LSAC, PO Box 8508, Newtown, PA 18940-8508.

Additional Information

Application Deadline—The application deadline is March 1. However, we highly encourage you to submit your application by January 15, since space availability in the admitted group becomes a more important part of the decision-making process during the weeks leading up to March 1. Fall (August) is the beginning of the three-year program. Law school policy does not allow for less than full-time attendance.

Application Fee—A non-refundable \$60 fee (\$100 for international students) is required of all applicants and must accompany your application in order for your request for admission to be considered. Remittance should be in the form of a check or money order. Make checks payable to “The University of Iowa.” Do not send cash.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)—Applicants must complete the LSAT no later than February of the year for which admission is sought. Scores older than five years are not accepted.

Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS)—Applicants must register with LSDAS, which includes submitting official transcripts from each college or university attended (including summer session enrollments). This required report must be received before your application can be considered.

Transcripts and Credentials—The University of Iowa requires official transcripts from applicants who are accepted. They must arrive in a sealed envelope mailed directly from the institution. Credentials submitted for admission become the property of the University and are not returnable or transferable.

Deposits—To hold their place in the class, applicants are required to submit non-refundable deposits. These nonrefundable deposits are credited toward tuition and fees for those who enroll. Applicants who fail to make these deposits within the specified time forfeit their place in the entering class.

Applicants accepted before March 15 must submit the \$250 deposit by April 1. Applicants accepted after March 15 have two weeks to submit this deposit. Applicants must pay a second deposit of \$150 by June 1.

Deferral—Admission is for one year of application, and once an applicant is admitted, deferrals are not generally granted except in extraordinary circumstances.

Financial Assistance—Contact the College of Law (319-335-9142) or law-financialaid@uiowa.edu for information about scholarships and loans.

Return Application Materials Promptly

Mail your completed application (including the appropriate fees) to:

Office of Admissions
The University of Iowa
107 Calvin Hall
Iowa City, IA 52242-1396 USA

Mail supporting materials (test scores, class rank, separate responses to Sections “E” and “G,” etc.) directly to:

College of Law Admissions Office
The University of Iowa
320 Melrose Avenue
Iowa City, IA 52242 USA

How to Reach Us

Our toll-free (USA/Canada only) number is 800-553-4692.

Office of Admissions
Direct-dial number: 319-335-1521
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