



**Small School. Big Value.
Real New Mexican Perks.**



“I enjoy collegial relationships with engaged, intelligent, creative classmates. Faculty and staff know me by name and are always ready to help.”

Philip Huntman, *Class of 2016*

SMALL CLASSES.

Student-to-faculty ratio: 9:1
First year research/writing classes: 14-20 students
Upper division median class size: 12 students
Clinic class size: 8 students or less per section

HIGH EMPLOYMENT RATES.

UNM Law graduates outpace the national rate for securing long-term jobs that require bar passage by 14%.

WE’RE SMALL. STUDENT-CENTRIC. AND A GREAT VALUE.

We focus on what matters. And our graduates prove it.

AFFORDABLE TUITION, GREAT VALUE.

UNM Law has consistently ranked as one of the best educational values in the country. Our tuition is affordable and students graduate to jobs that put their legal training to use.

“UNM Law afforded me the most incredible opportunities as a student, such as working closely with faculty on research projects and taking classes taught by respected attorneys and judges.”

Julio C. Romero, *Class of 2014*

DEDICATED FACULTY.

Our faculty are dedicated and strongly committed to teaching. They bring real-world experience to the classroom and a healthy diversity of backgrounds, professional interests and outlooks.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI RATE US HIGHLY.

When *Above the Law* surveyed law school students and alumni nationwide, UNM Law ranked 4th nationwide. Students gave us an A+, alumni gave us an A.

HOT JOB MARKET FOR ENTRY-LEVEL ATTORNEYS.

New Mexico is in the second hottest job market for entry-level attorneys, according to a recent study conducted by The National Jurist. The Mountain area - consisting of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming - has an overall job placement rate of 78.3%.



DEGREES OFFERED

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

- J.D./Master of Arts in Accounting
- J.D./Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Public Administration

Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.)

