BETTER OPPORTUNITIES. BIGGER IMPACT.

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

The law school in New York's capital
ALBANY IS A NEXUS OF POWER AND INFLUENCE.
LEARN LEADERSHIP FROM EXPERTS IN POLICY, LAW, BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT.

INFLUENCE
ALBANY is the seat of New York state’s legislature—the Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY is home to Governor Andrew Cuomo—a 1982 graduate of Albany Law School—and the executive branch of New York state government, including dozens of state agencies.

ALBANY is the seat for New York’s highest court—the Court of Appeals—along with New York’s Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

The Capital Region has a thriving private sector driven by industries that include finance, higher ed, technology firms—including a vibrant start-up culture—statewide associations and advocacy groups, and more.
At Albany Law School, the state’s courts are your classroom.
“YOUR LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WILL TRANSFORM YOU—PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY—IF YOU TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF EVERYTHING AVAILABLE TO YOU BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.”

ALICIA OUELLETTE, PRESIDENT & DEAN
KNOWLEDGE CREATES OPPORTUNITY

Here you will gain the intellectual foundation and the practical experience needed for career success. The faculty have years of experience as practicing attorneys, legal scholars and skilled educators. Classes are small and engaging. Debate, argument and the exchange of ideas are at the heart of Albany Law School’s learning experience. The curriculum provides quality and flexibility. Students create their own pathways to successful careers in law. Your classmates come with a strong motivation to study law, creating a community of engaged learners.

LEARNING LAW BY PRACTICING LAW

» Represent a domestic violence victim who cannot afford an attorney
» Build a case for a low-income client who was denied insurance coverage for crucial cancer treatment
» Help develop public policy for the state’s prison system
» Argue a case against other students before real judges in a trial competition

Singular Focus

The curriculum is rigorous and proven: Albany Law graduates enjoy fulfilling careers as leaders in law firms, business, government service, public interest law, judicial positions and other areas.
THE FIRST YEAR

Your first year includes required courses that form the cornerstone of a legal education.

FALL
» Federal Civil Procedure
» Contracts
» Property I
» Torts
» Introduction to Lawyering
» Professional Success Seminar

SPRING
» Constitutional Law
» Criminal Law
» Property II
» Introduction to Lawyering
» Contracts

All students take Introduction to Lawyering in their first year, when you will learn to read, write and conduct research as a lawyer. You experience the legal process by representing a simulated client from the first interview through litigation and the appellate process.

THE SECOND AND THIRD YEARS

During your second and third years, you have the opportunity to shape your course of study and integrate a range of other experiences to help you reach your professional goals.

120 Internships
As the only law school within 90 miles, Albany Law offers more than 120 placements, in areas such as:
» Criminal Defense or Prosecution
» Public Interest Advocacy
» Government Law
» Entrepreneurial Initiatives
» Science & Technology / Intellectual Property
» Judges’ Chambers
» Health Law

Students spend 12 hours per week working with supervising attorneys on site, and participate in weekly seminars related to their areas of practice.
At Albany Law, you customize your own experience. Rich with career possibilities, students can choose their own path through Albany Law School, focusing their areas of study. Based on their pathway, they will be assigned an alumni mentor, gain related internship experiences, and participate in a variety of related activities.

**THE OPPORTUNITY PATHWAYS ARE**

- Business, Tax and Financial Markets
- Civil and Criminal Advocacy
- Government, Policy and Public Service
- Health Law
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Public Interest Law

**CONCENTRATIONS:**

Students drawn to a particular field may benefit from concentrating their studies within their Pathway. Others who are less certain can take a broader Pathway curriculum.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Law
- Civil & Constitutional Rights
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Cybersecurity & Law
- Environmental Law
- Equine, Racing and Gaming Law
- Estate Planning
- Family & Elder Law
- Governmental Administration & Regulation
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Social Entrepreneurship & Law
- Tax Law

**Helping You to Succeed**

We want all our students to succeed. The Law School Success Seminar is a one-credit course required for all first-year students that covers the critical skills needed for success in school, success on the bar exam, and success as an attorney.

