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## WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

Texas Tech University School of Law is a special place. We are a family here at Texas Tech Law, and we offer an outstanding legal education.

We always put our students first, and we focus on the real-world, practical skills every lawyer needs for a fantastic career. That has been the Texas Tech Law tradition since we first opened our doors in 1967, and we do it today better than ever.

In the pages that follow, you'll learn about the Texas Tech Law experience, from the community you will find here in your very first year, to the opportunities for practical skills training you will enjoy in your second year, to the support you will benefit from in your third year and beyond as you prepare to wreck the bar and start your career.

I invite you to come see firsthand what makes Texas Tech Law so special and why so many students choose to call it home.

Jack Wade Nowlin  
Dean and W. Frank Newton Professor of Law



## VALUE

Our “students first” commitment is the secret to our success, and you’ll see it in everything we do at Texas Tech Law. With one of the best bar passage rates among law schools nationally, competitive tuition, and affordable West Texas living, **Texas Tech Law is the #1 Best Value law school in Texas according to the National Jurist - and 13th in the nation.** We are also #1 in Texas and #25 in the nation in debt-to-starting-income ratio, so you know you’ll be set up to succeed from the very beginning.

## ADVOCACY

You’ll gain the experience you need to excel in the legal profession through our extensive, nationally recognized negotiation, arbitration, client counseling, moot court, and mock trial programs. From our first national championship back in 1980 to our **#1 national ranking today**, you’ll be part of the success in advocacy that is one of the oldest and best traditions at Texas Tech Law.

## COMMUNITY

Created as a smaller law school by design, the sense of community you’ll find among our students and our faculty’s dedication to supporting them create a cooperative and collaborative learning environment. The University and local community are home to award-winning wineries, championship Big 12 Conference athletics programs, and the friendliest people you will ever meet - **lubbock has something for you.**

# WHY TEXAS TECH LAW?



# (1L)

Your first year at Texas Tech Law is all about becoming a part of this incredible law school community. Along with the foundational courses that will shape your legal education, you'll find student organizations that will spark your passions, make friendships that will last a lifetime, and meet the faculty mentors who will inspire and support you throughout your career.



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I chose to attend Texas Tech Law because of the people. It was clear after my first visit that everyone at the Law School, from current students to faculty and staff, is dedicated to helping you **succeed**. Texas Tech Law is a place where student success is prioritized, and each student has the opportunity to grow throughout their legal education.

- Sean Lewis, Class of 2022

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You can develop expertise in a specialized area through one of Texas Tech Law's **dual degree programs, academic centers,** or **concentration programs.**

## dual DEGREES

- + J.D./Doctor of Medicine
- + J.D./Master of Business Administration
- + J.D./Master of Engineering
- + J.D./Master of Public Administration
- + J.D./Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics
- + J.D./Master of Science in Accounting (Taxation)
- + J.D./Master of Science in Biotechnology
- + J.D./Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology
- + J.D./Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning
- + J.D./Master of Science in Sport Management



IN TODAY'S LEGAL MARKET

STAND OUT



# concentration and certificate **PROGRAMS**

- + **Business Law Concentration**
- + **Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration**
- + **Law and Science Concentration**
  - // Biodefense Law and Public Policy
  - // Energy Law
  - // Environmental Law
  - // Intellectual Property Law
  - // Science, Engineering, Technology and Law
  - // Water Law
- + **Emerging Technologies Law Certificate**





# academic CENTERS

- + Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy
- + Center for Military Law and Policy
- + Center for Water Law and Policy



# student **ORGANIZATIONS**

Find your community in one of the **30+ student-driven organizations** that enrich the legal education experience for everyone at Texas Tech Law and in the Lubbock legal community through symposiums, socials, and guest speakers that connect you with what inspires you.

# Connect. **EMPOWER.** Inspire.



- Agricultural Law Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Board of Barristers
- Business Law Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi
- Energy Law Interest Group
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- Immigration Law Association
- Intellectual Property Student Association
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Student Association
- Longhorn Bar Association
- Organization of Women Law Students
- OUTLaw
- Personal Financial Planning Legal Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Raider Bar Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Tech Health Law Association
- Texas Aggie Bar Association





# law school **FACULTY**

Our faculty are more than just exceptional scholars, they are mentors invested in your success. Beyond the classroom, Texas Tech Law is at the forefront of emerging scholarship. You'll learn from proven experts in their fields who author highly placed scholarship, present at conferences around the globe, and hold prestigious leadership positions that advance the profession.

