



Columbia Law School

Founded in 1858, Columbia Law is one of the oldest and most prestigious laws schools in the US. Columbia Law has an enrolment of approximately 1,250 students and is known for producing top quality legal talent, many of whom go on to have distinguished careers in public service.

Admissions to Columbia Law are known for being 'highly selective'. In 2010 only 12% of applicants were admitted, but this is not far off of other Ivy League law schools. For those that do get in, they are sure to receive a top notch legal education. One amazing statistic to start off with is that 95.6% of graduates pass the NY Bar Exam upon exiting. Graduates can also look forward to an edge on the competition in the job market. The National Law Journal has ranked Columbia Law as the #1 source of talent to go to for the countries' top 250 law firms.

Throughout its long history Columbia Law has produced a large number of exceptional alumni including several presidents and presidential advisors, and nine justices of the US Supreme Court. Columbia is especially noted for its scholarship and teaching in the areas of corporate and securities law. This is an area that many students choose to specialize in during their course of studies.

In 2006 the school went on a mission to increase the faculty ranks without increasing enrollment in order to raise the student to teacher ratio. This program resulted in there being a 1:6 student to teacher ratio – one of the best in the country.

This year a special program was launched to send a select number of students to Washington DC for an entire semester to intern in government law offices. If you are thinking about using a legal background as a springboard to the world of politics or public service, this program may be a good fit for you.

The law school at Columbia publishes the prestigious Columbia Law Review which is the third most cited law journal in the world. There are also over a dozen other student edited journals which give law students a great background in legal research and publishing. In addition to earning a J.D. degree students can earn a joint degree with a

wide range of master's level programs at Columbia. Areas that are eligible for a joint degree include business, journalism, arts, public health, social work, and architecture.