

# *South* CAROLINA



UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

School of Law







Hanging in South Carolina Law's grand lobby is Dale Chihuly's Burnished Bronze and Garnet Chandelier, 2017, 11.5' x 10.5' x 9.5'.

**633**  
students  
enrolled in  
the full-time  
J.D. program

## Putting Passion into Practice The Academic Program

The Juris Doctor (J.D.) program is a three-year, full-time program requiring 90 credits to earn the degree.

**THE FIRST YEAR** First-year courses cover basic legal principles and prepare you for the more specialized courses you'll take your second and third years. First-year courses are:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Torts
- Introduction to the Legal Profession
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing

**UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVES** At South Carolina Law, you can follow your passion or find a new one by choosing from more than 100 upper-level electives in areas including Business and Commercial Law, Children and Family Law, Environmental Law, Health Law, Intellectual Property, International and Comparative Law, Labor and Employment Law, Litigation, Probate and Estate Planning, Real Estate Law, Sports & Entertainment Law, Taxation, and Emerging Technologies Law.



Macaulay Morrison (center), a 2018 Children's Law Concentration alumna, discusses strategy with Children's Law Center director Michelle Dhunjishah (left) and senior resource attorney Amanda Adler (right) before a legislative hearing.

## Faculty

With more than 50 full-time and approximately 35 adjunct professors (including judges and practicing attorneys) bringing their expertise into your classroom, you will be familiar with the most significant legal issues of the day.

## Experiential Learning

You will “learn by doing” through a variety of experiential learning opportunities.

**CLINICS** South Carolina Law's client-contact clinics offer 2Ls and 3Ls practical experience representing actual clients under the supervision of full-time faculty. Clinics include:

- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership (CHAMPS)
- Criminal Practice
- Domestic Violence
- Education Rights
- Environmental Law
- Juvenile Justice
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Veterans Law



**EXTERNSHIPS** Through externships at federal and state agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, as well as in corporate legal offices, legislative committees, and federal and state courts, you can gain legal experience, academic credit, and develop valuable professional connections while closely observing the work of attorneys in those settings. Externship opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Administrative Law
- Children's Law
- Criminal Law
- In-House Counsel
- Judicial
- Legislative



**CAPSTONES** In Capstone courses such as Federal Criminal Practice, Small Business Organizations, Civil Litigation, and Real Estate Transactions, you will apply your skills working with lawyers, judges, professors, and peers in a simulated practice environment.

**SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST INTERNSHIPS** Thanks to our paid summer internship programs, you can apply to work with organizations that provide access-to-justice assistance to members of the public who are not otherwise able to obtain legal assistance.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM** South Carolina Law is home to the first 100 percent voluntary Pro Bono Program and offers more than 20 service projects. Beginning your first year, the program helps you strengthen professional skills and build contacts, while giving back. Because it's voluntary, the program emphasizes that a willingness to provide *pro bono* services should be an inherent part of a lawyer's professional identity.

## Dual-Degree Programs

Enhance your degree by choosing from 12 dual-degree programs that tap the expertise in place at the University of South Carolina, including the highly-ranked International MBA program at the Darla Moore School of Business and the nationally-recognized environmental program at Vermont Law School. Combine your J.D. with a masters in:

- Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Earth and Environmental Resources Management
- Economics
- Health Administration
- Human Resources
- International Business Administration
- Public Administration
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law and Policy (from Vermont Law)
- Mass Communication
- Social Work



The Judge Karen J. Williams Courtroom is a functioning courtroom that is used for mock trial and moot court competitions, as well as actual court hearings.



Group study rooms throughout the building are equipped with technology and feature dry-erase walls.

## The University of South Carolina School of Law

is located at the heart of the state capital and anchors Columbia's legal corridor, where legal education, government, and private practice converge. Since 1867, the school has shaped the careers of generations of attorneys, and our alumni network extends across the nation and the world. Now in a brand new building, South Carolina Law will shape the next generation through its experiential learning opportunities, state-of-the-art technology, and faculty-led research in emerging areas of law.





The courtyard provides outdoor student space adjacent to the Nelson Mullins Student Commons and the Counselor's Café.

## Collaborations and Partnerships

As a South Carolina Law student, you can choose from an array of programs designed to complement your formal classroom learning, build skills, and enhance competencies that will advance your career.

**THE UNIVERSITY'S RULE OF LAW COLLABORATIVE** works with national and international organizations to strengthen the rule of law around the world. Selected students participate directly in the work of the collaborative.

**THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER** offers classes, research opportunities, and training for students, practitioners, policy makers, and others involved in the safety and well-being of children. You can receive hands-on experience through the activities of the center.

**THE NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH CENTER ON PROFESSIONALISM** enriches student experiences through mentoring, research, and events that promote professionalism, civic leadership, and public service in the practice of law.

**THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER**, the training facility for the U.S. Department of Justice on our campus, offers students access to experts on national legal issues.

Through the **GRAD GRANTS PROGRAM**, admitted students may be matched with law faculty for research assistantships in their 2L and 3L years, providing financial assistance and the chance to work closely with faculty in their areas of interest.

## Preparation for Practice

**UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION** More than two-thirds of states in the U.S., including South Carolina, have adopted the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE). The UBE is a uniformly administered and graded bar examination with a portable score that can be used to apply for bar admission in other participating UBE states or jurisdictions. The UBE is designed to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should be able to demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. For more information about bar examinations, visit the National Conference of Bar Examiners' website or contact the bar admission agency in the state where you expect to practice.

### JOURNALS

Join one of four student-edited scholarly journals:

*South Carolina Law Review*

*American Bar Association Real Property,*

*Trust & Estate Law Journal*

*South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business*

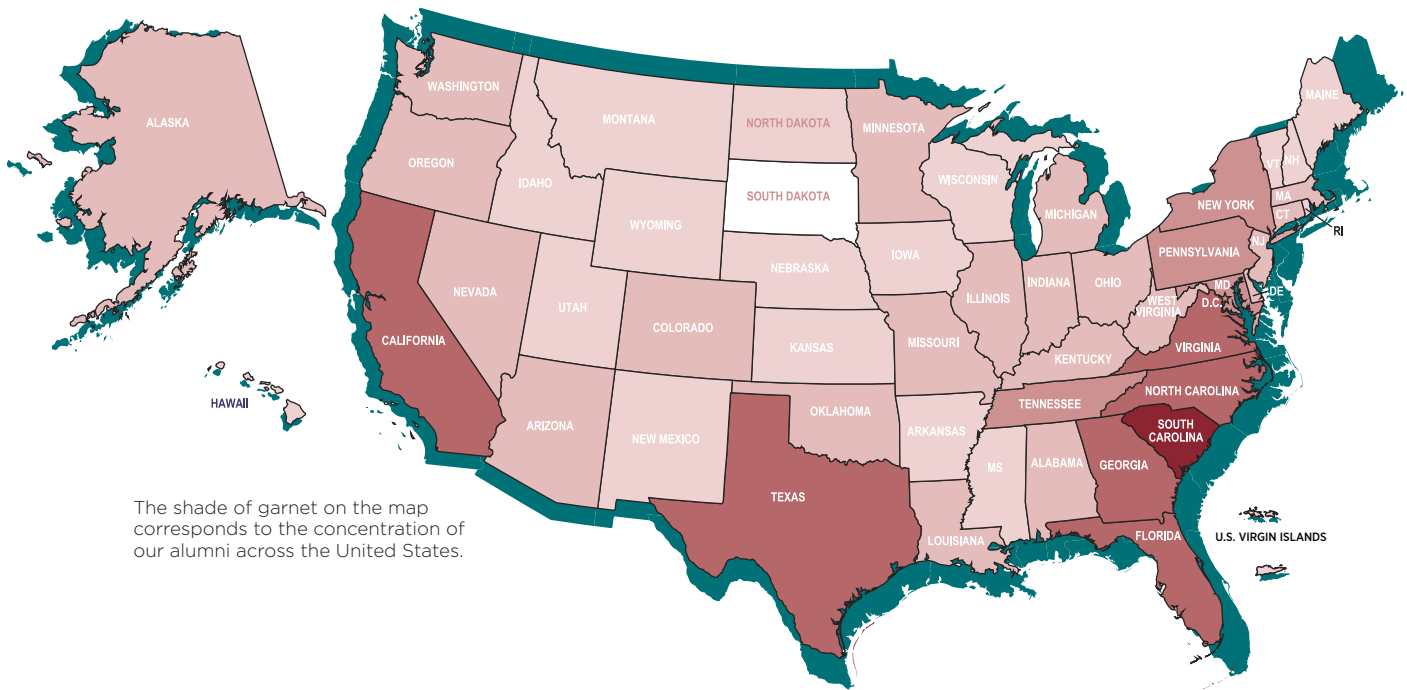
*Journal of Law & Education*

**MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL** Strong moot court and mock trial programs provide opportunities to perfect your oral advocacy skills in either an appellate or trial setting at both regional and national competitions.

**LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** Strengthen your interpersonal and leadership skills and connect with like-minded members of the law and university communities by exploring the 25+ student groups at South Carolina Law.

## Alumni Connections

More than 11,000 South Carolina Law alumni are everywhere in South Carolina, and can be found anywhere from New York City to Anchorage, Alaska, and from Europe to Asia. Most importantly, they are mentors and employers of South Carolina Law students and graduates.



**With South Carolina Law's more than 154-year legacy, a new home in 2017, and a powerful, global alumni network, you can be confident that we aren't going anywhere but forward, and that your South Carolina Law degree can take you anywhere.**

### Apply for Admission to South Carolina Law

To begin your application, review our admission requirements and detailed instructions at [law.sc.edu](http://law.sc.edu). Create your account at the Law School Admission Council's website, [lsac.org](http://lsac.org), take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) or submit your scores on the GRE or GMAT, and sign up for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS). If you need an application fee waiver to apply to South Carolina Law, please contact the Admissions Office.

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities on the basis of race, sex, gender, gender identity, transgender status, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, genetics, protected veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

### Connect with Us Want to learn more?

- **Call the Admissions Office at (803) 777-6605** to speak with an admissions representative or a student ambassador, set up a visit, take a tour, or request scholarship information.
- **Explore our website at [law.sc.edu](http://law.sc.edu)**
  - Check out the virtual tour and video viewbook.
  - Read detailed information about the admissions process and our academic programs.
  - Visit [law.sc.edu/connect](http://law.sc.edu/connect) to learn about events on your campus or ours.







## USC and Columbia

While Columbia is one of the largest cities in South Carolina, it is still small enough to feel like home. Our location in the state capital is an asset regardless of

the area of law you choose. The School of Law anchors Columbia's legal corridor and is located just steps from the Statehouse, the South Carolina Supreme Court, the S.C. Court of Appeals, the National Advocacy Center, and law firms large and small.

Columbia is rapidly growing into a regional hub for corporate relocation, college and professional school students, and tourism. The city has a relaxed, friendly, genuine feel that lacks pretense. Areas like the Vista, Five Points, and Main Street all border campus and provide shopping and entertainment, while close-by lakes, rivers, and parks provide recreational activities to keep you grounded. Nearby attractions include the Congaree National Park, the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden, and Lake Murray.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE PALMETTO STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY.

The University of South Carolina attracts and retains students from all over the country and the world. The UofSC system educates more South Carolinians than any other institution in the state. The vibrant university community includes just over 35,000 students who hail from all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries and are enrolled in highly-regarded undergraduate, honors, graduate, and professional programs. South Carolina is one of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designation for research activity and community engagement, reflecting its dedication to academic excellence.



The Coleman Karesh Reading Room is a place for quiet, focused study inside the law library.



## Graduate Employment Summary

## Class of 2020

**101** **Male** (47.9%)\*

**3.28/156** 25th percentile UGPA & LSAT

A map of the United States with 15 states highlighted in dark red. The highlighted states are: California, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alaska. The remaining 35 states are shown in white.

\*A complete list of undergraduate feeder schools is in the Class Profile at [sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/law/admissions/class\\_profile/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/law/admissions/class_profile/index.php).  
 \*\*All data are accurate as of 8/12/21 but could change before the class profile is verified by the American Bar Association in October 2021.

South Carolina Law students engage in experiences that open their eyes – and open doors – to employment opportunities. 82% of South Carolina graduates accepted positions requiring bar passage, which is higher than the national percentage (71.8%). Thirty-nine, or 19.4%, of Class of 2020 graduates continued the pattern established by previous classes of accepting judicial clerkships at a significantly higher rate than all law graduates nationwide (9.5%).

**97%** of all employed graduates accepted a job for which bar passage was required or a JD was an advantage

**21%** of all employed graduates (19.4% of all graduates) accepted a judicial clerkship

**15** number of states, plus the District of Columbia, where graduates accepted a job

**2** Employment status unknown

Detailed information about these summary findings is in the ABA mandated employment disclosure, *Employment Summary of 2020 Graduates*, available on our website at [law.sc.edu](http://law.sc.edu).

