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2021

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida



## BREAKING BOUNDARIES | NSU College of Law by the Numbers



**Ranked #1 (tied) in Florida** and #54 nationally for Health Law (2021 U.S. News & World Report)

**Ranked #2 in Florida** and #18 nationally for Legal Research and Writing (2021 U.S. News & World Report)

**Ranked #2 in Florida** and #13 nationally in Diversity among Florida Law Schools (2021 U.S. News & World Report)

**Ranked #4** in Florida and #50 nationally for Trial Advocacy (2021 U.S. News & World Report)



**90.3%** Ultimate Bar Passage Rate for 2017 graduates (ABA disclosure based on 2017 graduates)

**Known** as one of the leading law schools because of the **NSU Law Leadership Academy**, which emphasizes preparation in the business of lawyering.



**Eight different degrees and certificates**—a B.S. and a Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Paralegal Studies, four M.S. in Law degrees, a J.D., and an LL.M.—and one undergraduate minor in Law, Science, and Technology make NSU Law **one of the most comprehensive law schools** in the U.S.

**Seven Dual-Degree programs**, including J.D./M.B.A., J.D./O.D., and J.D./M.S. in Computer and Information Sciences

All photos included were taken prior to February 2020.



Thank you for your interest in the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. We have one focus at our law school, and that is you, the student. Our student-centric approach means that every member of the College of Law community is here to help you achieve your professional goals.

- Carefully developed simulations, placements, and clinics enable you to learn through hands-on, immersive experiences.
- Competition teams will establish your national standing, hone your advocacy skills, and build lifelong friendships.
- Research alongside faculty members will help you foster your professional reputation.
- Guided, personalized career and professional development help you to grow and meet your employment goals. Faculty and staff members, as well as fellow students and alumni, work together to support all NSU Law graduates in all areas of employment.

NSU's BlendFlex educational model offers NSU Law students additional flexibility and safety assurance, without compromising the high-quality education that you expect. You will participate in safe, engaging, and dynamic educational experiences in-class, online, or through a combination of the two. Our classrooms have been upgraded to ensure that you have a variety of ways to interact with your professors and peers.

At NSU Law, you will gain a competitive advantage that helps you drive your future forward. Be sure to schedule a time to visit us virtually or in person. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "José R. Juárez, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

José Roberto Juárez, Jr.  
Dean  
Shepard Broad College of Law



## FACULTY | Fostering Partnerships

Your reasons for pursuing law school are unique. The aspirations you bring with you are special. NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law faculty and staff members are dedicated to your success, and they help guide you from day one.

With an 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio, our 50 full-time professors work closely with you as mentors, competition team coaches, and student organization advisers. They can work with you one-on-one to help you excel. The relationships you form with your professors often extend well beyond graduation.



## CURRICULUM | Cultivating Passions

Beyond law school lies a rewarding professional career and a lifetime of fulfillment during which you will help people make a profound difference in the world. To get you there, NSU Law combines in-depth study of legal rules with active workshops and skills courses that prepare you for hands-on, live-client representation in clinical and field placements, followed by comprehensive support for your success on the bar exam.

There is no limit to the subjects you can pursue. Some more popular choices are

- civil litigation and appellate practice
- commercial, corporate, and business law
- constitutional law and civil rights law
- criminal law and procedure, cybersecurity, and privacy law
- elder law
- employment and labor law
- entertainment and sports law
- estates, wills, and trusts
- family law and juvenile law
- health law
- intellectual property (including copyright), patent, and trademark law
- international and comparative law
- real property, environmental, and land use
- tax law
- torts law



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM | Building Success



At NSU Law, you don't face law school alone. The Academic Success and Professionalism Program (ASP)—one of the nation's most robust and comprehensive academic success programs—guides you through your transition from layperson to law student to lawyer. With ASP, you develop and hone the skills essential to becoming a successful attorney. ASP provides you with hands-on simulations, personalized lessons, targeted workshops, and writing labs.

The NSU Bar Success Program brings to bear the latest cognitive science, statistical insights, and sound pedagogy to support and guide you through the bar exam.

