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College of Law — Juris Doctor (JD) Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to take the LSAT exam?

Yes. You must take the LSAT exam in order to be considered for admissions. If your LSAT score is more than five years old, you will have to re-take the exam. The LSAT is offered four times a year — generally in October, December, February and June. For more information about test dates and registration, go to www.lsac.org. You are encouraged to submit your application while awaiting LSAT score results (which will be provided directly to the College of Law).

What LSAT score do I need to be accepted into the College of Law?

The LSAT is an important criteria for admission; however, the Admission Committee for the College of Law does look at all accomplishments of an applicant in making its decision. If you re-take the exam, we will take the highest score received.

How much does it cost to apply to the College of Law?

The nonrefundable application fee is \$90. However, if you attend a College of Law Open House, your application fee will be waived. Visit www.jfku.edu or call 800.696.5358 for information about upcoming Open House events.

When is the application deadline?

The priority application deadline for fall admission is **May 15** and the final deadline is **July 15**.

How much does it cost to attend JFK University College of Law?

For Academic Year 2011-12, the tuition for students attending JFK University College of Law is \$800 per unit. The Juris Doctor program requires a total of 84 units for graduation, bringing the total tuition to \$67,200 based on the \$800 per unit cost. Full-time students take between 12 and 15 units per semester while part-time students generally take between 9-11 units per semester. In addition, there are additional fees each year for exam costs, student activities and technology that total \$405.

Do you offer financial aid?

Yes. The Financial Aid Office at JFK University provides financial assistance in the form of loans and scholarships. Aid is intended to help students who, because of limited resources, would otherwise be unable to attend school, or who, with the aid, are able to take additional courses and graduate at an earlier date. The philosophy underlying administration of federally funded financial aid places primary responsibility for meeting educational costs on students and their families. As a result, most financial aid is available only to help fill the gap between a student's or family's expected contribution and a student's educational expenses.

Students considering applying for financial aid are urged to contact the Financial Aid Office as eligibility for financial aid programs is very individualized. Basic eligibility requirements include half-time enrollment and enrollment must be in an eligible program. In addition, no prior student loans may be in default status.

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There also are a limited number of generous scholarships to entering students based on their LSAT score and undergraduate GPA. For more information on financial aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 925.969.3385.

Are there day and evening classes?

Yes. Students can enroll in either daytime or evening classes. The College of Law offers both Full-time and Part-time programs. The full-time program allows students to complete the J.D. in three (3) years and part-time allows students to complete the degree in four (4) years. Full- and part-time students may take their courses during the day or evening.

What clinical and internship opportunities does the College of Law provide?

The College of Law offers clinical opportunities to second-, third-, and fourth-year students. The Legal Clinic for Elders and the Housing Advocacy Clinic provide unique, rewarding, and practical legal experience by offering pro bono services to elderly victims of financial abuse and to low-income individuals facing eviction or landlord-tenant litigation. Students are certified through The State Bar of California to appear in court under the supervision of a practicing attorney.

The College of Law also assists students in obtaining internships in many areas of the law, including private law firms, public and governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and public interest groups.

What is the difference between accreditation by The State Bar of California and the American Bar Association?

JFK University College of Law is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California. Accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners permits graduates of John F. Kennedy University College of Law to take the California Bar Examination upon graduation and, when the graduate passes that examination and complies with all other admission requirements, to practice law anywhere in California, in both State and federal courts.

As the College of Law is not approved by the American Bar Association, study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination in other states or jurisdictions or satisfy the requirements to practice law in other states or jurisdictions. If a student intends to seek admission to practice law in a state or jurisdiction other than California, the student should contact the admitting authority in that state or jurisdiction for information regarding the legal education requirements.

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