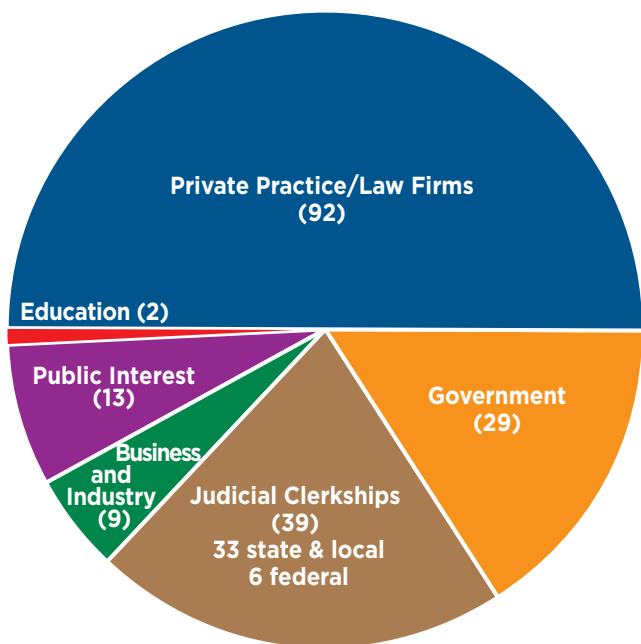






## Employment – Class of 2020

### Employment Types – 185 Employed Graduates



#### NUMBER OF JOBS BY SIZE OF FIRM

Number of Jobs	Number of Attorneys
7	501+
3	251-500
8	101-250
3	51-100
6	26-50
17	11-25
37	1-10
2	Solo

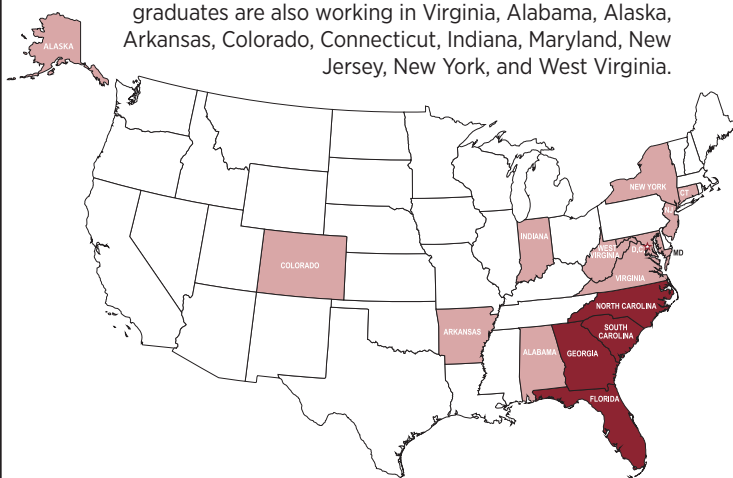
#### CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A student's success in the job search process is enhanced by self-awareness and active engagement in career exploration activities. South Carolina Law's Office of Career and Professional Development emphasizes individualized career planning to help students discover opportunities, choose satisfying jobs, envision a career pathway, and create strategies to reach their goals. Our team of professionals has years of experience in law practice, in the court system, and in the career and professional development of law students.

To speak with a career consultant, call **(803) 777-8479**. For detailed information about South Carolina Law's graduate employment outcomes, go to [law.sc.edu/career](http://law.sc.edu/career).

#### 2020 GRADUATES WERE EMPLOYED IN 15 STATES AND DC

While most graduates accepted jobs in the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, and the District of Columbia, 2020 South Carolina Law graduates are also working in Virginia, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and West Virginia.



#### JOBS & SALARIES REPORTED BY JOB TYPE – CLASS OF 2020\*

Starting salaries for law graduates vary dramatically within and between employment sectors and based on the location of the employer. Ask us, or any law school you consider, about the availability of jobs that appeal to you, the frequency and nature of hiring new graduates in each sector, and the availability of entry-level jobs within the typical geographic 'reach' of the law school.

**Law Firms**  
**\$42,000–\$190,000**

**Business & Industry**  
**\$50,000 – \$77,000**

**Government (includes Judicial Clerk)**  
**\$24,960–\$90,000**

**Public Interest**  
**\$45,000–\$68,000**

\*These salary ranges are based upon reported salaries for full-time, long-term positions for which bar passage was required or a JD was an advantage.

#### EMPLOYERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

More than 160 employers in 15 states and the District of Columbia hired our most recent graduates. Continuing the law school's long history of serving the judiciary, 39 of our graduates secured career-launching judicial clerkships at the state and federal level. Our graduates are serving their country in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps and their communities – from South Carolina to Alaska – through positions with state and federal government agencies, prosecutor's offices, public defender's offices, and legal service organizations. Our graduates joined law firms in large markets and small towns, from AmLaw 100 firms to starting their own solo practices.





## Law School Courses

### First Year Courses

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Torts
- Introduction to the Legal Profession
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing

### Upper Level Courses

#### Business Law

- Antitrust Law and Trade Regulation
- Business Associations
- Business Torts
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Tax
- Drafting Business Agreement
- Family Business Law
- Income Tax
- Intellectual Property
- International Business Transactions
- International Intellectual Property
- International Trade Law
- Lean Law Firm Lab
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Nonprofit Organizations Clinic
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- Securities Regulation
- Small Business Capstone Course
- Social Impact of Business Activity
- Trademark Law

#### Children's and Family Law

- Advanced Family Law
- Caretaking, the Family and the Law
- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership (CHAMPS) Clinic
- Children & the Courts
- Children's Law Externship
- Constitutional Issues in Public Education
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Education Law & Policy
- Education Rights Clinic
- Family Law
- Federal Indian Law
- Gender Based Violence Seminar
- Juvenile Justice
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Parents, Children & the State
- Poverty Law & Policy
- Special Education Law

#### Commercial Law and Bankruptcy

- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Law
- Secured Transactions

#### Constitutional Rights

- Constitutional Issues in Public Education
- Employment Discrimination
- Free Speech & Democracy
- The Constitution & National Security
- Women and the Law
- Voting Rights Seminar

#### Criminal Law

- Advanced Evidence
- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Law Externship
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Trial Practice

- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Federal Criminal Practice Capstone
- Gender Based Violence
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Police Law & Policy
- Regulation of Vice
- Restorative and Transformative Justice
- SC Criminal Law and Procedure
- Trial Advocacy

#### Environmental Law

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Environmental Law Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Coastal Law
- Coastal Law Field Lab
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Environmental Law of Natural Resources
- Environmental Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Planning
- Water Law

#### Health Law

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics Seminar
- Food & Drug Law
- Food Law & Policy
- Health Law & Policy
- Health Law: Finance and Organization
- Insurance
- Intersection of Health Law and Technology
- Public Health Law
- Topics in Insurance

#### Intellectual Property

- Copyright Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

#### International and Comparative Law

- Comparative Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Rule of Law Seminar
- Russian Law and Legal System
- Transnational Law

#### Labor and Employment Law

- ADR in Employment Workshop
- Employment Discrimination
- Individual Employment Law
- Principles of Labor Law
- South Carolina Workers Compensation

#### Litigation

- Administrative Law
- ADR in Employment Workshop
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Advanced Evidence
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Civil Litigation Capstone Course
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Electronic Discovery
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Federal Criminal Practice Capstone
- Fourth Circuit Practice
- Immigration Law

- Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Problems in Professional Responsibility
- Topics in Insurance Law
- Trial Advocacy

#### Probate and Estate Planning

- Estate Planning
- Fiduciary Administration
- Income Tax
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates

#### Real Estate Law

- Environmental Law Clinic
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Estate Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Transactions I & II
- Real Estate Transaction Capstone

#### Taxation

- Corporate Tax
- Income Tax
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Nonprofit Organizations Clinic
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- Small Business Capstone Course
- State and Local Tax
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Practicum
- Taxation of Property
- Transactions Law

#### Technology Law

- Bioethics Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Copyright Law
- Cybersecurity
- Data Privacy
- Electronic Discovery
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property
- International Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Products Liability
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Technology Law: Law of the Newly Possible
- The Future of the Legal Profession
- Trademark Law
- Transportation Law

### Combination Degree Programs

- Law and Accountancy, J.D./M. Acc.
- Law and Business Administration, J.D./M.B.A.
- Law and Criminology and Criminal Justice, J.D./M.A.
- Law and Economics, J.D./M.A.
- Law and Earth and Environmental Resources Management, J.D./M.E.E.R.M.
- Law and Health Administration, J.D./M.H.A.
- Law and Human Resources, J.D./M.H.R.
- Law and International Business Administration, J.D./I.M.B.A.
- Law and Mass Communication, J.D./M.M.C.
- Law and Public Administration, J.D./M.P.A.
- Law and Social Work, J.D./M.S.W.

### Dual-Degree Programs

- Law and Environmental Policy (from Vermont Law School), J.D./M.E.L.P.



## Campus Map