Recognize your  
potential in our

**STUDENT-CENTERED**

environment.



# legal practice **PROGRAM**

Our Legal Practice (LP) Program will help you bridge the gap between theory and the real-world practice of law. LP introduces you to a variety of skills, including research, objective and persuasive writing, client interviewing and counseling, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate advocacy.

Texas Tech is ranked **#12** in the nation in this year's *U.S. News & World Report* legal writing specialty program rankings.

The Legal Practice program helped me sharpen my written advocacy skills which are just as important as oral advocacy skills. Our nationally-ranked program will provide you with the tools to craft practical, persuasive arguments that will impress judges everywhere.

- Katherine Mallon, Class of 2020

**DEVELOP  
PRACTICAL SKILLS  
FOR  
PROFESSIONAL  
SUCCESS**





# first year COURSES

With student mentors, faculty advisors, and class tutors, your Law School family will support you through the foundational courses you'll enroll in as a first-year student and throughout your law school experience.



Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure .....	4	Constitutional Law .....	4
Contracts .....	4	Criminal Law .....	3
Legal Practice .....	3	Legal Practice .....	3
Torts .....	4	Property .....	4
Introduction to Legal Studies .....	1		
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Fall Total	16	Spring Total	14



# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Enhance your educational experience with diverse activities, state-of-the-art facilities, and a relaxed campus lifestyle at Texas Tech University, a recognized Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) and Carnegie Tier One research university. You'll find not only modern workout and athletic facilities at the Student Recreation Center, but you can also float down the Lazy River at the Leisure Pool or play a round of golf at the top-rated Rawls Course. As a Red Raider, you'll also enjoy the excitement of cheering for championship Big 12 teams while participating in community events such as the Carol of Lights, Homecoming, and First Friday Art Trail.





# LIVE LOVE LUBBOCK



With a population of close to 300,000, Lubbock has grown from its Wild West roots to a modern cultural crossroads featuring award winning wineries, museums, and displays of world class artistic, musical, and theatrical talent. Through its rapid growth, Lubbock has never lost its West Texas charm or the friendliness of its community.

Lubbock is also your gateway to the open spaces and mountain hideaways of the great Southwest. Ski Sierra Blanca above the mountain village of Ruidoso or explore Carlsbad Caverns, one of the world's largest underground cave chambers. Or stay closer to home and visit 120-mile long Palo Duro Canyon, the nation's second largest canyon. Where will your adventures take you?





Your second year at Texas Tech Law opens a world of opportunities beyond the classroom as you put your legal learning into practice. With a year of exceptional legal education under your belt, you'll be ready to join a tradition of excellence in our championship advocacy program, make your voice heard on one of our world-class journals, and serve those who need you most through pro bono work and public service.

“ The emphasis that Tech places on sharpening your advocacy skills defined my law school experience, and I know I'll be practice-ready as soon as I pass the bar exam. ”

- Noah Hearn, Class of 2020



## NATIONAL TEAMS

Joining Texas Tech Law's championship-caliber environment gives you the opportunity to develop a wide range of lawyering skills — courtroom advocacy, brief writing, client interviewing and counseling, and negotiation. You'll work closely with faculty, staff, and alumni mentors who set the example for excellence in professional practice.

Texas Tech Law students have won 46 national and international championships, 109 state and regional championships, and 118 individual Best Advocate and Best Brief awards.

#1

in the nation in the  
ABA Competitions Championship!

CONTINUE  
THE LEGACY





# STUDENT **PUBLICATIONS**

At Texas Tech Law, you'll have a voice in furthering legal scholarship. Edit articles, provide comments, and assist in the publishing process for one of our four student-run publications that foster a vibrant intellectual community and reach a wide audience of practicing attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and others on critical legal issues.

- + *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal*
- + *Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, & Biodefense Law*
- + *Texas Bank Lawyer*
- + *Texas Tech Law Review*

**23** **Texas Tech Law students** published articles last year — including 10 who published externally in journals like the *NYU Review of Law & Social Change*, *Virginia Tax Journal*, and *Texas Environmental Law Journal*.

