Cumberland School of Law

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Cumberland School of Law, founded in 1847 as part of Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, was acquired by Howard College, now Samford University, in 1961. The Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

The Cumberland School of Law offers two degree programs. The core program is a 90-credit course of study leading to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. In addition to the J.D. program, the Law School offers a Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.). To apply to the J.D. program, an undergraduate degree and a satisfactory Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score are required. Admission is competitive.

The Law School sponsors seven joint-degree programs in connection with the J.D. degree: Law/Accounting (J.D./M.Acc.), Law/Business Administration (J.D./M.B.A.), Law/Divinity (J.D./M.Div.), Law/Environmental Management (J.D./M.S.E.M.), Law/Public Administration (J.D./M.P.A.), Law/Public Health (J.D./M.P.H.), and Law/Theological Studies (J.D./M.T.S.).

Cumberland School of Law offers a program that prepares students for satisfying and rewarding careers in the law. Most Cumberland graduates become practicing attorneys, but many choose public service, business, or other careers for which the study of law provides a good foundation. Many Cumberland graduates settle in the Southeast, but the school has alumni living and working in more than 46 states and a number of foreign countries.

The environment is both challenging and nurturing. Cumberland offers everything required for a first-rate legal education. The faculty are drawn from two dozen of the country's best law schools. They bring to the classroom a rich mix of academic achievement, experience in the practice of law, and public service. They are committed to excellence in the classroom. They also produce an impressive amount of scholarship, ranging from the practical to the theoretical. The size of the school and a low student/faculty ratio facilitate meaningful interaction between the students and the faculty.

The beautiful Samford campus provides an environment most conducive to the study of law. In particular, the School of Law benefits from its state-of-the-art research facility, the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library.

The school enjoys a cordial relationship with the outstanding bench and bar in Birmingham and throughout the Southeast. Each year, Cumberland hosts a number of events, bringing to campus some of the country's leading lawyers, judges, and legal academics to share their experiences and ideas with students and faculty. The school supports numerous activities, journals, moot courts, trial competitions, and student organizations focused on particular areas of the law or public policy, which enrich the quality of life at the school and help equip students for the professional lives awaiting them on graduation.

For additional information, you may contact our admissions office:

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The M.C.L. program is a graduate law program. Enrollment is limited to students who have earned their first law degree outside the United States. For further information about this program, please contact Professor Charles D. Cole, the program director. More information is available at the law school's Web site: http://cumberland.samford.edu.

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW TUITION AND FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007

Description of Expense	Student Classification	Payment Regulations	Expense	Payment Due Date (1)
Tuition				
Less than 10 credits	Part-time Law Students	Deposit nonrefundable See Refund Policies	$857/credit	$150 initial deposit due April 1; $500 deposit due June 15, remainder on or before e-bill payment due date*
10 to 16 credits	Full-time Law Students	Deposit nonrefundable See Refund Policies	$13,095/semester	$150 initial deposit due April 1; $500 deposit due June 15; remainder on or before e-bill payment due date*
More than 16 credits	Full-time Law Students		$857/credit	$150 initial deposit due April 1; $500 deposit due June 15; remainder on or before e-bill payment due date*
Joint Degree	Joint Degree Law Students	See Refund Policies	By Classification	On or before e-bill payment due date
Full-Time Summer Term	Second-Year and Third-Year Law Students		$857/credit	
Summer Term	Entering Law Admitted for Fall Term		$4,365	$150 initial deposit due April 1; $500 deposit waived
Summer Abroad Program	All Law Students	Deposit nonrefundable See Refund Policies	$2,000	
Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.)	Graduate Law Students	Deposit nonrefundable See Refund Policies	$4,000	
Fees				
Application Fee for Law School Admission	All Law Students	Nonrefundable	$50	At time of application submission
Reapplication Fee	All Law Students	Nonrefundable	$50	At time of reapplication submission
Books and Supplies	All Law Flex (8 hrs) Students		$590 (estimate)	Cash/check/credit card at time of purchase
Books and Supplies	All Law Flex (9 hrs) Students		$650 (estimate)	Cash/check/credit card at time of purchase
Books and Supplies	All Law Fall/Spring Students		$1,500 (estimate)	Cash/check/credit card at time of purchase

* Fall Semester: First-year payment due on or before e-bill payment due date. Second-year and third-year payments due on or before e-bill payment due date.
Spring Semester/Summer: Payment due on or before e-bill payment due date.

NOTE: See p. 32 for a list of General Miscellaneous Fees that apply to ALL students.

(1) Charges incurred after the e-bill has been generated for the semester/term are due on or before the e-bill due date (see Payment Due Date Schedule on p. 33 for e-bill generation date and payment due date). Charges incurred during the drop/add period are due when incurred. Classes may be canceled for non-payment.