Faculty and staff members, in ASP and throughout NSU Law, are dedicated to helping you succeed in law school, develop your professional identity, pass the bar, and launch your professional career. The support you receive from the college extends well beyond graduation.

## TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY | Exceeding Potential



For more than four decades, NSU Law has been known as a vital training ground for legal professionals integral to Florida's legal community. With one of the largest pretrial, trial, and appellate programs in the country, NSU Law prepares you to command any courtroom.

Four in-house, live-client clinics are located in our expanded clinical wing.

Intensive summer boot camps offer instruction in foundational advocacy skills.

Field placements cover a full range of externship opportunities (both paid and unpaid) with government agencies, private firms, and nonprofit organizations. You can work anywhere in the country and, with special arrangements, virtually anywhere in the world.

Nationally and internationally, competitive teams showcase the trial and appellate acumen students develop at NSU Law.



## IN-HOUSE CLINICS | Making a Difference

Our in-house, live-client clinics bring the study of law to life for you. Clinics are designed to model the day-to-day operations of actual law firms, and include 16 open-area student work stations, a reception area for clients, and six private conference rooms.



**In the Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Law Clinic,** you actively advocate on behalf of clients with disabilities to protect their rights in areas of public benefits, employment, education, government services, private business accommodations, housing, guardian advocacy, and guardianship counseling. The AIDD Law Clinic program provides the community with an opportunity to gather with renowned judges, legal professionals, advocates, and representatives for individuals with special needs at the annual AIDD Roundtable and Conference.

**In the Children and Families Law Clinic,** you represent low-income individuals in cases involving divorce, paternity, injunctions, child support, custody, alimony, property division, relocation, return of parentally abducted children, and the legal rights of children and parents. Field placements are available.

**In the Dispute Resolution Clinic,** you become a Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator, learn about dispute resolution options, and hone dispute resolution skills for matters including juvenile diversions referred by the Office of the State Attorney.

**In the Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Clinic,** you provide direct legal services to entrepreneurs and small businesses, nonprofit organizations, NSU students, and researchers associated with the NSU Center for Collaborative Research, as well as innovators in technology, life science, and the creative communities. This is also offered as a field placement clinic.

## FIELD PLACEMENT CLINICS | Turning Theory into Practice

Through local, national, and global partnerships, NSU Law's Field Placement Clinics provide you with the opportunity to work under the supervision of practicing lawyers in private or nonprofit law offices, governmental and administrative agencies, public interest organizations, or corporate legal departments. The Field Placement Clinics provide both paid and unpaid clinical opportunities. Individual placements are available throughout the United States.



**In the Civil Field Placement Clinic,** you gain transactional and litigation skills in several areas of law, including

- corporate and business practice
- environmental
- health law
- human rights
- immigration
- intellectual property
- international
- personal injury
- real estate and land use
- sports and entertainment

**In the Consumer Bankruptcy Field Placement Clinic,** you represent actual clients in federal bankruptcy proceedings, as permitted by the Florida Limited Practice Act and the Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

**In the Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic,** you intern full time in a prosecutor or public defender's office, where you handle real issues arising within the criminal justice system, under the supervision of practicing attorneys. You engage with criminal policy and procedural issues; enhance and improve your research and writing skills; learn practical aspects of a trial and witness preparation, along with ethical issues specific to criminal law; and participate in live depositions, hearings, and trials.

**In the Judicial Field Placement Clinic,** you are provided with the opportunity to work as a judicial intern for state and federal courts. You witness firsthand the inner workings of judicial decision-making and the resolution of legal disputes, under the guidance of a Florida judge.

## LAW CONCENTRATIONS | Delivering Results

NSU's J.D. degree has concentrations in

**Health Law**—Expands your knowledge of transactions, regulation, health care practice, and bioethics, and is one of the fastest growing and most complex areas of law today. NSU Law is a leader in medical research and education and partners with many of the university's health profession colleges and research centers.

**International Law**—Sets you apart in the legal field and develops your understanding and basic competence regarding essential legal issues common to international practice in a variety of substantive fields. This objective includes developing your awareness of diverse cultural, social, and legal systems and how such diversity may affect your clients' interests.

