



FACT SHEET

Western State University College of Law

School Description

Western State University College of Law was founded in 1966 and is the oldest law school in Orange County with more than 10,000 alumni. Nearly 25% of the judges and commissioners on the bench in Orange County are graduates of the school. Located in the heart of Southern California, Western State University offers both full- and part-time programs, taught by a dedicated and highly motivated faculty who serve as scholars and mentors both inside and outside of the classroom.

Dean

William E. Adams, Jr.

Programs Offered at Western State University College of Law

Western State University College of Law offers both a full-time and a part-time program of instruction. The full-time program, which accepts entering students each August, is normally completed within three years. The part-time program, which accepts entering students both in August (day or evening) and in January (evening only), is normally completed within four years. The part-time program makes it possible for a student to continue at his or her job while going to law school.

Faculty Profile

Western State University College of Law's faculty consists of 23 full-time professors and 34 adjunct professors. The full-time faculty are well qualified and experienced. All have their J.D. degree, and many have advanced degrees in law or other disciplines. Many also have extensive experience in the practice of law. A number of the adjunct faculty are sitting judges or lawyers in practice and with extensive experience.

Student Profile

Western State University College of Law's student body is diverse and reflects the law school's mission to serve the community.

Academic Emphasis

Western State University College of Law's combination of traditional legal doctrine, skills training, and leading educational methodology offers a legal education unlike any other. The Criminal Law Practice Center, Legal Clinic, and Trial Skills Training Program are just a few of the innovative opportunities available to students. The unique teaching approach combines traditional classroom studies with computer technology and Internet-based educational forums to help students learn more efficiently and effectively.

Accreditation

Western State University College of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association. For information, contact American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654 or call (312) 988-6738.

Western State University College of Law is accredited by the Senior Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) (985 Atlantic Avenue, Ste. 100, Alameda, CA, 94501 or 1-510-748-9001).

Western State University College of Law is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California (CBE). (180 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94105 or (415) 538-2303).

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