**Peer Writing Assistance Program**

This program is available to all students who would like help with written assignments which can include class papers, law review articles, cover letters or writing samples, to name a few.
THE LAW CLINIC & JUSTICE CENTER

Students represent low-income clients in actual cases under the close supervision of faculty members. Students are sworn in by a judge and experience the power of the law when advocating for their clients.

Learning that Makes a Difference

The Law Clinic & Justice Center operates like a law firm which provides legal services to hundreds of low-income clients each year. Students work directly with clients.

Students help survivors of domestic violence get protection from abusive partners, help people with HIV or AIDS fight discrimination in the workplace, help cancer patients win battles to force their health insurer to pay for treatments, help children with disabilities receive appropriate education, help taxpayers with their debts, help start-up companies grow, and help hundreds of clients obtain the protection they deserve under the law.

* (preLaw magazine, winter 2016)
Students as Legal Counsel to the Disadvantaged

You will work closely with faculty members in one-on-one meetings, small-group discussions and simulated exercises that are observed and critiqued to help you prepare for your future work as a lawyer. You will conduct research, interview clients, negotiate, argue before judges and try cases in court or before administrative tribunals.

STUDENTS HELP CLIENTS IN SUCH AREAS AS:

» Domestic Violence                    » Health Law
» Community and Small Business Development » Immigration
» Mediation of Small Claims

The Field Placement program offers more than 120 attorney-supervised legal experiences off-site in areas such as: Public Defender; District Attorney and U.S. Attorney; Environmental Law; Government and Public Service; Health Law; Science and Technology; Judicial; and Public Interest.

Semester-in-Practice Program

Students spend an intensive semester working full time in a law office while receiving academic credit. Recently students worked in places such as the White House, the Office of the NYS Attorney General, and Pfizer, among other positions.
THE ACCELERATED 2-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

The accelerated 2-year degree is a competitive program for highly motivated students to earn a law degree in two years, eliminating tuition costs for the third year. Along with saving a year of tuition, another major advantage of graduating in two years—rather than the typical three—includes entering the workforce sooner.

Students have the option of starting in January and after 24 months of intensive study, sit for the February bar exam; or, students can begin school in May 2018 and sit for the bar exam in July 2020. Individuals accepted into the program will take courses over two summer terms to meet the required total of 87 credits for graduation (the summer terms are not an additional cost).
GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER

THE GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER IS A THINK-TANK AND MENTORING CENTER THAT RESEARCHES LEGAL AND POLICY ISSUES FOR THE BENEFIT OF POLICYMAKERS, THE PUBLIC, AND THE ALBANY LAW STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE.

Students, with the Government Law Center staff attorneys, work on issues that affect state and local governments. These can include immigration, access to justice in rural communities, vacant and abandoned properties, and civilian review of police actions.

Students can get involved with Center-sponsored events and conferences, immersing themselves in the world of government leaders and policymakers.

The Government Law Center Fellowship is offered to selected students—chosen from a competitive field—who receive special opportunities for mentoring and experiences in government law. These include informal lunches with government attorneys, lobbyists, and advocates, as well as participating in meetings and other off-campus events. Fellows are given preference for internship positions at the Center, which offer more in-depth opportunity for writing and analysis, and making connections with the legal community.

ALBANY LAW OFFERS STUDENTS PROGRAMS TO WORK WITH START-UP COMPANIES

Working with several partners, Albany Law School students have the opportunity to help startup businesses form the appropriate entity, protect intellectual assets, access grant funding, audit employment policies, write contracts, and more.
With more than 10,000 alumni around the country—many in leadership positions—we have a powerful network for connecting our students to opportunities.
THE CARDONA MOOT COURT PROGRAM

Students competed last year in eight national competitions. Students also hosted the 29th annual Gabrielli Family Law Competition that attracted 20 law schools.

COMPETE IN:
- Trial advocacy
- Negotiation
- Client counseling

HONORS PROGRAM

Albany Law School’s Honors Program provides exclusive educational and professional experiences to select entering students who demonstrate exceptional ability and outstanding achievement before coming to law school. The program facilitates the development of relationships among students, professionals in the field, and professors who are interested in the same areas of law.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

More than 200 students volunteered a total of 2,000 hours of law-related service to low-income communities.