JOIN  
THE  
**CONVERSATION**

## PRO BONO AND **PUBLIC SERVICE**

If you chose the law because you want to help others, then Texas Tech Law, where service is our deeply held value, is the place for you. You'll gain practical legal experience by contributing legal services to underserved communities and causes. Many students far surpass the 30 hours of pro bono legal advice and public service work required to graduate and join the Pro Bono Honor Roll.

## EMBRACE THE CALL TO SERVE



+ Texas Tech Law students contributed **19,743** hours of pro bono work last year!

+ Our Public Interest Auction raised over **\$18,000** this year to provide scholarships for our students serving as unpaid summer interns with public defenders, nonprofits, district attorneys, and other public interest employers.



# ADVANCED CURRICULUM

- + Business Entities
- + Commercial Law
- + Criminal Procedure
- + Evidence
- + Income Taxation
- + Professional Responsibility
- + Wills and Trusts

To satisfy graduation requirements, law students must successfully complete an upper-level writing requirement and an experiential learning course during their second or third year.



# (3L)

By your third year, you'll have the knowledge, experience, and qualifications to build the career you've always wanted. With individualized career services, exciting live client clinics, and extensive bar preparation, Texas Tech Law will be here to support you through graduation day, as you land your dream first job, and beyond.

# BUILD THE FUTURE YOU WANT



## the career and professional **DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Career and Professional Development Center provides individualized attention and a personalized plan for your success that starts your 1L year and grows with you. Providing networking opportunities to connect you with alumni and employers and workshops on topics ranging from career acquisition skills to employment readiness, our Career Center will ensure that you're prepared for the job market. Your relationship with Texas Tech Law extends beyond your years on campus — our services are free of charge throughout your career.

