Since 1903
Washburn University School of Law is dedicated to helping students achieve their career goals by preparing them to be effective lawyers. Our nationally recognized faculty take a student-centered approach to teaching and learning, ensuring that we meet and exceed our students’ expectations. At Washburn Law there is no hiding the ball from students and no presumption that students will teach themselves. That’s our job!

For more than a century, Washburn Law has demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, social justice, and diversity. We focus on collaboration, always seeking opportunities to explore current and developing issues in the legal field.

We offer an affordable education strengthened by our robust financial assistance program, which automatically considers each applicant for academic and need-based scholarships and grant funding.

As we embark upon our 116th year of preparing students for the practice of law, there has never been a more exciting time to join the Washburn Law family. Visit us and experience the Washburn Law difference for yourself. We look forward to being part of your future success.
Student-Centered

- Classes feature multiple diverse perspectives but are kept small to encourage student-teacher and student-to-student interactions
- Professors truly have an open-door policy to ensure one-on-one time when you need it
- More than 175 courses, seminars, and clinical offerings

washburnlaw.edu/courses

STUDENT BODY PROFILE (2020)

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*Based on self-reported disability, ethnic identity, and gender identity and/or sexual orientation.
Personal Attention

7.5 to 1
Student-to-Faculty Ratio
(2019)

- Professors will know your name and get to know you individually
- First Year program activities help you make friends, understand material, and seamlessly integrate into the law school community
- Deans are readily accessible and concerned about student issues, both academic and personal

"Washburn Law’s small class size allows personal interaction with professors. This access is crucial to understanding material and forming relationships throughout the school and community."

- Alex Robinson, 2L
(not pictured)
• The Washburn Law Clinic operates as a law firm and helps students develop lawyering skills while providing legal services to actual clients.

• Students participating in the Washburn Law Externship Program assume the role of a professional-in-training through off-campus legal work positions.

• Washburn Law was recognized as a Best School for Practical Training in 2018, 2017, 2015, and 2014. (The National Jurist)

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98% of 2020 graduates engaged in experiential learning

The Washburn Law Difference

Practical Experience
Expanded Legal Exposure

Delve Into Real-World Legal Issues

• On-campus symposia and guest lectures from legal professionals, including visiting faculty, Washburn Law alumni, and other international experts

• Court sessions in Robinson Courtroom: Kansas Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, various civil cases and administrative hearings

• Facilities tours and one-on-one sessions with local and regional industry professionals

*Pictured: Washburn Law students touring the Cessna jet factory with Laura Ice, ’84, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary, Textron Financial Corporation*

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Juris Doctor Degree
Flexible Options

- The Juris Doctor (J.D.) requires 90 credit hours to complete
- Curriculum ensures graduates achieve and exceed American Bar Association (ABA) mandated learning outcomes
- Fall Start (August) and Spring Start (January) options

washburnlaw.edu/springstart
washburnlaw.edu/fasttrack
LL.M. in Global Legal Studies
A Degree in American Law for Foreign Lawyers

- The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Global Legal Studies is for prospective students with a foreign law degree
- Prepares students to succeed in a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) program, sit for a U.S. bar exam, or deal with U.S. attorneys and interests in the international market

washburnlaw.edu/llm
Dual Degree Programs

- Four dual degree programs offer solutions for careers requiring multiple perspectives and academic convergence
- Combined study allows you to complete dual degrees with fewer hours than if the degrees were pursued separately
- Students must apply to and be accepted by both programs

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DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS

- J.D./M.Acc
  Master of Accountancy
- J.D./M.B.A.
  Master of Business Administration
- J.D./M.C.J.
  Master of Criminal Justice
- J.D./M.S.W.
  Master of Social Work
• The Master of Studies of Law (M.S.L.) requires only 30 credit hours to complete
• Designed for professionals who will benefit from a background in legal education but who do not require the broad training of the Juris Doctor degree and do not plan to practice law
• Enhances careers in: business, children and family services, criminal justice, environmental studies, government and policy, healthcare, human resources, oil and gas, and tribal outreach

