



School of Law

2007–8 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE PROGRAM

Priority application deadline for first-year students is March 1, 2008.

Priority application deadline for international students is January 15, 2008.

Priority application deadline for fall transfer and visiting students is July 1, 2008.

Priority application deadline for spring transfer and visiting students is November 15, 2008.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for admission to the University of Oregon School of Law. Our admissions committee looks forward to reading your application. If you are applying to law school with the goal of practicing law, you will need to meet the bar admission requirements of the state (or states) in which you intend to practice. In all states, admission to the bar involves the consideration of a bar applicant's character and her or his moral fitness for the practice of law. Thus, the bar requests that law schools certify the character and moral fitness of its graduates. The truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of your application to law school may have a bearing on this future certification.

Your responses to the questions on this application must be truthful, accurate, and complete. The résumé you submit also must reflect this standard. In addition, your personal statement should be an original work that you alone have crafted. We trust that the entirety of your application can be verified, including the authenticity of the letters of recommendation, if necessary. The omission of facts, the misrepresentation of facts, or the use of false statements may result in a denial of admission, the rescinding of an offer of admission, or dismissal from the University of Oregon School of Law. We genuinely appreciate your shared commitment to these high standards.

—Office of Admissions

APPLICANT STATUS

Indicate if you are applying for admission as a prospective first-year student transfer student visiting student

First-year students enter only in the fall semester. If you are a transfer or visiting student applicant, in which semester(s) do you wish to enroll? Fall Spring Year _____

Have you previously applied to the UO School of Law? Yes No

If "Yes," please give _____ / _____ Decision _____
Month Year

Note: If you wish to apply to one of the four concurrent master's degree programs (business administration, conflict and dispute resolution, environmental studies, or international studies), you must contact the appropriate department for application information. The application processes for the master's programs are separate from the application process for the J.D. program. Be aware that admission into the J.D. program or one of the concurrent master's degree programs does not guarantee admission to the other.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. **Legal name** _____
Last name First name Middle name

2. **Other name(s)** that may appear on your academic records

Last name First name Middle name

3. **Social Security number** (required) _____ - _____ - _____

Note: Please read the OUS Social Security Number Disclosure and Consent Statement on page 6

4. **Law School Admission Council account number: L** _____

5. **Contact information for admissions correspondence** (required)

E-mail address _____

Mailing address Street _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP code _____ Country _____

Preferred daytime phone number (_____) _____ Evening phone number (_____) _____

6. **Permanent address**

Street _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP code _____ Country _____

7. **Gender** (optional) Male Female

8. **Date of birth** ____ / ____ / ____

9. **Citizenship**

What is your country of citizenship? _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, but hold U.S. permanent resident status, submit a copy of your permanent resident card (green card)

10. **Are you a resident of the State of Oregon?** Yes No

11. **Ethnic identity** (International students may skip this question. It is optional for all others.) In compliance with federal reporting requirements, Oregon University System institutions must seek to identify the ethnic background of applicants for admission. You are encouraged to supply this information but may decline without in any way prejudicing your application.

Asian _____ North African
Specify ethnic group

Black or African American, non-Hispanic Pacific Islander _____
Specify ethnic group

Hispanic or Latino or Chicano _____ White, non-Hispanic
Specify ethnic group

Middle Eastern _____ Other _____
Specify ethnic group

Multiracial _____ Decline response
Specify ethnic group

Native American or Alaskan Native _____
Specify tribal affiliation

12. **Military service**

Are you currently serving or have you served in the U.S. military? Yes No

If "Yes," list dates of military service: ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____
Month Year Month Year

Attach a copy of U.S. Department of Defense form DD-214, including Member Page 4, if you have been discharged

13. **Did any family members attend, or do any family members currently attend, the UO School of Law?**

Name Years attended Relationship

Name Years attended Relationship

ACADEMIC HISTORY

14. List the high school from which you graduated

Name _____ City _____ State _____

Date of graduation _____ / _____ / _____
Month Year

15. Were you the first in your immediate family to graduate from high school? Yes No

16. List all schools that you attended after you graduated from high school (e.g., college, university, graduate school, professional school, law school)

Name	City and state	Dates of attendance	Degree
_____	_____	_____ / _____ Month Year	_____
_____	_____	_____ / _____ Month Year	_____
_____	_____	_____ / _____ Month Year	_____

17. If you enrolled in, but chose not to complete, a graduate school, professional school, or law school program, submit a separate and complete statement of explanation

18. Were you the first, or will you be the first, in your immediate family to earn a bachelor's degree? Yes No

19. If you worked while you attended college, approximately how many hours a week did you work? _____

20. Did you have family obligations for which you were responsible while you attended college? Yes No

If "Yes," briefly describe these responsibilities _____

21. List the date(s) on which you took or plan to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and your score

_____ / _____ Score _____
Month Year

_____ / _____ Score _____
Month Year

_____ / _____ Score _____
Month Year

22. If you are an international student, you must submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

List the date on which you took or you plan to take the TOEFL

_____ / _____
Month Year

23. Is English your first (native) language? Yes No

If "No," at what age did you begin learning English? _____

24. Do you have fluency in a language or languages other than English? Yes No

If "Yes," list the language(s) and the age you began learning the language(s)

Language _____ Age _____

Language _____ Age _____

GOALS

25. List up to three areas of the law in which you have primary interest

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

26. Briefly describe how you plan to use your law degree _____

27. To what other law schools are you also applying? _____

CONDUCT

28. Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or are any charges pending against you? Yes No

If "Yes," submit a separate and complete statement of explanation (including date, place, circumstances, and disciplinary action taken)

Questions 29–31 relate to your postsecondary educational experience, including college, university, graduate school, professional school, and law school. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, submit a separate and complete statement of explanation. Include date, place, circumstances, and disciplinary action taken.

