

UBC LAW | AT ALLARD HALL

University of Hawai'i at Manoa and University of British Columbia JOINT LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The University of British Columbia Faculty of Law (UBC Law) and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law (UH) Joint Legal Education Program is the result of an agreement entered into by UBC Law and UH in 2009.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a J.D. degree from UBC and a J.D. degree from UH. The University of Hawai'i's J.D. program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA), which means that its graduates are eligible to seek admission to practice in any state in the United States assuming other admissions requirements are met. It is your responsibility to contact the state and/or province in which you wish to practice to confirm eligibility requirements. For additional information about the U.S. admissions rules, see, e.g. http://www.ncbex.org/assets/media_files/Comp-Guide/CompGuide.pdf.

BASICS

UBC law students will complete the first two years of their UBC J.D. degree at UBC and, if admitted by UH to the program, they will subsequently attend UH (<http://www.law.hawaii.edu/>) for two years. After successful completion of the first year at UH, UBC will award them their UBC J.D. degree. After successful completion of the second year at UH, UH will award them their UH J.D. degree. Up to five UBC Law students may be admitted to the program each year and the admission process is handled by UH.

SPECIFICS FOR UBC STUDENTS

Year One

You attend UBC Law on a full time basis and must successfully complete the mandatory first year program.

Year Two

1. You must take at least 30 credits at UBC in your second year.
2. You must complete all your course requirements for graduation from UBC Law by the end of your second year (with the exception of your 4 credit seminar requirement which can be completed at UBC or UH). See http://www.law.ubc.ca/current/jd/grad_requirements.html for those requirements.
3. You apply to UH for admission to the program by January of your second year.

Years Three and Four

1. You attend UH and take at least four semesters of full-time study with at least 60 credits at UH.
2. You must take the following courses at UH: Professional Responsibility (3 credits), Constitutional Law (3 credits), Civil Procedure I and II (6 credits) and 2 credits of skills or clinic courses.
3. If you have not completed a 4 credit seminar at UBC, you must complete a 4 credit seminar (which incorporates a substantial academic writing requirement) at UH. This seminar must be completed in the first year of your two years at UH in order to receive your UBC degree at the completion of that year.
4. You may not take courses at UH which are substantially similar to courses for which you have received credit at UBC Law.
5. UH requires you to complete 40 hours of pro bono work (volunteer services). This work can be completed at UBC (in year one or two) or UH.

Other Information

1. UBC students are eligible to earn Certificates in Native Hawaiian, Pacific Asian and Environmental Law while at UH.
2. UBC First Nations students are welcome to participate in any upper level courses and activities associated with UH's Lehua program.

3. UH requires 89 credits to graduate, 29 of those credits will be from UBC.
4. UBC requires 92 credits to graduate, 30 of those will be from UH. Once you have successfully completed 30 credits at UH (in your third year of study), you will be granted your UBC J.D. (assuming you have completed your seminar requirement). You will graduate in November of that year (not May) due to the slightly different dates for the UH academic year.
5. Once you have successfully completed 60 credits at UH (in your fourth year of study), you will be granted your UH J.D.
6. FYI, the academic year in UH runs from late August to mid-May with a three week break in December/January, and a one week break in March.

COST

The Joint Legal Education program is not an exchange program. Rather you are registered for two years at UBC where you pay UBC Law fees and then for your final two years (four semesters) at UH where you pay UH fees as a non resident student. Non-resident law tuition at UH is US\$18,120.00 per semester for 2013-2014: <http://www.law.hawaii.edu/tuition>. The estimated living costs per year at UH are approximately US\$16,000 (books, housing, personal expenses and transportation). For further information see <http://www.law.hawaii.edu/cost-attendance>.

Law students will be considered automatically on admission for scholarships based on need and merit on admission.

Please note that all monetary amounts mentioned in this document are subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. You must take at least 30 total credits in second year at UBC Law.
2. Up to five UBC Law students a year will be accepted by UH into the program (application made in your second year of studies at UBC).
3. To apply, you must complete the free online application for the UH-UBC Joint Legal Education Program via LSAC (<https://os.lsac.org/Release/Logon/Access.aspx>) before February 1, 2013 Midnight HST.
4. Applications consist of:
 - a. **Personal Statement:** Compose a 500 word personal statement on a subject of your choice
 - b. **Resume:** Write a résumé detailing your education, extracurricular activity, professional experience, and community service.
 - c. **Addendum:** Outline your background and goals and how the joint program will be beneficial to you in an addendum.
 - d. **Additional Application Materials:** Sent directly to the Admissions Office at UH Law School. (Do not use the LSAC Credential Assembly Service):

Admissions Office
William S. Richardson School of Law
2515 Dole Street
Honolulu, HI 96822-2350

 - i. Letter of Permission from the UBC Law stating you are a student in good standing and eligible to participate in the joint legal education program (sent by UBC Law to UH)
 - ii. Two academic letters of reference from professors (UH strongly recommends that at least one letter be from a law school professor) (sent by the professors to UH)
 - iii. All undergraduate and graduate/professional transcripts (sent from the educational institutions to UH)
 - iv. Copy of your LSAT report and writing sample (sent by UBC Law to UH)
5. Admission to the program is made by UH.

CONTACTS

Any questions about admission to the UH part of the program should be directed to Elisabeth Steele Hutchison, Director of Admissions & Special Projects at esteele@hawaii.edu or (808) 956-5557. You may contact Interim Associate Dean for Student Services Cynthia Quinn, with questions about the academic program at UH (quinnc@hawaii.edu).

If you have questions about your two years at UBC Law, please contact Pamela Cyr, Acting Assistant Dean, Students, cyr@law.ubc.ca (until January 2, 2013) or Kaila Mikkelsen, Assistant Dean, Students, mikkelsen@law.ubc.ca (after January 2, 2013). Lauren Gabriel, a UBC law third year student who is currently finishing her first year at UH is also happy to answer questions from UBC law students, lauren.j.gabriel@gmail.com or 808.371.7550.