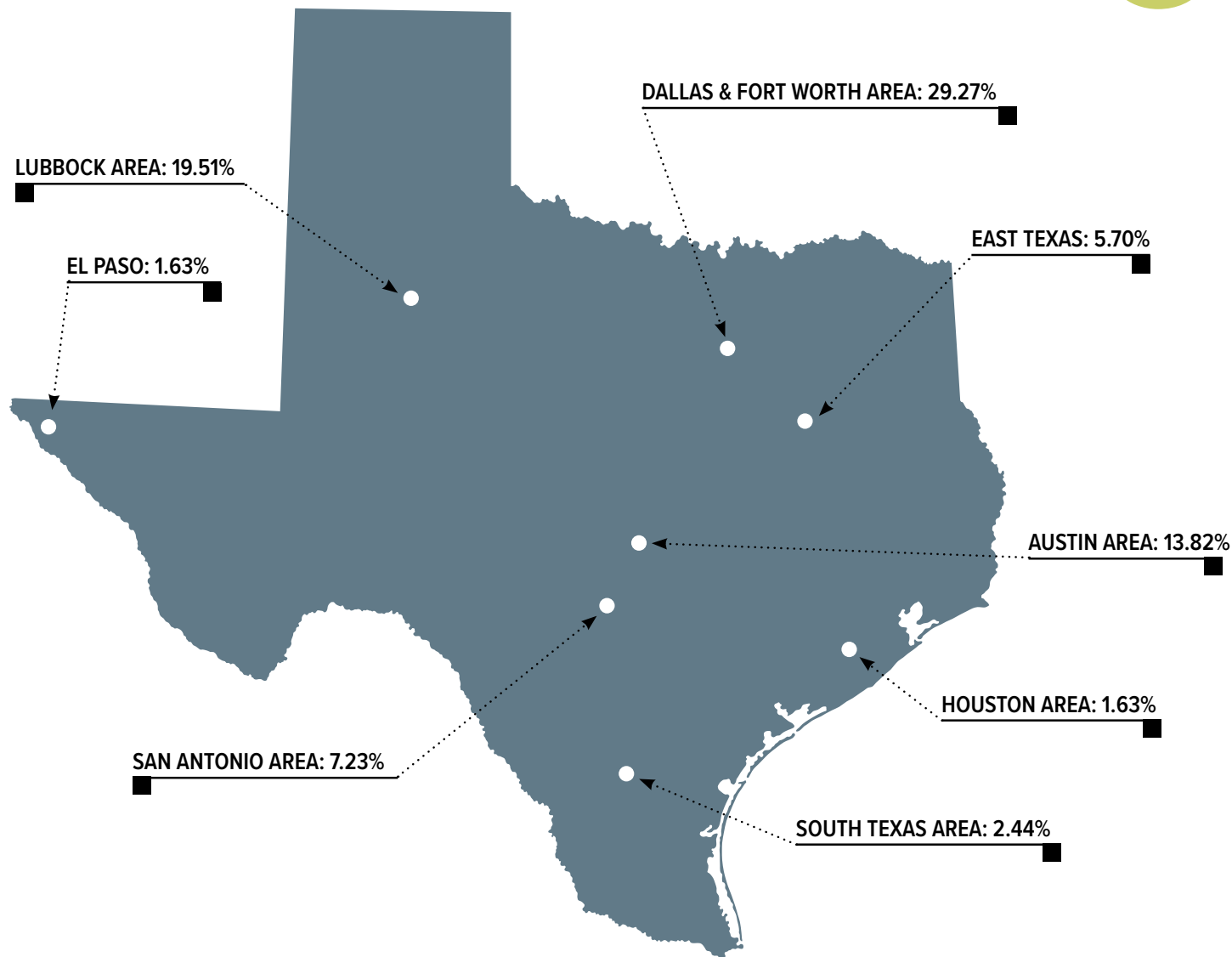


CLASS OF 2019

# GEOGRAPHY

Overall employment rate  
(As of March 15, 2020)

91.11%



## AREAS OF PRACTICE

(of employed graduates)

- + Private Practice 69.92%
- + Government 11.40%
- + Business/Industry 9.76%
- + Public Interest 1.63%
- + Judicial Clerkships 7.32%

# law CLINICS

Give back to the Lubbock community by taking on cases of indigent clients in one of Texas Tech Law's eight clinics, led by full-time faculty members with extensive trial experience. You'll learn practical skills like conducting factual investigations, negotiating, preparing for trial, and trying cases while pursuing justice for those who need it most. By graduation, you'll already have spent an entire year practicing law!

- + Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic
- + Capital Punishment Clinic
- + Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic
- + Civil Practice Clinic
- + Criminal Defense Clinic
- + Family Law and Housing Clinic
- + Innocence Clinic
- + Low-Income Tax Clinic



MAKE  
A  
DIFFERENCE

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I heard about the work the TTU Innocence Clinic was doing through a couple of podcasts I listen to, and I felt a true calling for that type of work. I learned that Texas Tech's Innocence Clinic is unlike any other law school's, and it does by far the most work. I learned more during my time in the clinic than I ever could have learned in a classroom, during an internship, or even in the real world – not fresh out of law school. I learned how to properly conduct client interviews and how best to communicate with clients. I had the chance to write briefs that went to the Court of Criminal Appeals and even the United States Supreme Court.

- Sara Jaeckle, Class of 2020

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# bar preparation **SUPPORT**

Our Bar Prep program ensures you are equipped for success with free additional programming for upper-level students on bar test-taking strategies, topical reviews, and one-on-one counseling sessions. To maximize your preparation, Texas Tech Law's mentoring program will match you with one of our outstanding alumni for the bar-study period.

## **WRECK** **THE** **BAR**

Texas Tech Law boasts an impressive  
**92.55%** ultimate bar pass rate.