INITIATIVES INCLUDE:
- Tax assistance to low-income families
- Legal education workshops to low-income seniors and veterans
- Legal research for several civil rights organizations
- Support to prisoners released in the Capital Region

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student publications give you the opportunity to write articles, produce scholarly publications and arrange day-long conferences. Students edit and collaborate with legal scholars from around the world.

*Albany Law Review*
Provides critical and analytical articles and commentary by students and legal professionals.

*Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology*
Examines the application and development of the law as it relates to science and technology.

*Albany Government Law Review*
Publishes scholarly articles centered around current government and public policy issues.
90% of our 2016 graduates secured professional employment.

Where Recent Albany Law Graduates Work:

Types of Employers

- 52% Law Firms
- 23% Government
- 11% Business
- 9% Public Interest
- 5% Judges/Clerks
WE START PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR CAREER ON DAY ONE

Whether you plan to work in private practice, the judiciary, government, business, public interest, or another area that draws on legal skills, Albany Law’s Career and Professional Development Center offers personalized counseling.

The faculty and alumni are deeply engaged in the legal community in their respective fields. They help mentor you and provide you with opportunities to connect with professionals in your area of interest.

Named 1st in the country for preparing students for careers in government.

(PRELAW MAGAZINE, WINTER 2016)
YEAR ONE

First-year students participate in a Professional Development Day before classes begin. You will be assigned a career counselor and faculty advisor, and you may participate in our Alumni in Mentoring program which provides an alumni mentor.

THE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROVIDES:

Interviews
Hundreds of interviews are held on campus and off campus each year with law firms, businesses, government agencies and public interest organizations from across the state and in major metropolitan areas, such as New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington, D.C.

Career counseling
Career counselors coach you using an Individualized Career Plan specific to your background and goals.

Job search skills
Get help building a resume, writing cover letters, networking and learning other job-search essentials through our extensive career education and professional development programs.

Interview coaching
Professionally critiqued mock interviews prepare you for the real interviews.

Alumni practitioner advice
Learn from workshops, panel discussions, employer information sessions and networking activities with alumni.

See website for years two and three
Representative Employers of Recent Graduates

American Express  
The Ayco Company, L.P., a Goldman Sachs Company  
Baker & McKenzie  
Barclays  
Barclay Damon  
Bronx County District Attorney’s Office  
Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office  
Connecticut Superior Court  
Couch White  
Disability Rights New York  
Florida State Attorney  
Greenberg Traurig  
Harter Seacrest & Emery LLP  
Hodgson Russ  
Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council  
Jones Day  
KPMG International  
Legal Aid Society  
Littler Mendelson  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Merrill Lynch  
Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney  
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy  
Nassau County District Attorney’s Office  
National Labor Relations Board  
New York County District Attorney’s Office  
New York Power Authority  
New York State Court of Appeals  
New York State Department of Health  
New York State Division of Child Support Enforcement  
New York State Senate  
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division  
Nixon Peabody LLP  
Saratoga County Public Defender’s Office  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Seward & Kissel LLP  
Skadden Arps  
State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General  
UBS  
United States Court of International Trade  
United States District Court  
United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP

A recent study looked at 33,000 partners in the nation’s 100 largest law firms, and ranked Albany Law School 63 of some 200 schools for partners in those firms.
The Law School offers an M.S. in Legal Studies with four different concentrations.

**CONCENTRATIONS**

**Government Affairs and Advocacy**: for individuals seeking to prepare themselves for careers in government affairs, advocacy and lobbying.

**Health Law and Healthcare Compliance**: individuals employed, or seeking employment, in the health care field study the complex laws and regulations that govern the operation of the health care industry.

**Cybersecurity and Data Privacy** (online program): affords working professionals, as well as traditional students, a flexible schedule to advance career goals in cybersecurity and data privacy. Courses will cover the areas of data protection, privacy, and information security law; cybercrime, cyberwarfare, and cybersecurity law; and electronic discovery, digital forensics, and digital evidence.

**Social Entrepreneurship**: alternative degree for individuals looking to build a business or pursue a career that serves the legal and societal needs in their communities and beyond.
ADVANCED SPECIALIZATION IN LAW

The LL.M. program offers several different study options for students to specialize. Candidates are required to earn 24 credits and are encouraged to pursue faculty-supervised research.