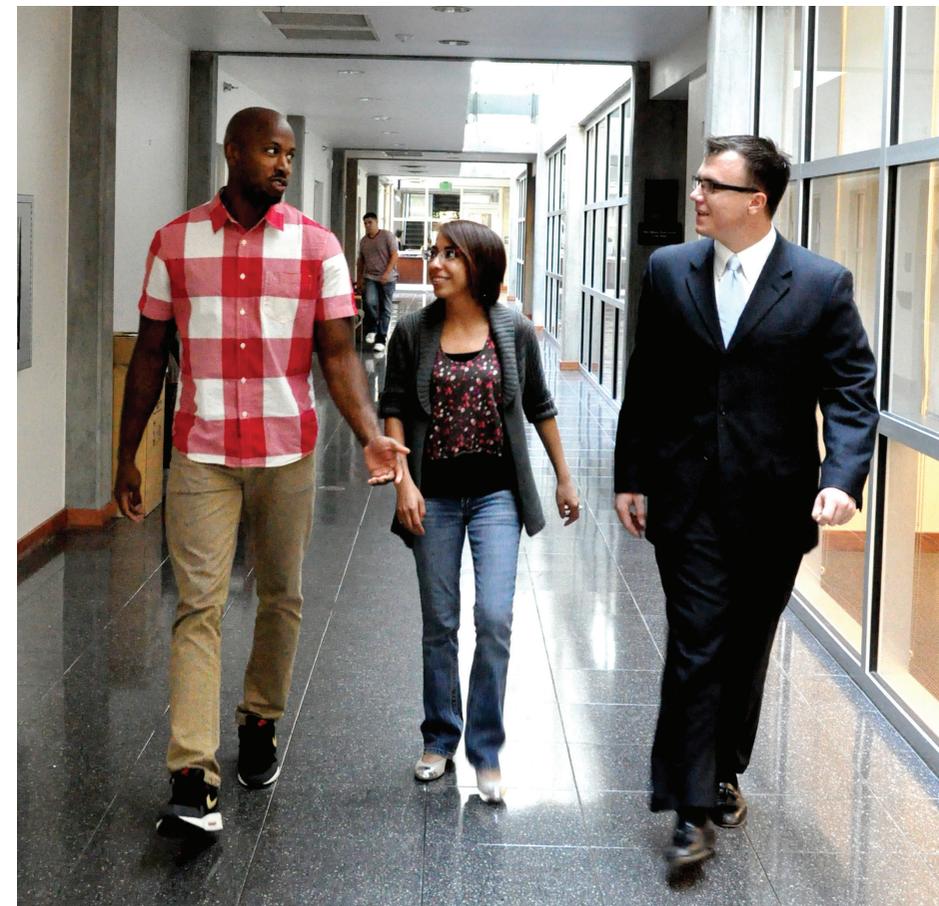
Learn practical lawyering

The University of New Mexico School of Law is the place to learn practical lawyering from faculty whose goal is to shape conscientious and employable practitioners.

As a first year student, you will take courses that address the fundamental aspects of the law and develop skills in advocacy, legal writing, oral argument, litigation, counseling, and negotiation.

As a second and third year student, your curriculum is less structured; there are only four specific required courses and an advanced writing requirement. You can fill the balance of your credit hours with elective courses.

The UNM School of Law offers a variety of curriculum choices, including over 100 courses beneficial to a public interest practice. Other options include specialty areas such as business law, child advocacy and family law, constitutional law, criminal law, health law, Indian law, international law, or natural resources law.



The Juris Doctor (J.D.) is a full-time day program requiring completion of 86 credit hours in three years.

Our Dual Degree Program allows students to earn the J.D. and a Masters or Ph.D. in an academic field at UNM.

Certificate programs

Indian Law

Learn to assist in the protection of Indian rights and to represent Native American individuals, communities, and nations in tribal, state, and federal courts and other legal forums.

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Natural Resources and Environmental Law

Gain a more comprehensive understanding of natural resources law, environmental law, tribal resources, and energy law in order to participate in key decisions that affect the environment.

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Top 50 Law Schools
Above the Law 2018

TOP

Top 25 Best Value Law School
preLaw Magazine 2017

TOP

A "Best" Law School
Princeton Review 2018

BEST

Bar Passage For First-Time Bar Exam
Takers July 2017

91%

Top Law Schools for Environmental Law
preLaw Magazine 2018

A-

Greatest Resources for Minority Students
Princeton Review 2018

7th

Experiential learning is woven throughout our curriculum

At the UNM School of Law, students are trained to think like lawyers in the classroom and the courtroom. You'll find a variety of hands-on opportunities in addition to our pioneering Clinical Law Program.

One of the nation's best Clinical Law Programs

The Clinic is a required six credit-hour course where you'll be on the front lines of public service, representing actual clients with supervision by tenured and tenure-track faculty. In the Clinic, you will experience the privileges, challenges, and joys of practicing law.

Clinic sections include:

- Child and Family Justice Clinic
- Community Lawyering Clinic
- Economic Justice Clinic
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Southwest Indian Law Clinic

lawschool.unm.edu/clinic

In-Practice Courses

Below are a few of the courses that combine lectures and class discussion with real-world lawyering. Several offer the opportunity to represent actual clients under the close supervision of faculty or practicing attorneys.

- Appellate Law in Practice
- Appellate Decision Making
- Criminal Law in Practice
- DWI and Domestic Violence Prosecution in Practice
- Evidence and Trial Practice



"For over four decades, the University of New Mexico School of Law has had a mandatory clinical program. We continue to expand experiential learning opportunities across the law school curriculum and are moving toward creating a truly integrative model of legal education."

— **Aliza Organick, Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Experiential Affairs**

Externships

Externs gain valuable practical skills in a real-world setting while working with a supervising attorney.

As an extern, you confront actual legal problems and analyze and explore the various roles that lawyers or legal institutions play in their communities.

- Agency Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Alternative Dispute Externships
- Semester in Washington D.C.

THINKING LIKE A JUDGE

In Appellate Decision Making, likely the only class of its kind in the country, New Mexico Court of Appeals judges teach students how they decide cases and how they think. Thinking like a judge helps students become better lawyers.