# ELECTIVE COURSES





- Academic Legal Writing
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Administrative Law
- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic
- Advanced Bankruptcy Law
- Advanced Business Entities
- Advanced Immigration Law
- Advanced Legal Analysis
- Advanced Legal Performance Skills
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Water Law Seminar
- Agricultural Law
- American Indian Law
- Antitrust Law
- Appellate Advocacy
- Banking Law
- Board of Barristers
- Capital Punishment Clinic
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic I
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic II
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Civil Trial: Practice and Litigation Materials
- Climate Change Law and Policy Seminar
- Clinic Support Course
- Commercial Litigation
- Comparative Law: The English Legal System
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law Seminar
- Contemporary Legal Development
- Corporate Restructuring
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Criminal Defense Clinic I
- Criminal Defense Clinic II
- Criminal Trial Research
- Current Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Deposition
- Discrimination in Employment
- Elder Law
- Employment Law
- Energy Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal
- Externship Program
- Family Law
- Family Law and Housing Clinic I
- Family Law and Housing Clinic II
- Federal Courts
- First Amendment Seminar
- Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research
- Gaming and Racing Law
- Global Biosecurity Law
- Guardianship Law
- Human Rights
- Immigration Law
- Innocence Clinic I
- Innocence Clinic II
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Humanitarian Law
- Introduction to Emerging Technologies Law and Policy
- Introduction to Environmental Law
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Introduction to Oil and Gas Law
- Introduction to Wind Law
- Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law
- Land Use Law
- Law and Religion
- Law and Science Legal Research
- Law Office Management
- Law Practice Technology
- Law Review
- Legal History Seminar
- Legislative Process
- Litigating Debtor-Creditor Disputes
- Low Income Tax Clinic I
- Low Income Tax Clinic II
- Media Law
- Mental Disability Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas
- Nanotechnology Law and Policy
- Negotiation Workshop Law
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Oil and Gas Transactions
- Oil and Gas Law I
- Oil and Gas Law II
- Oil and Gas Taxation
- Patent Law
- Products Liability
- Public International Law
- Real Property Finance and Transactions
- Regional Externship
- Remedies
- Research
- Securities Regulation Law
- Skills Development
- Space Law
- Sports Law
- State and Local Taxation
- Statutory Interpretation
- Supreme Court Seminar
- Tax Practice and Procedure
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Taxation of International Transactions
- Technology Transfer Taxation
- Telecommunications Law and Policy
- Texas Administrative Practice
- Texas Bank Lawyer
- Texas Criminal Procedure
- Texas Employment Law Practicum
- Texas Juvenile Law
- Texas Land Titles
- Texas Legal Research
- Texas Marital Property
- Texas Mineral Titles
- Texas Practice
- Texas Pretrial Procedure
- Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure
- Topics in Family Law
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Transactional Practice
- Trial Advocacy
- Vineyard and Winery Law
- Visual Legal Advocacy
- Water Law
- Wind Law







# applying to **TEXAS TECH LAW**

Texas Tech Law seeks to enhance the educational experience of all students by admitting applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Applicants who possess a U.S. bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment are eligible for admission. The admissions committee reviews applications holistically and on a rolling basis. Texas Tech Law reserves the right to deny admission to applicants who, in the judgment of the admissions committee, appear to be unfit in character to engage in the study or practice of law. For more information about our admissions policies, please visit: [www.depts.ttu.edu/law](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law).

Applicants to Texas Tech Law must apply online via the LSAC electronic application. An application is considered complete and ready for review when the following documents have been submitted:

- ✓ Valid LSAT score
- ✓ Official transcript
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Résumé
- ✓ Personal statement

## **DATES AND DEADLINES**

📅 Early Decision (Non-binding) Deadline: November 1

📅 Regular Decision Application Deadline: March 1\*

*\*Applicants who apply after the Regular Decision date will be awarded scholarship upon availability.*

