SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law combines rigorous academics, personalized attention, and a practice-focused curriculum to enable every student to develop the core legal skills that are fundamental to a successful and rewarding legal career. The law school has several legal clinics and numerous externship opportunities through which students acquire client-based legal experience and do pro bono work in the community, supervised by practicing attorneys. Students can further refine their critical problem-solving skills in more than a dozen classroom-based simulation courses.

The School of Law offers full-time, part-time, and flex-time programs leading to the JD degree, as well as joint dual-degree programs (p. 2) including JD/MBA, JD/MSW, and JD/MCEP (Master of Climate & Environmental Policy) degrees. Students may also choose to concentrate in one or more of several subject matter areas: Civil Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, Criminal Law and Advocacy, Family Law, Health Law, Intellectual Property, International Law and Policy, Tax Law, Workplace Law, and Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Information Technology Law.

The student experience at the School of Law is enhanced through many other activities, including three student-edited scholarly journals – the Law Review, the Health Law Journal, and the Probate Law Journal; intramural and interschool competitions sponsored by the Moot Court Society, the Mock Trial Society, and the Society for Dispute Resolution; and a range of student organizations, including affinity bar organizations such as the Black Law Students Association, the Women’s Law Society, the Latin American Law Association, and Outlaws, our LGBTQA organization. The law school’s International Human Rights Law Society travels each year and a course in International Human Rights and Transitional Justice gives students the opportunity to make presentations at the annual Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.

Quinnipiac’s Accelerated Dual-Degree Bachelor’s/JD (3+3) program offers qualified first-years and sophomores the opportunity to complete both their BA or BS degree and the JD degree in six years instead of seven. Visit the Pre-Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/prelaw/) section of this Catalog for program details.

Admission to the Bar

Bar Examination

Some states require registration with their State Board of Law Examiners at the start of law studies for students who expect to take the bar examination upon graduation. Applicants are urged to consult the regulations of the Board of Law Examiners in the states where they expect to practice. The State of Connecticut does not require such registration. Students are also urged to check each state bar’s school credit and residency requirements, including possible limits on non-classroom credits, for bar certification in each state where they expect to take the bar examination. For students planning to sit for the New York Bar, we call attention to that state’s extensive experiential education requirement, which is more demanding than the requirement established by the ABA and Quinnipiac Law School. This New York requirement is set forth in Appendix A (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/appendixa/) to this Catalog.

Character and Fitness for Admission to the Bar

It is extremely important for students to determine the applicable character, fitness, and other qualifications of the bar admission authorities in the state(s) in which they intend to practice. In particular, any student who has been subjected to disciplinary action by an educational institution, who has incurred a judgment of civil liability, or who has been charged with or convicted of a criminal offense is strongly encouraged to check with the bar admission authority in the jurisdiction(s) in which they intend to practice to determine the effect of such action on the person’s admissibility to the bar.
Juris Doctor

- Full-Time Juris Doctor Program (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/)
- Part-Time Juris Doctor Program (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/part-time/)

Concentrations

- Civil Advocacy and Dispute Resolution (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/civil-advocacy/)
- Criminal Law and Advocacy (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/criminal-law/)
- Family Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/family-law/)
- Health Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/health-law/)
- International Law and Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/int-law-policy/)
- Intellectual Property (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/int-prop/)
- Tax (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/tax-law/)
- Workplace Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/work-law/)
- Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Information Technology Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/privacy-cybersecurity-information-technology-law/)

Dual-Degree Programs

- Accelerated Dual-Degree Bachelor's/JD (3+3) (http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/dual-degree-ba-bs-jd-3-3/)
- JD/MBA (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-mba/)
- JD/MCEP (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-mcep/)
- JD/MAPP (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-mapp/)
- JD/MERL (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-merl/)
- JD/MFALP (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-mfalp/)
- JD/MSW (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/juris-doctor/jd-msw/)

Master of Laws

- LLM in Health Law (http://catalog.qu.edu/school-of-law/llm/)