"Judges from around the country are in awe of this class." — New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge Jonathan Sutin

Learning beyond the classroom

Competitions and Journals

Learn to control the courtroom by participating in academic competitions.

- ♦ Hone your skills for a career as a trial lawyer by participating in the National Mock Trial competition. In 2016, our team made the cut for semi-finalists and one UNM student won the Best Cross Examination award.
- ♦ Moot court competitions are designed to teach students how to produce a cohesive brief, master the argument, and argue well.

UNM publishes three law student-edited journals, each embodying a key area of expertise within the school.

- ♦ New Mexico Law Review
- ♦ Tribal Law Journal
- ♦ Natural Resources Journal

Summer Programs and Exchange Programs

Madrid Summer Law Institute

Spend a month taking classes on European Union law and international and comparative law subjects in Madrid, Spain.

Exchange Program, University of New Hampshire

Study intellectual property or patent law at The University of New Hampshire School of Law, consistently ranked in the top five law schools in these two fields.

Exchange Program, Howard University School of Law

Experience a unique exposure to Howard's legal programs, take advantage of opportunities in Washington, D.C., and benefit from a strong and supportive UNM alumni community in the D.C. area.

The UNM Law Semester in D.C.

Work full-time for credit at a governmental agency or non-profit organization in D.C. and take a seminar taught by UNM Law School faculty, where you learn from and interact with judges, practitioners, and national political leaders.

Internships



Last fall, Krista Garcia (Class of 2016) worked with colleagues from all over the world to help prosecute genocide and war crimes. She was the first American and the only intern at the

United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Garcia says her UNM Law School education prepared her to analyze complicated issues and apply international statutes, relevant case law, and different liability theories. She adds that UNM prepared her "to compete with the top legal professionals in the world."

Small School. Big Value. Real New Mexican perks.

The UNM School of Law is situated in Albuquerque, a dynamic metropolitan city set against a backdrop of spectacular mountains and southwestern cultures.

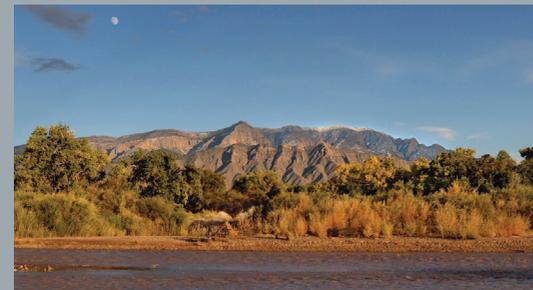
With over 275 days of sunshine each year and a mild climate, Albuquerque is perfect for hiking in the Sandia Mountains, biking along the Rio Grande River, taking a ride on the tram, and strolling through the plazas. Our museums, galleries, performance spaces, sporting events, cafes and restaurants, wineries, breweries, and concerts ensure there are abundant ways to enjoy life beyond the classroom.

A leading research university, **The University of New Mexico** is a second home for 1500 international students and scholars. UNM's distinctive campus has a Pueblo Revival architectural theme and the buildings echo nearby Pueblo Indian villages. In addition to a very active event calendar, UNM is known for inter-collegiate athletics. USA Today ranked WisePies Arena (aka The Pit) the 8th best arena to watch college basketball. It's also one of the loudest.

Small Baskets. Big Balloons.

Albuquerque hosts the world's largest hot air balloon fiesta in October. Balloon festivals across the state offer year-round adventures.

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Small City. Big Mountain.

The Sandia Mountains rise to a peak of 10,678 feet, offer a wide range of hiking trails, and are home to the nation's longest aerial tramway.



Small Hikes. Big Sights.

New Mexico has five national forests, 55 parks and monuments (20 have lakes), 25 scenic byways, and 21 wilderness areas.



Small Peppers. Big Heat.

In the fall, the smoky, sweet smell of fresh roasted green chile permeates the air. All year long, our state question is, "Red or green?"



Small Train. Big Bird.

The Rail Runner Express connects Albuquerque with Santa Fe and all the art, food, recreation, and culture to be enjoyed along its route.