**LL.M. in Governmental Administration and Regulation**
There are more than 30 courses related to government law, as well as field placements and internships in government law offices at the federal, state and local levels, including legislative and executive agencies.

**LL.M. in Health Law**
The curriculum offers substantive courses in health law, complemented by field placements in a wide variety of settings, from the N.Y. State Health Department to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

**LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law**
The curriculum offers a solid grounding in IP law, both domestic and international, covering patents and copyright, and the legal and business issues surrounding them.

**LL.M. in Health and Human Rights**
Students will study legal issues in depth around discrimination, inequality, access to health services and many more to identify strategies to guarantee the promise of the right to health services.

**LL.M. in International Law**
New York State serves as an international center in everything from finance and business to arts and culture. Albany Law, located in the heart of the state capital, offers candidates an opportunity for graduate study in a place with significant historical, political, geographical and educational connections to international law and international institutions.

**LL.M. in Advanced Legal Studies**
Pursuing an LL.M. in Advanced Legal Studies affords students a great deal of flexibility in choosing courses across the curriculum. In addition to the opportunity to engage in a broad-based course of study, students also may devote themselves to intensive research and writing projects.

**LL.M. for Foreign Law Graduates**
Our program is designed for the foreign-trained lawyer to gain a firm grasp of U.S. law. Our small, friendly community provides support for the foreign student.

**SOME REQUIRED COURSES**

- Legal Profession
- Legal Research and Writing
- Constitutional Law
- Advanced Legal Analysis
“WE’RE NOT ONLY LEARNING TOGETHER IN CLASS, WE’RE LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME. THE CAMPUS CLIMATE CREATES A RICH, COLLEGIATE ENVIRONMENT.”

BRAD MURRAY ’18
SMALL AND INTIMATE

Students who visit the campus for the first time often feel this immediately. The close-knit quality makes it easy for students to connect with each other and with faculty.

Students typically live within walking distance or a short drive to campus. Albany offers affordable rental rates. Many find housing through the lists we provide and our roommate notification system.

Many students live in the new apartment suites, called UH College Suites, located on the school’s shared campus.

The environment is supportive and encouraging. If you need help, it is available and accessible.
THE LAW SCHOOL’S AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Albany Law School and the University at Albany work together to combine programs and activities to benefit students from both schools. As a small, intimate law school, the collaboration allows the law school to draw on the strengths of a major research university.

Some Collaborative Programs include financial markets, law and history, law and cybersecurity, law and community development, social entrepreneurship, justice and health, and much more.

COLLABORATIVE DEGREE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

» the JD—the traditional law degree—and an MBA
» the JD and a Master’s in Public Administration
» the JD and a Master’s in Social Work
» the JD and a Master’s in Regional Planning
» the JD and a Master’s in History
» the JD and a Master’s in Criminal Justice
» the JD and a Master’s in Public Health

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUNY STUDENTS

Graduate and undergraduate students who are accepted for admission to Albany Law School will be offered a SUNY Legal Fellowship that provides at least $51,000 for three years. Students must apply for, be accepted, and enroll at Albany Law School for fall 2018 to be eligible for this offer.
COLLEGIAL AND COLLABORATIVE—GET INVOLVED

There are countless opportunities to connect with dozens of groups. Students get involved in one or several student organizations on campus.

While several groups are designed to give students a hard-earned break from the intensity of their academics, many groups are focused on law. These organizations host events throughout the year, such as conferences, symposia and informal sessions on a range of legal topics. Student organizations can change from year to year and students often create new groups based on their own interests.

Student Organizations

Black Law Students Association  
Business Law Society  
Cardozo Legal Society  
Criminal Law Society  
Environmental Law Society  
Equestrian Club  
Federalist Society  
Health Law Society  
Intellectual Property Law Society  
International Law Society  
Intramural Basketball  
Italian American Law Students Association  
Labor and Employment Law Student Association  
Latin American Law Students Association  
OutLaw  
Phi Alpha Delta  
Pro Bono Society  
Rugby Club (Women’s and Men’s)  
Student Bar Association  
Student Lawyers Guild  
Soccer Club  
Student Alumni Veterans Association  
The Women’s Law Caucus
A SCENIC CAMPUS

Albany Law shares a 50-acre campus with three other colleges. Walkways and green-spaces connect the school with Albany Medical College, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Sage College of Albany.

