FIND
Your
PLACE

Scenic, Family-Friendly Location

Low Student-Faculty Ratio

Affordable Tuition & Low Student Debt

"Real World" Training Opportunities

Legal Clinics & Practicums

Joint Degree Programs

Personalized Career Guidance

Quality Education & Valuable Experience
Located in Laramie, Wyoming in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, the UW College of Law is known for its top programs, intimate family-like atmosphere, innovative skills training, affordability, and overall student satisfaction.

Laramie, popularly referred to as “Laradise,” is the epitome of an ideal college town in America. With a supportive community of 31,000, our hometown rallies around university activities and creates an environment welcoming to students and families alike.

Just a short drive from Denver, Laramie offers easy access to big city amenities, while still boasting even easier access to the great outdoors. Known for rock-climbing, hiking, skiing, mountain biking, and picturesque views & sunsets, Laramie is a haven for adventure!
IDEAL LOCATION

- Scenic Location
- Small Town Feel with Big City Access
- 320 Days of Sunshine
- Abundant Outdoor Activities & Entertainment
- Elevation 7220 ft

INTIMATE COMMUNITY

- Popularly Referred to as “Laradise”
- Rated #1 Small College Town in America
- Low Crime Rate
- Vibrant Downtown with Multiple Events, Festivals, & Summer Farmers Markets

FAMILY FRIENDLY

- Average Student Age: 27
- Welcoming Law School Community
- Close Relationship with the Wyoming State Bar and Bench
- Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

SMALL SIZE, BIG OPPORTUNITY

- Average Class Size 70-80
- Average Total Students: 225
- 10:1 Faculty to Student Ratio
- State-of-the-Art Courtrooms
- Access to Extensive Experiential Training Opportunities

“Laradise”

#1 Small College Town in America

*according to College Values Online

I am so fortunate that I came to the University of Wyoming for law school. I got to do something truly extraordinary and I would encourage others to do the same.

Brooke Hamilton, J.D. 2019
Consistently named as one of the nation’s “best value” law schools, the University of Wyoming College of Law offers exceptional instruction at a price that enables our students to graduate with considerably less debt than at most other schools.

At Wyoming, we believe that our students learn best by doing. We offer a wealth of opportunities for “real-world” experience. Through our legal clinics, students regularly go to trial, argue before the Wyoming Supreme Court, and participate fully in all aspects of client representation in a variety of legal areas.

Through our integrative approach to legal education, our students are taught skills in our doctrinal classes and doctrine in our skills classes so that they obtain a comprehensive foundation seamlessly integrated with experiential development.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Consistently named a Best School for Practical Training, the College of Law offers a robust curriculum that includes live-client clinics, intense simulation courses, a large externship program, four legal research centers, and informative field courses where students learn on the job.

CLINICS AND PRACTICUMS
The University of Wyoming offers a “clinic guarantee” for third-year law students in a variety of clinical programs and practicums. Our clinical programs allow students to directly represent clients and practice law under the supervision of a faculty supervisor. Full clinics and practicums at UW include: Civil Legal Services Clinic, Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic, Defender Aid Clinic, Prosecution Assistance Clinic, Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Clinic, International Human Rights, Estate Planning Practicum, and Business Law Practicum.

LEGAL EXTERNSHIPS
The College of Law offers extensive externship placements with judges, government agencies, and non-profit/public interest organizations both inside and outside of Wyoming. Students in the externship program earn credit working under an experienced attorney in a variety of practice areas and practice settings.

SUMMER TRIAL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE
One of the most in-demand courses at the College of Law is the Summer Trial Institute. An intensive two-week trial “boot camp,” the course prepares students to become successful trial attorneys in both civil and criminal law cases. Students gain skills though direct interaction with experienced practitioners, individualized evaluation, hands-on simulations, and mock trials before practicing or retired judges.

ON AVERAGE
MORE THAN
97
LIVE CLIENTS REPRESENTED
with approx.
146
TOTAL CASES OPEN ANNUALLY
in the combined clinics & practicums

36
STUDENT APPEARANCES IN
COURT ANNUALLY
Wyoming District Courts, Circuit
Courts, Municipal Courts,
and including

6
APPEARANCES BEFORE THE
WYOMING SUPREME COURT

89
STUDENTS PLACED IN AN
EXTERNSHIP POSITION
ANNUALLY

“...No matter how real you can make your moot problems, there is nothing like actually representing a client with a real case.”

Alex Cremer, J.D. 2019
The Civil Legal Services Clinic (CLSC) is one of the College of Law’s oldest clinics, having provided legal assistance to Wyoming citizens for nearly 50 years. Student interns enrolled in the CLSC represent low-income and marginalized individuals across the state who could not otherwise afford legal representation.

The Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic allows student attorneys to handle civil legal matters such as divorce, child custody, domestic violence protection orders, stalking & sexual assault protection orders, adoption, guardian ad litem appointments in juvenile & domestic relations cases, and select immigration issues.

The Defender Aid Clinic is a statewide legal assistance program for individuals who have been accused or convicted of crimes and cannot afford counsel. Under the supervision of the Faculty Director, law students investigate, research, and litigate cases in a variety of stages of criminal defense practice.

The Prosecution Assistance Program provides assistance to Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys, to the Wyoming Attorney General, and to the United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming in criminal cases and in selected civil cases involving questions of significant public interest.

The Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law Clinic pairs the College of Law and the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office. Students work with attorneys from the Water and Natural Resources Division of the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office on cases involving the state, state agencies, or state officials.

The Estate Planning Practicum (EPP) helps to address unmet estate planning, and other needs of Wyoming’s low-income population. Law students enrolled in EPP bridge the gap that exists in our state by providing estate planning to people whose income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and probate cases where the estate has a net value not exceeding $200,000.

The International Human Rights Practicum allows students to engage with NGO’s, non-profits, and law firms in need of research support on important international human rights issues. The clinic combines lawyering skills, international legal research, and supervised human rights case work.

The Business Law Practicum works with the University of Wyoming Technology Transfer and Research Products Center and the University of Wyoming Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Tasks performed for the group’s clients include advising on entity choice, drafting and filing organizational documents, employment & ethical issues, and assisting with other transactional matters.
The University of Wyoming College of Law’s Juris Doctor degree provides extensive offerings from renowned experts in energy, natural resources, business, tax, legal writing, family law, criminal law, international law, and many other areas.

Students at UW law can earn a certificate of specialization in Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENR) law. The certificate serves as an endorsement that officially recognizes students who have tailored their legal educations to develop competency in these fields. The certificate reflects students’ deeper and broader understanding in these important areas of law and communicates this competence to potential employers.

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a professional degree for those who seek leadership positions in public service. Students who combine the MPA with the JD learn the skills and techniques necessary to design and implement policies, projects, and programs to address important societal problems. JD/MPA students prepare for leadership and management positions at the local, state, and national level in the public and nonprofit sectors, and develop the skills necessary to engage in effective and ethical management of organizations.

The College of Law and Helga Otto Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) offer a combined three- or four-year program in law and graduate-level environment and natural resources. JD/MA law and ENR students collaborate across campus to practice critical thinking and collaborative problem solving for natural resource challenges. Students take on a Plan B thesis project to study and write about an environment and natural resources challenge.

The on-campus Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program features an innovative curriculum provided by a well-rounded and distinguished group of faculty members, along with on-site experiential learning in business environments. The dual program is offered with a General MBA, MBA with Energy Management Concentration, or MBA in Energy Management.
STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
The UW College of Law affords several opportunities for students to get involved in an array of clubs and organizations with their fellow classmates & the entire student body. The 20+ student groups engage in academic and social activities to enhance the educational experience at the college, including sponsoring dynamic speakers, volunteering within the community, organizing pro bono activities, and supporting students within their varying interests.

ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS
Run by the Board of Advocates, the College of Law offers several competition opportunities, allowing students to sharpen their skills and compete at the local, regional, and national level.

- Davis & Cannon Natural Resources Law Moot Court
- Energy Law Negotiations
- Richard E. Day Client Counseling
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
- ABA Negotiations
- Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association Voir Dire Competition

WYOMING LAW REVIEW
The student run Wyoming Law Review publishes articles written by practitioners and professors from throughout the country, as well as case notes and comments written by students attending the University of Wyoming College of Law.

The Law Review is managed and edited by an editorial board of third-year students under the supervision of a faculty adviser. Appointment to the Law Review is one of the highest honors conferred by the College of Law.

FACULTY
The University of Wyoming College of Law faculty boasts expertise in nearly every area of the law, allowing the college to offer a wide range of learning opportunities unprecedented for a school of its size.

Dedicated scholars and prolific writers, the College of Law faculty is active publishing articles, books, and book chapters in their areas of expertise. Their dedication to scholarship is matched by their commitment to teaching, with several faculty members winning awards for classroom excellence.

EXPERTISE
We are lucky to have the experienced professors and staff that we do. They have practical experience that aids our learning and they truly care about our education.

—Emily Williams, 3L
Recognized as a Best School for Employment, the UW College of Law Office of Career Services and Professional Development works hard to help students develop job search strategies & planning, resume & cover letter review, and facilitates opportunities with exceptional employers.