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Success From the Start

First Year Program

• Learn from each other and build skills needed for the collaborative work of modern law practice
• The intensive Academic Support Program introduces you to the skills and processes needed to succeed in law school, including how to read and brief cases, take notes, create outlines, and answer exam questions
• Our Opportunity Fair provides information about Washburn University, Washburn Law, and organizations law students can join

washburnlaw.edu/firstyear

Our first-year students are offered a meaningful mentoring experience in which they are paired with a practicing lawyer to create connections within the community and discuss career-related issues.
Upper-Level Curriculum

Fine Tune Your Legal Education

• Pursue a Certificate Program or design an independent study program to concentrate your studies on a specific area of law

• The Pro Bono Program gives you the opportunity to gain legal experience, interact with legal professionals, and serve the community

• Earn a spot on the Washburn Law Journal, editing the work of legal scholars and providing your own contributions

• Participate in moot court, trial advocacy, negotiation, and client counseling competitions

• Attend Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs for free

washburnlaw.edu/upperlevel
Certificate Programs

Distinguish Yourself by Specializing in a Field of Study

Advocacy
Gain the advocacy skills necessary to become a highly competent trial lawyer and represent clients in both civil and criminal contexts.

Business and Transactional Law
Receive the scholarly training, technical writing skills, and business-focused acumen required to prepare you to serve clients as a transactional lawyer.

Estate Planning
Learn how to develop estate plans and effectively represent clients in end-of-life planning.

Family Law
Gain the scholarly background and practical experience needed to represent children and other family members in adoption, custody, divorce, domestic violence, juvenile, and related cases.

International and Comparative Law
Expand your knowledge in international law and foreign legal systems to prepare to work with global businesses and corporate entities.
Law and Government
Develop the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary for a career in law, government, and public policy. In 2018, Washburn Law was ranked third in the nation for Government Law by preLaw magazine.

Oil and Gas Law
Prepare to resolve business problems faced by today’s oil and gas industry, including international and domestic client needs.

Natural Resources Law
Develop a working knowledge of environmental regulation and the legal implications of natural resource planning to work in the oil and gas industry or various agricultural sectors.

Tax Law
Receive the tax law practice experience necessary to represent corporations or qualify for the top tax LL.M. programs in the country.

Workplace Law
Prepare to handle labor and employment law issues, including collective bargaining, employment discrimination, employee benefits law, and more.

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Our Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing (LARW) Program helps you develop writing, analysis, and oral argument skills through individualized feedback and supervised rewriting.

Alan Vester, ’18, (pictured) was named co-winner of the national Judge John R. Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing, earning a $10,000 scholarship.

washburnlaw.edu/larw

“...At Washburn Law, students receive the faculty attention that other law schools don’t offer. That one-on-one time really helps develop us into high-caliber writers.”

- Alan Vester, ’18
The Law Library offers spaces for quiet study and group collaboration, as well as areas to gather and socialize.

Our legal research collection includes print resources for scholarly research and a comprehensive digital legal materials collection.

Library staff can help with research and technology needs, which includes training on library resources, consultation on larger projects, in-depth research classes, and tech support for student laptops and tablets.

We provide high-speed WiFi and charging stations; videoconferencing for lectures, interviews, and meetings; and WashLaw, a premier legal research portal.
Centers for Excellence

Focused Study of Law

- Centers focus on a specific area of law to give you a thorough understanding of that practice area
- They offer advanced research and legal education programs, serving as valuable resources for local, state, and national legal communities
- Centers develop a variety of programs and activities within their respective areas that allow students to collaborate with faculty members, experienced alumni, and other professionals

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CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE

Business and Transactional Law Center
Center for Excellence in Advocacy
Children and Family Law Center
International and Comparative Law Center
Oil and Gas Law Center
Robert J. Dole Center for Law and Government
Study Abroad

Develop Cross-Cultural Skills for Law Practice

Summer Study Abroad Program in Barbados:
Learn about the U.S. legal system through comparative study of the Caribbean system along with students from the University of the West Indies, in courses taught by law faculty from both universities.

Summer Study Abroad Program in Osaka:
Explore how rights are enshrined, interpreted, and enforced in different constitutional systems, with an emphasis on systems of the United States, Canada, Japan, and the European Union. Study alongside students from the University of Osaka, Japan, in classes taught by law faculty from both universities.