📅 Late Decision Application Deadline: May 3

# FINANCIAL AID

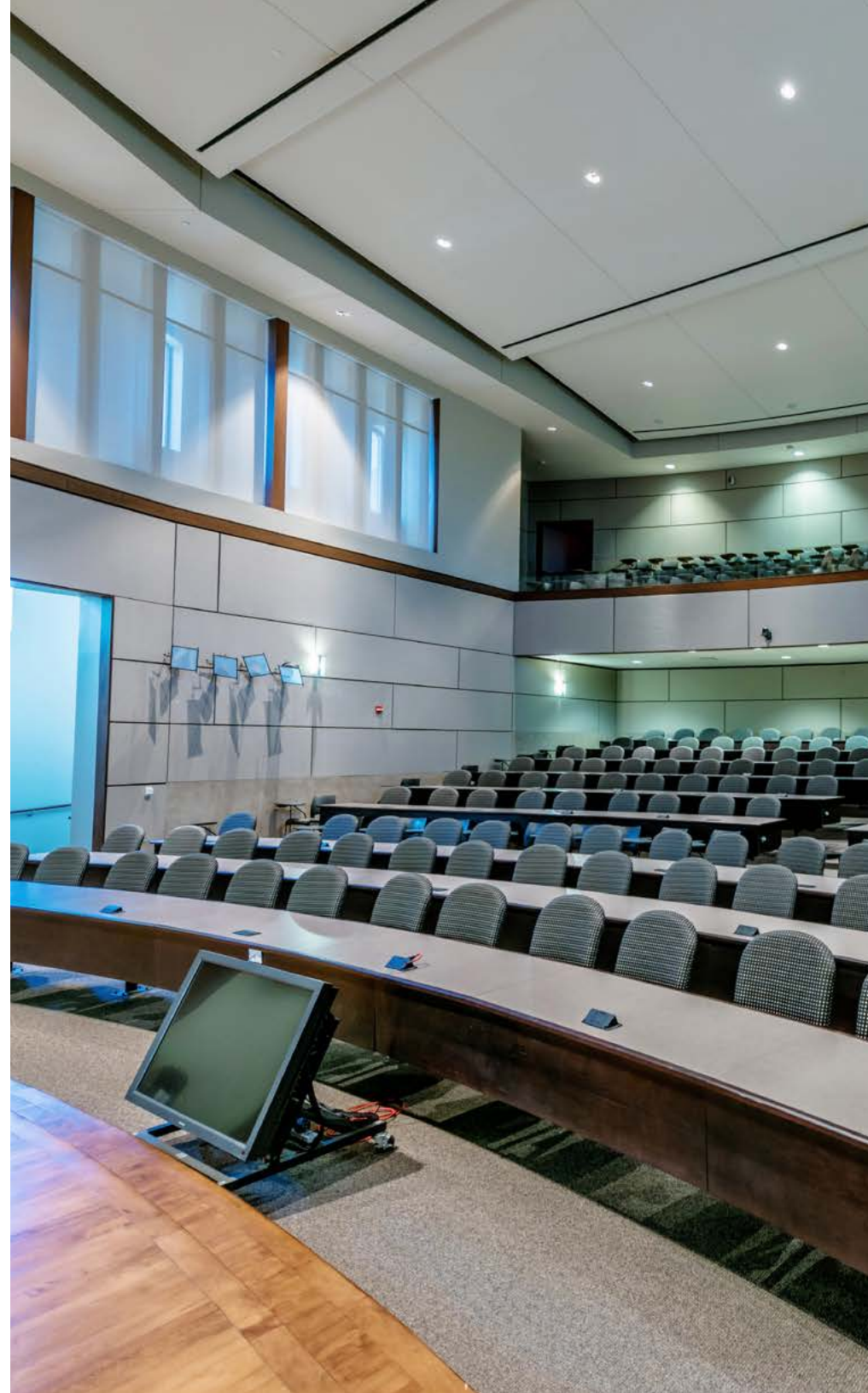
Scholarships and loans are available to help students finance their legal education at Texas Tech Law. Law students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters (four credit hours during the summer) to be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes.

## Scholarships

- In awarding scholarships to new students, Texas Tech Law uses the same factors considered in evaluating the applicant for admission. All admitted students are automatically considered for any scholarship funds for which they are eligible. Scholarships are also available to students in their second or third year of law school and are awarded on the basis of academic performance and financial need.
- Non-Resident Tuition Waiver: Texas allows non-resident students who receive a competitive academic scholarship of at least \$1,000 to receive a waiver of non-resident tuition. Non-resident students who receive such a scholarship will be charged resident tuition, which represents an additional savings of over \$10,000 per year.

## Loans

- All students seeking financial aid other than scholarships must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application enables the Law School to determine eligibility for grants and loans available to assist students with their education. Law students are eligible for several kinds of loans available from the federal government, the most common being Direct Unsubsidized and Direct PLUS loans. For information, visit [www.depts.ttu.edu/law/financialaid/state-aid.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/financialaid/state-aid.php).





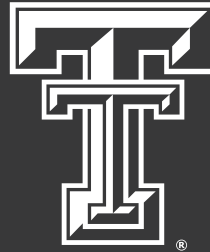


# TUITION AND **EXPENSES**

2020-2021	Resident	Non-Resident
Tuition & Fees	\$26,932	\$38,302
Room & Board	\$9,956	\$9,956
Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Transportation	\$2,400	\$2,400
Personal & Misc.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Estimated Total	\$42,488	\$53,858

For more detailed information regarding fees, veterans' exemptions from fees, payment policies, refund policies, and loans, see the university catalog at <https://catalog.ttu.edu> or visit the Student Business Services website at [www.depts.ttu.edu/studentbusinessservices](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentbusinessservices).

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