The law school is a 15-minute walk to downtown Albany, where there are restaurants, bars, stores, and a 12,000-seat arena for college basketball and concerts. Downtown is also home to the region’s economic vitality and center of the state’s capital buildings.

A COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO:

» Promoting inclusive programs
» Recruiting a diverse student body
» Building internships and mentoring programs
LIVING IN ALBANY
CATERING TO ALL LIFESTYLES

Whether you like urban, suburban or rural living, the region accommodates all lifestyles. Theater, sports, museums, outdoor activities: the Capital Region offers something for everyone. The four seasons provide dramatic diversity, from swimming and hiking to skating and skiing.

ALL YOU NEED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

Albany Law School is located in a prime section of Albany, with an abundance of restaurants, gyms, coffee shops and more all within walking distance from the campus.

The Capital Region offers 13 museums, 5 state parks, 30 music/performance venues, great shopping, nationally competitive college and semi-pro sports teams, 200-plus restaurants, the Adirondack and the Catskill Mountains, and several major music and cultural festivals.

SHOPPING

Albany is a capital city with a small-town feel. Along with large malls and outlets, the area is also filled with boutique shops, local brands and farmers’ markets.
ALBANY LAW SCHOOL IN BRIEF

Character
The only law school in New York’s capital. Hallmarks of an Albany Law education include a supportive learning environment and a broad array of opportunities for hands-on experience.

Location
Albany, N.Y., the state’s capital city. The school takes full advantage of its location in a city that is home to New York's highest court, federal courts, the state legislature and a strong and diverse corporate sector.

Degree Programs
» Juris Doctor
» Master of Science in Legal Studies with concentrations in:
  • Government Affairs and Advocacy
  • Health Law and Healthcare Compliance
  • Social Entrepreneurship
  • Cybersecurity and Data Privacy (online program)
» J.D. / Master of Business Administration*
» J.D. / Master of Public Administration*
» J.D./Master in Public Health*
» J.D. / Master of Social Work*
» J.D. / Master of Regional Planning*
» J.D. / Master of Science in Bioethics*
» J.D. / Master of Science in Accounting*
» LL.M. in Advanced Legal Studies
» LL.M. in Governmental Administration and Regulation
» LL.M. in Health Law
» LL.M. in Health and Human Rights
» LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law
» LL.M. in International Law
» LL.M. for International Lawyers

Faculty
Faculty have earned distinction as practicing lawyers, legal scholars, and skilled educators.

Current First Year Students
» LSAT median 152
» GPA median 3.36
» Minority enrollment 19%

Student Body
» Student-faculty ratio 12:1
» Student body 419
» First year students 150

Centers of Excellence
» Law Clinic & Justice Center
» Government Law Center
» Institute for Financial Market Regulation
» Saratoga Institute for Equine Racing, and Gaming Law

Scholarships & Financial Aid
» All first year students are considered for merit scholarship and more than 90% of our students received aid in the form of scholarship, loans, and/or work study.
» Total awarded: $7 million

Accreditation
» American Bar Association
» Association of American Law Schools

Tuition
» $45,882

Room & Board
» $9,970 (for nine months)

* Dual degree programs offered in conjunction with other schools
The power of an Albany Law School experience comes from its location in New York’s capital, and the support of the entire Albany Law community.

A powerful network of 10,000 alumni support the school through mentor experiences, internships and employment. Some alumni include:

Andrew Cuomo ’82
Governor, New York

Thomas J. Vilsack ’75
Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture;
Former Governor of Iowa

Lisa Whitney ’71
Vice President, VF Sportswear, Inc.
(Nautica and other brands)

Richard D. Parsons ’71
Former Chairman, Citigroup

David McGraw ’92
Vice President and Assistant Counsel,
New York Times Company

Leslie Stein ’81
Associate Judge, New York State
Court of Appeals

Johanna Torsone ’75
Executive Vice President, Chief HR Officer,
Pitney Bowes

William McKinley 1867
25th President of the United States

Robert H. Jackson 1912
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Megyn Kelly ’95
NBC News Anchor