Independent Study Abroad Program at Maastricht University in the Netherlands:
Study international and comparative law offered by our partner university in the Netherlands.

Whenever I have an interview, I find myself being asked about Barbados. It’s a rare program that makes me stand out among other job candidates because I can talk about the cultural experience rather than just academics.

- Keegan McElroy, 3L
(Pictured, far right)
Military Service
Welcoming Environment for Veterans and Active Duty

• The veteran community at Washburn Law includes students, faculty, and staff (pictured, Brian Kong, 2L)
• Active duty and military veterans may qualify for in-state tuition
• Summer Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) internships are available after your second year
• Participate in veterans legal assistance programming through the Washburn Law Clinic, which offers assistance with wills, estate planning, durable powers of attorney, and expungements of arrests/convictions for military service members, veterans, and their families
• Veterans’ Legal Association of Washburn (VLAW) is a student organization that offers support and guidance for student veterans and their families; and addresses military, veteran, and law-enforcement issues in the community

washburnlaw.edu/yellowribbon
Agricultural Law Program

Represent Farming, Ranching, and Agribusiness Communities

- Curricula includes agricultural law, farm and ranch taxation, water law, environmental law, administrative law, estate and family law, oil and gas law, mining law, renewable energy law, and real estate transactions

- Washburn Law is dedicated to ensuring the availability of legal representation in rural Kansas through the Rural Legal Practice Initiative partnership with Kansas State University

- Externships, internships, and research assistant positions available, as well as free attendance to relevant Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

washburnlaw.edu/agriculture

Students in the Rural Law Program may receive an immersive externship experience in one of the 26 counties the Hansen Foundation serves in northwest Kansas. The foundation provides a stipend for student living expenses.
The Washburn Law Clinic helps students develop their lawyering skills while providing critical legal services to clients who cannot afford to hire private attorneys. With the support of professors who are practicing attorneys, clinic students are lead counsel in their cases.

- **Civil Clinic** - Represent clients in general civil cases including consumer, landlord/tenant, public benefits, and estate planning
- **Criminal Appellate Advocacy Clinic** - Write felony criminal appeal briefs in connection with the Kansas Appellate Defender's Office
- **Criminal Defense and Tribal Court Clinic** - Represent indigent defendants charged in state, municipal, and tribal courts with criminal offenses ranging from misdemeanors to felonies
- **Family Justice and Immigration Clinic** - Represent parents, children, and victims of abuse in a variety of family and immigration law matters
- **Small Business and Nonprofit Transactional Clinic** - Provide transactional representation for small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Topeka and surrounding areas
Clinic students engage in community outreach programs every semester, including DACA renewal events, veterans legal assistance, and CLEs for local attorneys.

Clinic interns work on real, meaningful cases, including recently helping to secure an $8 million judgment on behalf of a survivor of human trafficking — the largest single-plaintiff trafficking award in American history.

Through the Law Clinic, I was able to help clients navigate the legal system and educate them on legal issues. Not only did we handle our own cases from beginning to end, but we were also highly encouraged to make a difference in our community by getting involved with current legal issues.

- Edna Reyes, ’17

(not pictured)
Professional Development

Study Here, Work Anywhere

Our Professional Development Office (PDO) helps you assess your goals, explore the many opportunities a legal education provides, and assists you in making the transition to a professional career. Services are available to both current students and alumni.

- Individual and group career planning sessions; workshops on résumé writing, job search strategies, and other career-related topics; interview skills training; information on career fairs and clerkship programs
- Panel discussions of career choices in the public and private sectors
- Extensive career research library
- Free Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

"Washburn Law externships gave me a chance to demonstrate my legal analysis and writing skills, which played a large role in me ultimately obtaining a federal clerkship."

- Jennifer Salva, 3L (pictured)
Law firms – big, small, and solo
• Corporations
• Nonprofits
• Federal and state courts
• Government
• Educational institutions

Representatives from law firms, corporations, government agencies, and public interest organizations visit our campus to interview law students for permanent positions and summer clerkships.

