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Professional lawyers need a solid foundation in the law, and you'll unearth that substance in NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law. The comprehensive Juris Doctor (J.D.) Program arms students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become trusted, highly adept lawyers.

What you'll study

The full time three-year curriculum combines traditional doctrinal courses with courses that focus on specialized areas within law. In addition, NSU offers advanced skills and simulations, clinical and externship courses, and comprehensive support. Spanning areas from arbitration to taxation, we have what you want.

How you'll learn more

You won't get lost in the crowd in our small, first-year sections. Faculty members are generous with their time and follow an open-door, open-Internet policy. Coming from the rich community of practitioners in South Florida, they help to bridge the gap between legal theory and practice. Many other opportunities, including international study and online master's degrees, allow you to find your niche.

Where it can take you

Your career and continued professional development are priorities at NSU. But even within NSU, you may continue your journey with fellowships, the active student bar association, and clinical programs. Our thriving alumni provide blueprints and bridges for the next step in your career.

Full-Time J.D. Program

The Juris Doctor (JD) Program is designed to ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that are at the heart of becoming trusted, highly adept, professional lawyers who are respected for serving clients, their communities, and justice. All students in the program must complete 90 semester-hours of study, which is six semesters long (three academic years) in areas that are essential to the understanding and practice of law. In addition to a wide variety of courses in many areas of the traditional legal field, the curriculum provides numerous opportunities in courses and clinics for students to develop the practical problem-solving, negotiation and mediation skills needed in an ever changing legal landscape. The College of Law combines traditional and innovative teaching methods to provide a dynamic, professional program. We draw from the rich community of practitioners in the South Florida area who teach specialized courses and help to bridge the gap between legal theory and practice. The JD curriculum is designed to develop students' analytical ability, communication skills, and understanding of professional responsibility and ethics that are central to the practice of law.

Part-Time J.D. Program

The College of Law has a long tradition of providing quality legal education to working students. Today, many men and women employed full time by the federal government, law firms, trade associations, and other organizations are able to attend while working full time. Our part-time program, which is limited to approximately 60 students, is offered four nights a week from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Our part-time law program allows working professionals to balance a career or those who have other day-time commitments.
with evening courses. The part-time program is designed to allow students to complete the J.D. degree requirements in eight academic semesters (four academic years).