Welcome to Oregon Law!

This Enrollment Policies memo contains information about your seat deposit deadline as well as other important information designed to ensure your smooth transition to the University of Oregon School of Law this fall. Please contact us if you have any questions: lawadmissions@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-3846. Congratulations, again, and, as always, “Go Ducks.”

SEAT DEPOSIT DEADLINE

To reserve your seat in the Oregon Law Class of 2020, you must submit a $600.00 seat deposit. ($500.00 of the deposit will be applied to your student account. $100.00 is the Admissions Acceptance Fee.) You can make two payments: $300.00 by April 1, 2017, and $300.00 by June 1, 2017. If you are admitted after April 1, your first seat deposit will be due May 1; the second, June 1. If you are admitted after May 1, submit one deposit of $600.00 by June 1. No part of the seat deposit is refundable. Submit the deposit at https://law.uoregon.edu/admitdeposit/ using a credit card. Please make a note of your seat deposit deadline(s). Miss a deadline; forfeit your seat!

1L FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Oregon Law offers a unique 1L Fellowship Program. Consider applying. Fellows enjoy the benefit of early exposure to areas such as environmental and natural resources law, business law, family law, criminal law, appropriate dispute resolution, public law and policy, international law, and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. The ideal Fellow presents a strong academic record and has experience in a specific area of the law. Fellowships may include the opportunity to do research with a faculty member and/or assist with program initiatives such as conferences and symposia. Fellows receive an annual stipend of $4,250.00 and your commitment to a fellowship requires about eight to 10 hours a month. (The stipend is applied towards your tuition. The stipend may be applied to other education-related expenses, should your tuition be fully covered by a scholarship.) If you are chosen as a 1L Fellow, you are notified in a separate letter from the appropriate Center or Program. Learn more here: https://law.uoregon.edu/explore/1L-fellowships

FINANCIAL AID

All students admitted to the School of Law are automatically considered by the Admissions Committee for scholarships. Please note that University of Oregon financial aid policies permit the use of scholarships for tuition reduction only and are not applied toward any University fees.

To apply for other forms of financial aid, such as federal and/or private loans, you must complete the Free Application for Financial Aid (“FAFSA”), available at fafsa.gov. Be sure you designate the “University of Oregon,” (FAFSA school code: #003223) as a recipient. Please submit your FAFSA by February 1, 2017.

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (“Financial Aid”) processes financial aid for all students at the University of Oregon, including law students. Financial aid award letters, which will describe what aid will be available to you, begin to be mailed to students in March. When you receive your award letter, follow the directions to formally accept your financial aid. If you do not formally accept your financial aid, you will forfeit it.

If you have questions regarding scholarships and fellowships awarded by the School of Law, please contact the Oregon Law Admissions Office, (541) 346-3846 or lawadmissions@uoregon.edu
If you have questions about scholarships awarded by the University, federal financial aid, or private loan programs, please contact Financial Aid: (541) 346-3221 or on-line at https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/contact. The Financial Aid Office is located in Oregon Hall 260. Always identify yourself as a law student when contacting Financial Aid.

**TUITION**

Current tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year is $32,476 for Oregon residents. Tuition for non-residents is currently $40,396. Students are assessed mandatory University fees in addition to tuition. An increase in tuition for 2017-2018 is anticipated. Historically, law school tuition has increased annually by 3%. For details about current School of Law tuition and University fees, visit https://registrar.uoregon.edu/costs/tuition-fees.

**FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT**

If you have not sent a copy of your final undergraduate transcript to the Law School Admission Council (“LSAC”), please do so, as soon as possible. A final transcript is the transcript sent by the undergraduate institution from which you graduated and it confirms the type of bachelor’s degree you were awarded and the date that the degree was awarded. The final transcript is required as a part of the American Bar Association (“ABA”) law student certification process. Please ensure that your transcript is received by LSAC by July 1, 2017.

**ORIENTATION**

1L students are **required** to attend Orientation, planned for the week of August 14, 2017. The Orientation schedule will be sent in June from our Student Affairs Office. Orientation is a comprehensive introduction to the School of Law. As a 1L, you will learn about all the components of the law school experience that will be critical to your success: professors, institutional policies and procedures, academic standards, administrators, alumni, and meet new and returning students. The first meeting of “Legal Research and Writing” also takes place during Orientation. The first day of class is Monday, August 21, 2017.