Uninhibited by crushing debt and unmanageable student loan payments, Wyoming law grads have the flexibility to pursue different avenues in the legal profession that would otherwise not be sustainable. Less likely to be restricted in their employment decisions, students are able to pursue a career of their choice ranging from big law, judicial clerkships, public interest, and private practice.

The Office of Career Services and Professional Development provides individual advising, professional programming, and interview opportunities for students and alumni alike.
The Career Services & Professional Development Office provides several important services and resources designed to assist UW law students with developing as professionals, and planning a successful career search.

PERSONALIZED CAREER COUNSELING AND ADVISING
The office provides extensive counseling related to a student’s career goals, both while in law school and beyond. The advisor will discuss options about where a student would like to see their future take them, the best route to get there, and who to ask for advice along the way.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER REVIEW
The Career Services advisor helps students tailor their documents to target a given audience, makes stylistic recommendations to help documents flow and provides overall guidance on how to best accentuate a student’s skills to employers.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
The College of Law and Career Services partner with the Wyoming State Bar, the Wyoming Supreme Court, and local bar associations to provide innumerable networking opportunities for students and attorneys. These events allow both students and local attorneys to discuss the practice of law, how a career is started, and provides a better understanding of life as an attorney, and how to find a job.

JOB BANK PORTAL
The UW POKES job bank portal compiles dozens of potential employers, consisting of local, state-wide, and national attorneys and law firms. Students can browse hundreds of opportunities from reputable employers, and streamline their search by applying filters based on preferred industry, job function and more.

The Office of Career Services was absolutely integral in seeking, and ultimately finding, a job that excited me.

— John Fritz, J.D. 2019

25 students placed in legal liftoff mentorship program
94% employment rate
8-12 students per class in judicial clerkship positions

• Career Training Events & Speakers
  • Continuing Legal Education Presentations
  • Speed Mentorship
  • Legal Liftoff Mentorship Program
  • Mock Interviews
  • On Campus Interviews
  • Pledge to Diversity Program
LEGAL LIFTOFF
Legal Liftoff is a mentorship program held over spring break. The intent is to provide the student with a possible mentor into the future, and for a supervisor to allow a student the opportunity to observe real world practice and provide a discussion of various issues.

Average Employment Type Snapshot

- Public Interest: 3-5%
- Business & Industry: 10-12%
- Judicial Clerkships: 11-16%
- Government: 12-18%
- Law Firms: 34-44%

EMPLOYMENT
The vast majority of each graduating class finds employment within 10 months of graduating from the UW College of Law. Students seek employment over a wide range of practice areas including private practice, government and public interest, business and industry, and judicial clerkships. A handful of students choose to pursue another graduate degree before entering the workforce, while others choose to pursue a career outside the law. The versatility of a UW law degree makes each of our students competitive applicants in whichever field they choose.

CLERKSHIPS
Obtaining a clerkship position is one of the most prestigious and highly sought after positions for any new lawyer embarking on their legal career. At Wyoming, our close relationship with the judiciary within Wyoming and surrounding states puts us in a unique position to place a high proportion of students within Federal Clerkships, Supreme Court Clerkships, and District Court Clerkships.

Our students have continually proven to be tenacious problem solvers. Often demonstrating grit, resilience, and resourcefulness, our graduates are proactive in finding solutions for their judges, as well as demonstrating a steadfast work ethic. Due to these qualities, judges continue to seek Wyoming law graduates for their clerkship positions.

“...We find UW trained lawyers frequently stack up better than other lawyers trained across the country.”
— The Honorable Kelly Rankin
United States Magistrate Judge of Wyoming
The University of Wyoming College of Law pride's itself on offering a high quality education at an affordable price. Graduates from the College of Law experience an education that allows them to distinguish themselves and take their place among a collegial network of professionals and alumni.

With a commitment to upholding its tradition of excellence, the UW College of Law strives to provide the resources necessary to help students flourish in their studies & their future careers, and is dedicated to helping students have the best experience possible during their legal education.
Application submitted online via LSAC.ORG

Register for and take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Score is valid for 5 years. You may register via LSAC.ORG

Register for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report (Transcript Summary) via LSAC.ORG

Submit Official Transcripts through LSAC from all higher education institutions you have attended.

2-3 Letters of Recommendation (It is advised to have 1 general reference letter, and 1 academic reference letter).

$50 Non-refundable Application Fee

Personal Statement attached to your electronic application (2-3 double-spaced pages)

Personal Resume

Other Supplemental Addenda as Required (i.e. character & fitness explanation).

If applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships, complete the FAFSA

Uniform Bar Exam State

Wyoming Law Review Journal

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4 Legal Clinics and Practicums

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