**Intellectual Property, Technology, and Cybersecurity Law**—Focuses your learning on privacy, data security, and patent law, matching these strengths to the current substantial market need for intellectual property specialists. You will also learn to manage legal challenges from social media and computer hacking and explore patents, trademarks, and copyrighted work.



2019 J.D. with a concentration in Health Law graduates

## COCURRICULAR PROGRAMS | Empowering Leadership

Cocurricular programs include

- two student-run academic publications, including the only bilingual law journal in the United States
- more than two dozen national and international competition teams
- independent research projects that let students focus on their passions
- more than three dozen student-run organizations
- dozens of faculty-led, collaborative projects

At NSU Law, learning extends well beyond the classroom. You can participate in cocurricular programs to develop interests, acquire core leadership skills, and become part of the international legal community.



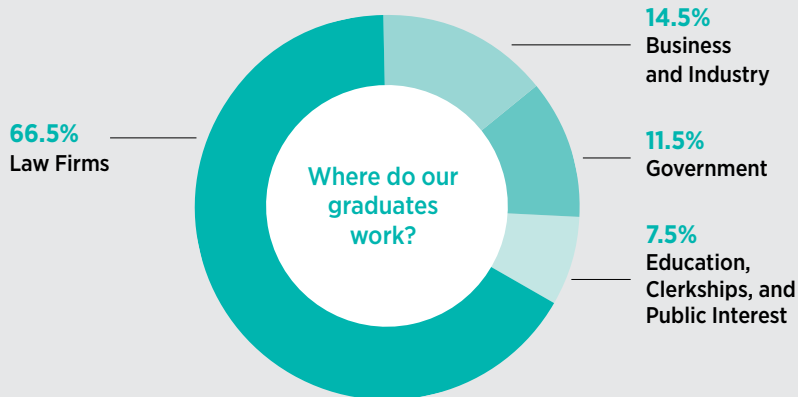
## CAREER DEVELOPMENT | Launching Your Future



NSU Law is committed to helping you from the launch of your professional career through your retirement. The Career and Professional Development Office helps you identify the job that best fits your interests. Its dedicated professional team of lawyers also helps you navigate your career path, make a self-assessment, explore career options, and secure summer and part-time positions as steps toward your professional career.

Working with our career advisers, you will develop a personal portfolio showcasing your achievements, skills, and experiences and get training for the dynamic legal job market. Seminars, workshops, and panel discussions provide you with exposure to employment opportunities, professionalism, and law practice. Our Career Pathways online program guides you through the preparation and coursework needed for each of many available practice areas.

### STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019



## A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY AND LIVE | More Than Sunshine



South Florida is a great place to study law. NSU's beautiful campus in the greater Fort Lauderdale area is close to state and federal courts, many law firms, and diverse business centers. NSU Law has established strong roots in the area with alumni who serve as judges, as well as practice in law firms, governmental and nonprofit organizations, and corporations. At NSU, you get a world-class education in a world-class destination.

You will gain practical experience from area internships, part-time employment, and clinical and field placement programs.

- You will be encouraged and supported by alumni mentors, who will provide information about legal areas of interest to you and assist you in networking.
- You will sit with judges and attorneys and engage in discussions over dinner and through participation in Inns of Court.
- You will live in an area that enjoys year-round sunshine and a range of outdoor activities and is an international tourist destination.

# WHO GOES TO NSU COLLEGE OF LAW? | Building Community

Shepard Broad College of Law takes pride in being an international law school with one of the most diverse faculties and student bodies in the nation. You will be part of a community that hails from all over the globe and has earned degrees from at least 89 different colleges and universities. Résumés include experience in business, education, medicine, technology, the arts, engineering, and more. The college also connects you with a close-knit network of local practitioners who welcome you into the profession, open their doors to you, and guide you onto pathways of success.

## J.D. ADMISSION DATA

Data was collected on the first day of classes, August 17, 2020.