29. Have you ever been placed on academic warning, probation, suspension, disqualification, dismissal, or any other similar action? Yes No

30. Have you ever been placed on social or judicial (nonacademic) warning, probation, suspension, disqualification, dismissal, or any other similar action? Yes No

31. Are any such actions as described in questions 29 and 30 pending or expected to be brought against you? Yes No

RESIDENCY

If you are not claiming residency for tuition classification purposes, or you are an international student, skip this section. If you are claiming residency for tuition classification purposes, answer **all** of the following questions. Failure to do so may result in your classification as a nonresident. Additional documentation may be required to substantiate your residency. Residency rules are available online at admissions.uoregon.edu/apply/residencyrules.htm.

32. Did a parent or legal guardian claim you as a dependent in the prior tax year? Yes No

Did a parent or legal guardian provide at least half of your support in the last twelve months? Yes No

Parent or guardian's legal state of residence _____

Is your high school diploma or GED from Oregon? Yes No Graduation year _____

If you served in the U.S. military, did you enter military service from Oregon? Yes No

Dates of most recent continuous physical presence in Oregon

You from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____
Month Year Month Year

Parent from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____
Month Year Month Year

Most recent two years of Oregon income tax forms filed

You _____ Parent _____

Dates of employment in Oregon

You from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ Employer _____
Month Year Month Year

Parent from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ Employer _____
Month Year Month Year

Date your Oregon driver's license was issued ____ / ____
Month Year

Date of your Oregon voter registration ____ / ____
Month Year

PERSONAL STATEMENT

33. **Our admissions committee reads the personal statement that you compose to learn more about you.** Through a well-crafted personal statement, the admissions committee will hear your unique voice. The best personal statements are well developed, organized, and thoroughly edited. The committee will closely examine your writing skills, including grammar, style, and content. The length of your personal statement should be two to three double-spaced pages, using a twelve-point font.

In shaping a first-year class that reflects the broad mission of the UO School of Law, the admissions committee commits to selecting women and men who are bright and passionate, committed to a life of service, and are diverse in their experiences, goals, and backgrounds. With this in mind, here are suggestions for topics:

- A specific issue or event that has prompted your desire to study law
- Reasons the UO School of Law is the right place for your study
- How your family background has influenced the person you are today
- A success that you have enjoyed that demonstrates your strengths
- Significant obstacles, challenges, or disadvantages you have overcome
- How you contribute to the diversity of the law school and to the legal profession
- A person whose example or experience led you to law school

We prefer that you select only one or two topics. Refrain from using your personal statement as a narrative version of your résumé.

RÉSUMÉ

34. **A résumé gives a fuller picture of your experiences.** Elaborate upon your employment history, volunteer work, noteworthy travel, or cross-cultural experiences. Indicate any academic awards, such as scholarships, prizes, fellowships, research assistantships, and honor society memberships. Include any recognition received for community or volunteer service or local leadership. Refrain from including copies of certificates, articles, or academic papers. Do not submit DVDs, CDs, photographs, or tapes. Your résumé should not exceed three pages.

Please complete, print, and mail the certification page that follows.

CERTIFICATION PAGE

OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (OUS) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT STATEMENT

To comply with the Tax Payer Relief Act of 1997, the University of Oregon must obtain your correct social security number (SSN) to file returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to furnish a statement to you. The returns filed by the UO must contain information about qualified tuition and related expenses. The Privacy Act of 1974, section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code, requires that you give your correct SSN to agencies who must file information returns with the IRS. The IRS uses your SSN for identification and to verify the accuracy of your tax return. For more information, please refer to Internal Revenue Code, section 6050S.

By signing the application, you give your permission for the use of your SSN to assist the UO and the OUS (and organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of the OUS) in developing, validating, or administering predictive tests and assessments; administering student aid programs; improving instruction; identifying students internally; collecting student debts; or comparing student educational experiences with subsequent work-force experiences. When conducting studies, the UO and the OUS will disclose your SSN only in a manner that does not permit personal identification of you by individuals other than representatives of the UO and the OUS (or the organization conducting the study for the OUS) and only if the information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted. By providing your social security number, you are consenting to the uses identified above. This request is made pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 351.070 and 351.085. You are not required to consent to the use of your SSN for research; if you choose not to do so, you will not be denied any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law. You may revoke your consent for the use of your SSN at any time by writing to the Office of Admissions. If you do not give consent to use your SSN for research, please attach a note requesting a system-generated number.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that

I have read and understood the “Dear Applicant” note on page 1 of this application.

I have provided complete and accurate statements on this application.

All official documents are authentic, unaltered records that pertain to me, to the best of my knowledge.

I understand all official documents submitted in support of this application become the property of the University of Oregon and cannot be returned, copied, or transferred to a third party.

I understand failure to list all colleges attended or falsification of official documents may result in denial of admission or disciplinary action, including dismissal from the UO School of Law.

I have been informed my application fee of \$50.00 is nonrefundable.

I authorize the release of any information submitted by me in connection to any person, firm, corporation, association, or government agency, but only to verify or explain the information.

I have read and understood the Oregon University System (OUS) Social Security Number Disclosure and Consent Statement at the top of this page.

I understand admission to law school and the successful completion of the program requirements for the J.D. degree does not imply admission to the bar.

I understand I should acquaint myself with the bar admission requirements of the state(s) in which I intend to practice.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print legal name _____

Last name

First name

Middle name

CHECKLIST

- Application
- Nonrefundable \$50.00 application processing fee enclosed. Check or money order should be made payable to the University of Oregon. Credit cards are not accepted.
- Personal statement
- Résumé
- Letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and results of the Law School Admission Test submitted through the Law School Data Assembly Service of the Law School Admission Council

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