Small Town. Big Innovation.

Innovate ABQ, formed by UNM and partners, is the catalyst for a new downtown hub of entrepreneurship and innovation.



Small Towns. Big Trails.

New Mexico's eight alpine and three Nordic ski areas provide exceptional skiing and riding and a wide range of enjoyable dining and shopping.

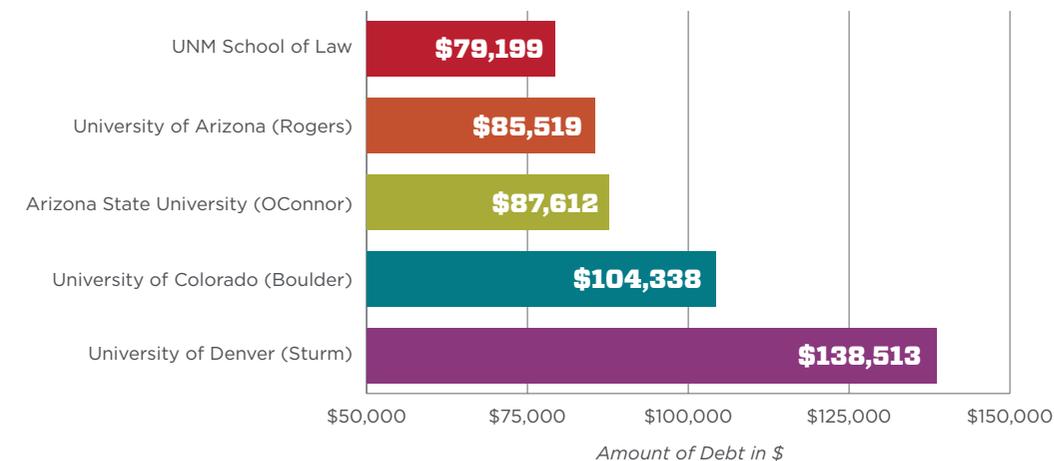
Getting your investment and career on track

The small size of our student body allows us to provide all of our students and graduates with individualized comprehensive tuition, academic and professional development assistance. We will also help connect you with a broad range of law practices, resources and legal markets throughout the country.

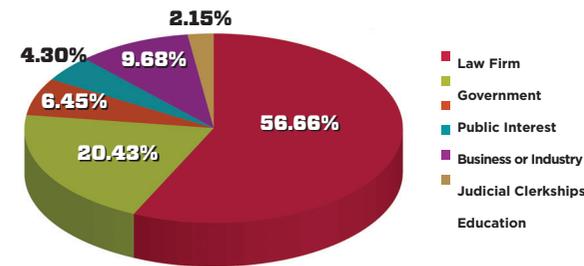
After you've earned your degree and your career progresses, we offer a variety of programs to help you continually evaluate and maximize your investment and career options. Whether you want to practice in traditional settings like law firms and government agencies or utilize your education outside of the legal arena, we will help you realize the value and versatility of your UNM School of Law degree.

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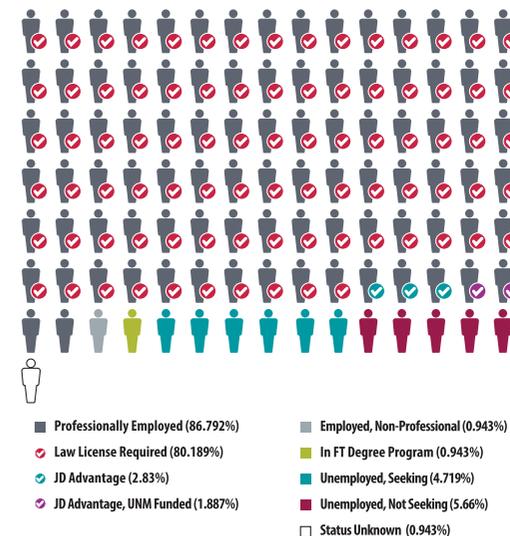
AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS OF 2017 GRADUATES WHO INCURRED LAW SCHOOL DEBT



10 MONTH EMPLOYMENT BY EMPLOYER TYPE CLASS OF 2016



10 MONTH EMPLOYMENT STATUS - CLASS OF 2017



2018 INCOMING CLASS PROFILE

The UNM Law student body is a diverse group. While the majority are New Mexico residents, their undergraduate backgrounds represent a mix of state and private schools throughout the United States. Each incoming class has a wide range of baccalaureate experiences and majors, and approximately 16% of incoming first-year students held graduate-level degrees in a wide range of specialty areas.