PDO lists hundreds of legal positions online, including part-time positions for students at:

- Law firms – big, small, and solo
- Corporations
- Nonprofits
- Federal and state courts
- Government
- Educational institutions

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Graduate Employment Statistics
Class of 2019 (102 graduates, all known status)

90.2% Employed (92)
7.8% Seeking (8)
2.0% Enrolled in LL.M. Program (2)

52.2% Private practice (48)
23.9% Government (22)
12.0% Business or Industry (11)
6.5% Public Interest* (6)
5.4% Judicial Clerkship (5)

Overall employed: 90.2%

Bar pass required (85)
Full-time/long-term bar required: 82.4%
J.D. advantage (4)
Full-time/long-term J.D. advantage: 1.0%
Other (3)

83.3%

Employment Categories: Percentages are calculated by dividing the number of graduates in each category by the total number of employed graduates. For a detailed breakdown of all graduate employment outcomes, see the Official ABA Employment Summaries: washburnlaw.edu/career/statistics.

Class of 2019 information includes full- and part-time, short- and long-term employment, and excludes graduates for whom employment status was unknown at the time of reporting. Employment Statistics: Percentages are calculated by dividing the number of students in each category by the total number of students whose employment status is known. Employment Categories: Percentages are calculated by dividing the number of graduates in each category by the total number of employed graduates. For a detailed breakdown of all graduate employment outcomes, see the Official ABA Employment Summaries: washburnlaw.edu/career/statistics.
At Washburn Law, preparation for the bar exam begins during the first week of classes and continues through passage of the exam.

Our free Bar Pass Program offers workshops, a bar exam website, and individual counseling from enthusiastic and dedicated Academic Support staff.

The Bar Pass Program supplements and complements commercial bar preparation courses by offering a more tailored and individualized approach to a student’s bar preparation than is possible with a commercial bar review course.

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Externship Opportunities

Each year, the Externship Director conducts one-on-one meetings with students to develop new externship opportunities based on their individual interests.

- Banking Entities and Corporations
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Internal Revenue Service
- Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Kansas Corporation Commission
- Kansas Court of Tax Appeals
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Bankers Association
- League of Kansas Municipalities
- Non-profit Organizations
- Regional Federal Agencies
- State and Federal Courts

*List is not exhaustive and is subject to change.

washburnlaw.edu/externships
A Valuable Education

Best Value Law School — preLaw magazine

- Washburn Law is the most affordable law school in Kansas
- We distribute more than $3.2 million in scholarships annually
- About 60 percent of our entering students receive scholarships, with 25 to 35 percent of entering students receiving nearly full resident tuition scholarships
- Residents of Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas qualify for in-state tuition
- Active duty and veteran military with an honorable discharge may qualify for in-state tuition

washburnlaw.edu/costs
washburn.edu/financial-aid
Faculty
Renowned Scholars Who Put Students First

- Washburn Law faculty are nationally recognized for their teaching talents and commitment to student success
- Faculty take an active role in assisting students with networking and career planning
- They author books, casebooks, reference-book entries, and blogs; present internationally; contribute articles to nationally recognized law reviews and news outlets; lead professional organizations; provide legal and foreign affairs commentary; and speak to the media as legal experts
- Washburn Law co-sponsors the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, which provides law teachers with faculty development opportunities to support the highest academic standards and help prepare students to be effective and ethical attorneys

washburnlaw.edu/faculty
More than 7,300 current alumni are proud to call Washburn Law their alma mater.

Notable alumni include:
- Former U.S. Senator Robert “Bob” Dole ’52
- First female Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Kay McFarland, ’64
- First African-American Federal Administrative Law Judge Paul Brady, ’56
- Current Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Moritz, ’85 (pictured)
Where Washburn Law Alumni Reside in the United States

30 Alumni in 14 Other Countries and U.S. Territories:
American Samoa, Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Grenada, Guam, Iceland, North Korea, Netherlands, Philippines, South Korea, and Virgin Islands.

*As of July 2020
Student Life
Join the Washburn Law Family

• You will love Washburn Law’s caring and inclusive environment where students, faculty, staff, and alumni work together, study together, socialize, and develop life-long relationships.