**RESIDENCY**

Visit https://admissions.uoregon.edu/freshmen/residency/rules if you have questions regarding Oregon residency status. If you wish to pursue a claim of residency, you must submit a “residency affidavit” document. A link to that document is contained on the residency Web page. If you are the recipient of a scholarship and a change in your residency status entitles you to pay tuition at state resident rates, your scholarship will be adjusted. The adjustment will be the difference between non-resident and resident tuition.

**VETERANS**

Information about resources and benefits for US military veterans is at https://admissions.uoregon.edu/veterans. The University is a “Yellow Ribbon” institution and hosts the “Veterans and Family Student Association,” as well as, the “Veteran Friendly Listener Program.” Non-resident veteran law students may qualify for Oregon residency for tuition purposes. For more information, contact veterans@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-3119.

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING**

As part of a large, public research institution, the University of Oregon community includes many graduate and professional school students, their spouses, partners, and children. As an incoming law student, you can apply to live in University-owned apartments and houses. For information, visit http://housing.uoregon.edu/apartments

**2020 FACEBOOK GROUP**

Join the Oregon Law Class of 2020 Facebook Group. This closed group is a great resource for incoming 1Ls. Rental housing information, roommate searches, social events, and helpful recommendations from current students are posted to this Facebook Group. Please request to join. You can find the link to this group on our admitted students webpage: https://law.uoregon.edu/explore/admitted-students
CONDUCT, CHARACTER, AND FITNESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

The University of Oregon School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA). ABA Standard 504 states: “A law school shall advise each applicant that there are character and fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar and encourage the applicant, prior to matriculation, to determine what those requirements are in the state(s) in which the applicant intends to practice the law.” To discuss bar membership requirements, contact the Oregon State Bar: (503) 622-0222 or visit osbar.org. If you do not plan to practice in Oregon, contact the jurisdiction in which you intend to practice. Completion of a JD program does not guarantee bar admission.

Students are expected to maintain high standards of professionalism in regards interactions both in and out of the classroom while enrolled at Oregon Law. The School of Law will be asked to comment on your fitness to practice law by the state bar admissions offices to which you apply. Some jurisdictions require a review of your law school application as a part of its review for state bar membership. To meet ABA Standard 504, your application to Oregon Law included several questions regarding your personal, professional, and academic conduct. If your responses to these questions have changed or if any part of your application has changed since you were admitted to the School of Law, immediately contact the Admissions Office. You will be notified if further action is required.

At the University of Oregon, the “University of Oregon Student Conduct Code,” “School of Law Exam Regulations and Procedures,” and “Library Regulations” comprise the Honor Code for law students. By including the Code in “The Holding,” the law student handbook, Oregon Law calls to the special attention of its students, the standards of conduct to which all University of Oregon students, including law students, are expected to adhere. The Code and detailed information about student conduct and community standards is at studentlife.uoregon.edu, the Dean of Students website for the University of Oregon. Please familiarize yourself with the Code. You are responsible for adhering to all its provisions.

PERSONALIZED VISIT

Let us know if you would like to visit the School of Law before Orientation begins on August 14. You can tour the William W. Knight Law Center with a current student. We can arrange for you to sit in on a 1L class and meet one of our professors. If you are a first-time visitor to Eugene, we can also recommend places to stay, places to eat, and things to do. Contact the Law Admissions Office, lawadmissions@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-3846, to arrange for your personalized visit. The physical address of the William W. Knight Law Center is 1515 Agate Street on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. If you will be driving, let us know ahead of time, and we can provide you with a free visitor parking permit. If you have an interest in connecting with our 3L Portland Program, please also call the Admissions Office in Eugene.

DEFERRING THE OFFER OF ADMISSION

On occasion, personal circumstances may dictate that a student defer admission. The Admissions Committee considers requests for a one-year deferment of admission on a case-by-case basis. You must submit a letter explaining the reason for a deferment to the Admissions Committee. Please submit the entire non-refundable $600.00 seat deposit with your deferment request. If your request is approved, your seat deposit will be processed immediately and applied to Fall 2018 (Class of 2021). If it is not, your deposit will be returned to you.

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STAY IN CONTACT WITH US!
We use email to remind you about deadlines, requirements, and special events. Please notify the Admissions Office when any of your contact information changes. Don’t hesitate to ask us if you have a question.

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