THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA
COLLEGE OF LAW

Academics

Students at the University of Tulsa College of Law call their law school “amazing.” “If you want a practical legal education in a happy environment,” advises a 2L, “TU is certainly your best option.” “Some essential courses are not offered every semester,” but you’ll find “a broad range of opportunities to engage in practical, professional development activities” here. There are quite a few joint-degree programs available. “Both journals are excellent.” Areas of concentration include a “highly regarded energy law program” and a “strong,” in-depth certificate program in Native American law. Also, the “top-notch” immigration rights clinic, which provides representation to non-citizens in immigration matters, “does great things and gives students practical experience.”

Tulsa Law is on the smaller side, and “small class sizes” are the norm. Students say that “most of the professors are really good at conveying the black-letter law, policy considerations, as well as practical info.” “Professors are willing to engage personally with students” as well. The faculty is “firm but fair,” “dedicated to student success and achievement,” and “willing to help you at the drop of the hat.” “They are easy to talk with, accessible, friendly, and genuinely concerned with students’ academic and professional success,” declares a 2L. Reviews of management are more mixed. “The administration is dedicated first and foremost to serving the students,” decrees a 3L. Some students find staffers “difficult to talk to,” though. “The administration tends to spring mandatory meetings on us as well,” adds a 2L.

The Professional Development Office works with students on their job searches including career opportunities outside of Oklahoma. Still, the consensus here seems to be that students with professional destinations outside of the Southwest must be prepared to sell themselves. Otherwise, though, employment prospects are respectable, and most students are satisfied. Tulsa Law has a “reputation within and throughout the state of Oklahoma” and “strong ties” locally. “The integration of the Tulsa legal community with the law school is incredible,” boasts a 2L. “On a daily basis, you will see attorneys, judges, scholars, and other alumni walking around.” “The Professional Development Office is also very helpful in offering mock interviews, assisting with résumés and cover letters, offering workshops in guiding students to meet their full potential, and offering a multitude of networking opportunities.”

The campus at the University of Tulsa is beautiful, and the law school building, John Rogers Hall, was completely renovated in the summer of 2011, with updated classrooms and administrative facilities. “The Internet is temperamental at times,” but technology is generally “state-of-the-art,” and the research facilities are “wonderful.” The “huge” and “exceptionally clean” library is “pretty fantastic,” which “makes for a positive studying experience.” The librarians are “invaluable,” and “there are plenty of study areas and meeting rooms.”

Life

Tulsa Law “attracts students from many states,” and more than half the students hail from outside of Oklahoma. This school is highly regional, though. “Most of the students who aren’t from Oklahoma are from one of the surrounding states.” The academic atmosphere generally ranges from “close-knit” to “cooperative to a fault.” “With the exception of a few bad apples, the students are extremely supportive of one another,” says a 2L. “Competition seems to be something reserved for the mock trial teams.” “There seems to be a collective understanding that the student body will cooperate and help one other,
and we’ll just leave the academic curve up to the professors,” relates a 1L.

Tulsa Law’s ideal size enhances life outside the classroom. “Gossip is rampant,” but students tell us, “The social life at the school is fantastic.” “At TU, you really get a chance to meet and grow closer to a small group of students,” reflects a 3L. The Student Bar Association is very active, and “Student organizations put on many different events,” such as talent shows, pub crawls, and various auctions. The law school is located on the campus of the larger university “in a mixed residential and business neighborhood” about “a five-minute drive from downtown.” The surrounding city of Tulsa has devotees as well as detractors. Aficionados point out that it’s a fairly large metropolis that’s home to a decent number of large corporations. “Getting around Tulsa is usually easy and stress free.” It’s the perfect size for anyone who doesn’t want to live in crowded cities, but who also doesn’t want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere. Critics disagree. They say Tulsa itself is “very boring.”

**Getting In**

Reasonable grades and test scores will do the trick in most cases here. Admitted students at the 25th percentile have LSAT scores in the lower 150s and undergraduate GPAs right about 3.0. At the 75th percentile, LSAT scores are a little lower than 160, and GPAs are a little higher than 3.6.