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Applications	1,153	213	1,366
Admission Offers	552	71	623
Enrolled Students	166	49	215

LSAT	Full Time	Part Time	Overall
75th Percentile	154	154	154
Median (50th Percentile)	152	152	152
25th Percentile	150	150	150

Range of LSAT scores: 147-164

UNDERGRADUATE GPA	Full Time	Part Time	Overall
75th Percentile	3.50	3.40	3.49
Median (50th Percentile)	3.21	3.14	3.19
25th Percentile	2.96	2.97	2.97

Range of Undergraduate GPAs: 2.10-3.96

## AGE

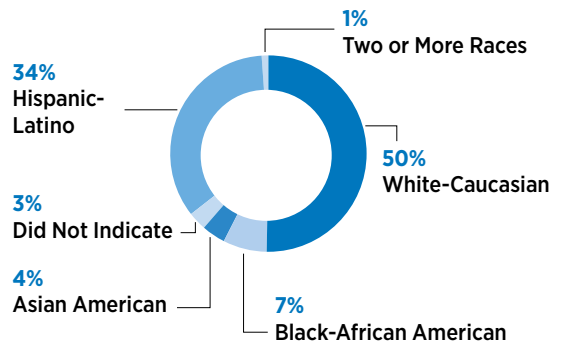
		AGE RANGE	
Full Time	19	25 (average)	52
Part Time	22	29 (average)	47

## GENDER



## ETHNICITY

46 percent of the class identifies as a member of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group.



## GEOGRAPHY

International students comprise 11 percent of the NSU Law student body.

Those students are from [Argentina](#), [Austria](#), [Brazil](#), [Canada](#), [Chile](#), [China](#), [Colombia](#), [Cuba](#), [Dominican Republic](#), [Ecuador](#), [France](#), [Iceland](#), [Jamaica](#), [Palestine](#), [Peru](#), [Romania](#), [Russian Federation](#), [Trinidad and Tobago](#), [Turkey](#), [United Kingdom](#), [Virgin Islands](#), [Venezuela](#), and [Vietnam](#).

## APPLY NOW | You Are Ready!

Applying for admission to NSU Law is easy. Create an account at *LSAC.org* and register for the LSAT. While there, sign up for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Then, use your LSAC account to apply for admission to NSU Law. You are not charged an application fee.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- your completed and electronically signed J.D. application using the LSAC Electronic Application Service
- an LSAC CAS report of your transcripts and LSAT scores
- your personal statement sharing your interest in, and preparation for, study at NSU Law
- your résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) listing relevant experience and achievements
- one letter of recommendation (we will accept up to three)

### FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR FALL (AUGUST)

#### Application Opens: September 1

This is the date the application is available on *LSAC.org*.

#### Priority Consideration Date: March 15

Opportunities for admission and scholarship consideration are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Final Deadline: July 15

The application closes at 11:59 p.m. EST. There will not be an opportunity to apply for the 2021–2022 class after these dates.

### COSTS

2020–2021 ACADEMIC YEAR	Full-Time Students	Part-Time Students
Annual Tuition	\$43,044	\$32,277
Annual Student Fees	\$1,060	\$1,060
Computer Services Fee (first semester only)	\$250	\$250

### FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Need-based financial aid, in the form of federal student loans, are awarded based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Merit scholarships for 1L (first-year) students are awarded at the time of admission, based on your LSAT score and GPA results from your undergraduate degree. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$36,000 and are conditionally renewable.

During the academic year, you are also given the opportunity to apply for donor awards that are publicized by the Shepard Broad College of Law Scholarship Committee.

Free Internet search engines, such as *fastweb.com*, offer the richest source of scholarship funding for any law student. You are encouraged to begin such searches early.





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## GET THE NSU EDGE

Employers demand that new lawyers be ready to face the complex demands of legal, business, and government workplaces. NSU Law graduates excel, with an edge honed through skills training, clinics, field placements, workshops, faculty mentoring, competition team experience, and much more.

NSU Law equips you with the skills needed to pursue your own professional path and to succeed in every stage of your career—today, tomorrow, and for decades to come. NSU students enter the university looking to make a difference, and emerge ready to transform the world and dominate their future.

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