• Washburn Law students lead and participate in more than 25 organizations, from practice-area specific, political, and cultural groups to athletic and religious organizations.

• Our students give back to the Topeka community by sponsoring or participating in numerous charitable events, including Bar Revue, Barristers’ Ball, Blue Tie Gala, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic.

• Washburn University hosts cultural and athletic events throughout the year.

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“At Washburn Law, the students encourage each other. We aren’t always competing, like students at other law schools. And, the faculty, staff, and administration all provide a perfect balance between academic and personal student support.”

- Rebecca Schmidtlein, 2L
(Pictured opposite page, “Giving Tree” photo, left side)
The Capital Experience

#9 Most Affordable Metro, 2018 - Realtor.com

- The Kansas Judicial Center, State Capitol, and state offices are minutes from the law school, offering ample opportunities to work with community and state leaders
- Low cost of living with readily available and affordable housing
- Local galleries and performing arts venues, First Friday Art Walks, ethnic festivals, Huff-n-Puff Balloon Rally, Topeka Orchestra performances, food truck festivals, Pride parade, and more
- Topeka Pilots (men’s hockey) and Capital City Crushers (women’s roller derby), golf courses, skate parks, Heartland Motorsports Park races
- More than a dozen public parks and 50 miles of hiking/walking/biking trails throughout the city
- Family-friendly attractions: Topeka Zoological Park; Kansas Children’s Discovery Center; Kansas Museum of History; and museums dedicated to trains, motorcycles, and military aircraft
- Short drive times to other major Kansas cities
Heartland Highlights

So Much to Do in Eastern Kansas Metros

Kansas City
Kansas City Royals (MLB), Kansas City Chiefs (NFL), Sporting Kansas City (MLS), Kansas City Zoo, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Sea Life Aquarium, American Jazz Museum, art museums

Lawrence
KU Jayhawks sporting events, historic Mass Street shopping and dining, Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum, Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence Busker Festival

Wichita
Wichita State University Shockers sporting events, historic Orpheum Theatre, Museum of World Treasures, Great Plains Nature Center, Botanica: Wichita Gardens; Old Cowtown Museum

Manhattan
K-State Wildcats sporting events, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Sunset Zoo, Konza Prairie Biological Station, Tuttle Creek State Park, Kistler Museum of Art, music festivals

travelKS.com
If you are interested in law school, you owe it to yourself to visit Washburn University School of Law.

Here’s what you can look forward to during your personal visit:

• Attend class(es) and sit in on a lunch session or special event
• Meet with an admissions representative, law professor(s), and current student(s)
• Tour the law school and the Washburn Law Clinic

SCHEDULE A VISIT
Washburn Law Admissions
785.670.1185
admissions@washburnlaw.edu

washburnlaw.edu/visitus
washburnlaw.edu/apply
Finding the perfect learning institution can be a daunting task for anyone, let alone most prospective law students. From the moment I first arrived at Washburn Law, I had zero doubts about my selection. Washburn Law is truly a school for the students.

- Don Fahrny, '18

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
It is the policy of Washburn University School of Law to assure equal educational and employment opportunity to qualified individuals with or without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, sexual orientation/gender identity, or marital or parental status. Equal educational opportunity includes, but is not limited to, admission, recruitment, extracurricular programs and activities, housing, facilities use, access to course offerings, counseling and testing, financial aid, health services, and employment. Responsibility for monitoring and implementing this policy is delegated to the Equal Opportunity Director, Washburn University, 200K Morgan Hall, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621, 785.670.1509. All personnel share in the specific activities necessary to achieve these goals.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP
Washburn Law was admitted as a member of the Association of American Law Schools in 1905. The American Bar Association included Washburn University School of Law on its first list of accredited law schools in 1923.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Washburn University School of Law provides reasonable accommodations for students who are qualified individuals with disabilities. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Joseph Mastrosimone serves as the disability services officer for Washburn University School of Law. He can be contacted at Washburn Law, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621, 785.670.1662. Students requiring disability accommodations are advised to contact Associate Dean Mastrosimone within a reasonable time prior to the date services will be needed.

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