Entering Class: 106
 Median LSAT: 153
 Median GPA: 3.40
 Colleges and universities represented: 47
 Areas: States: 12

Majors represented: 35
 Percent Female: 58.49%
 Percent Minority: 50.94%
 Median age: 25
 Age range: 21 to 61

Admissions and Financial Aid

You're encouraged to read more about our admissions guidelines on our website: lawschool.unm.edu/admissions

The UNM School of Law requires that all applicants apply through the Law School Admissions Council (www.lsac.org) in order to be considered for admission.

APPLICATION/DEADLINES

Priority Deadline: March 1st
Transfer and Visitor Applicants: July 1st

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Nonrefundable \$50 application fee
- Personal Statement
- Resumé
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Register with LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (international applicants only)

FINANCIAL AID

The Admissions and Financial Aid team is here to help you find ways to make your education more affordable.

The law school offers several merit-based, need-based, and named scholarships. Descriptions of award opportunities can be found online.

The FAFSA priority deadline is January 6th to apply for federal student loans and work-study funds.

RESIDENCY

The State of New Mexico Higher Education Department has a generous definition for in-state residents. All applicants are classified according to their residency for tuition purposes. Nonresident students may be eligible for resident tuition after their first year if they fulfill the requirements for residency and petition for residency reclassification. The State has made provisions for several groups who qualify as in-state residents for tuition purposes.

Not sure if you're a resident?
 To find out, visit lawschool.unm.edu/residency.

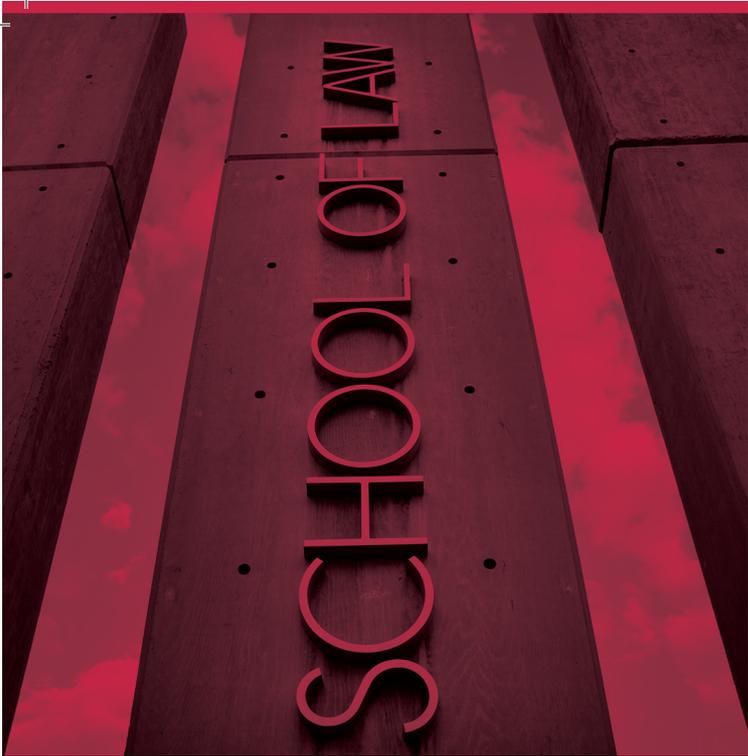
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Want to be part of a supportive, small school with a close-knit legal community that offers reasonable tuition rates and is one of the best educational values in the country? We'd love to hear from you.

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