

**FAST-TRACK YOUR WAY
TO A NEW CAREER.**

**EARN YOUR J.D.
IN 2 YEARS.**



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School of Law



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TWO YEARS**

**SAVE TIME
AND MONEY**

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CAREER SOONER**

**ENJOY SMALLER
CLASSES YOUR
FIRST TWO
SEMESTERS**

TWO-YEAR **J.D. PROGRAM**

Students participating in the Two-Year J.D. Program take the same challenging courses as those earning their degree in three years. After the first two semesters, students have the flexibility to create a schedule that works for them. A minimum of five credit hours is needed for the second summer term, and you can take up to nine credits in the first half of the summer and a four-credit externship in the second half of the summer.

Here is a sample schedule:

1st semester (May to August) – 16 credits

2nd semester – 15 credits

3rd semester – 15-18 credits

Summer term – five-13 credits*

4th semester – 12-18 credits

5th semester – 12-18 credits

**The more credits taken during the summer term, the fewer semesters needed of 18 credit hours.*

SAME RIGOROUS CURRICULUM. JUST FASTER.

Pursuing a law degree doesn't have to be a daunting task. If you are considering starting a new career as a lawyer, or are facing the challenge of balancing your studies with the demands of life, we have the answer: Our Two-Year J.D. Program.

The program allows you to begin law school in May and graduate two years later. This means you save money, graduate sooner and can become employed faster with less disruption in the pursuit of your legal career.

Students participating in the Two-Year J.D. Program take the same rigorous course load as those earning their degree in three years. By being part of a small group of 20 to 40 students, you will receive our faculty's undivided attention and focus, and experience the kind of lively and stimulating classroom discussions only a small class can offer.

Experiential programs, including our required Externship Program and Law Clinic, allow you to work with real clients with real legal needs and receive essential hands-on training. Led by faculty at the forefront of legal writing and research, our legal writing program will help you build the research, analytical and writing skills used in today's law practice. You can also take advantage of activities such as Law Review and moot court, as well as participate in student service and academic organizations.

And, if you need academic support, you will get it. Our Academic Success Program will help you build a strong academic foundation and develop skills that you will use throughout law school and your career. Our bar prep program also provides tailored guidance and support for every step of the bar exam preparation process.



YOUR PATH TO A NEW CAREER.



Craig Dunham went to law school because he wanted to be an Air Force JAG. But he faced a hurdle.

The Air Force has an age ceiling of 35, which Dunham was approaching when he was ready to start law school. That meant he needed to earn his J.D. quickly to have a chance to land his dream job.

“I researched the fastest law school degree and discovered that the University of Dayton offered a two-year J.D.,” he said. “It turned out to be a fantastic decision for me.”

Once he was enrolled, the School of Law helped Dunham secure an externship at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. “UDSL did an excellent job of preparing me for my work with the Air Force, and I was given some excellent recommendations,” he said. “Professors and deans also wrote letters of recommendation to help with my Air Force application package. Some of the adjunct professors were incredibly helpful with my career progression. They truly cared about my well-being.”

After graduation, Dunham got the job with the JAG Corps. “Had I not been in the two-year program, and had the school not worked so hard to get my placement as an extern,” he said, “I would not have gotten my dream job.”



Stephanie O'Banion was ready to shift gears to a new career, but didn't want to be out of the workforce for long.

When asked why she chose the University of Dayton School of Law, O'Banion doesn't mince words.

“Quite frankly, the two-year program is the reason I chose UD,” said O'Banion. “The program gave me the chance to complete my degree and return to the workforce a year sooner than I would have had I chosen a traditional J.D. program. And that resulted in noticeable cost savings.”

O'Banion also makes it clear that you can be successful and competitive as a two-year law student. She graduated summa cum laude and was ranked No. 1 in her class.

“Looking back, the two-year program was tough, but never unmanageable, and ultimately very rewarding,” said O'Banion. “And now it's a great feeling when I tell people I finished my degree in two years — especially in job interviews.”

O'Banion immediately landed a job as a judicial law clerk for the United States Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges in Cincinnati. In August 2014, O'Banion began her tenure as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

That's an impressive résumé. And she achieved it by completing an impressive program.



Before attending the University of Dayton School of Law, Brian Sullivan worked as an electrical engineer for 12 years.

Because he had been in the workforce, he did not want to be without a salary for too long when he went to law school. That's one reason Sullivan selected our Two-Year J.D. Program.

“I went to the University of Dayton for two reasons,” Sullivan said. “The two-year program, which allowed me to return to the workforce more quickly, and the Program in Law and Technology, which helped prepare me for a career as a patent attorney.”

The Two-Year J.D. Program also helped Sullivan maintain focus during law school and build endurance and the study habits needed to prepare for the bar exam and work long hours as an attorney.

“I cannot think of any good reason why someone would not try the two-year program at the University of Dayton,” he said. “For anyone leaving the workforce to become a full-time student, the two-year program is a must. The question I would ask anyone thinking about the two-year program is: Why delay your new career for one more year than you have to?”



Brandon McClain had already earned a master's, along with a B.A., when he enrolled in our Two-Year J.D. Program.

With his rich educational background, he wanted to earn his J.D. quickly, without sacrificing the quality of his legal education or his law school experience. That's why he participated in our Two-Year J.D. Program.

McClain benefited in other ways from the program. It helped him save time and money, allowed him to learn alongside a diverse group of classmates and helped him develop the time management skills needed to succeed in law school and to practice law.

“Throughout my education at UDSL,” he said, “I took courses in criminal and civil litigation, trial strategy and, most important, brief writing and preparation. In the real world, these courses are truly vital to being an efficient attorney because they are invoked at a moment's notice on a daily basis in innumerable situations.”

After graduating from our Two-Year J.D. Program, McClain was ready to practice law on the day he was sworn in to the legal profession. “UDSL offered opportunities that promoted growth in legal thinking,” he said. “I can confidently and sincerely say that UDSL truly prepared me for my career as an attorney.”

OUR GRADUATES SUCCEED.

Graduates of our Two-Year J.D. Program have succeeded professionally at an exceptional level and are pursuing their careers in a wide range of settings and locations.

Here's a sample of where Two-Year J.D. Program graduates have begun their careers:

- Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Charleston, West Virginia
- Cors & Bassett, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Ohio Attorney General's Office, Columbus, Ohio
- U.S. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
- Spear, Greenfield & Richman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Northwestern Mutual, Columbus, Ohio
- Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office, Spartanburg, South Carolina

As you plan for your professional career, our Career Services office will provide individual counseling to help you identify your career goals and succeed in your job search.

Because it is a priority at Dayton Law, our Career Services office has outpaced many of its peers in helping our graduates secure full-time legal jobs.

We have also been recognized by *National Jurist* magazine and Law School Transparency for providing thorough and comprehensive employment data. You will find this kind of open and transparent atmosphere throughout the University of Dayton School of Law.

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