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De La Salle University
College of Law

An exploding population. A threatened environment. A technologically-driven world. Faced with the many challenges and complexities that continue to grow by the day, the Philippines requires a highly responsible, just and morally upright, excellent leadership, and the efficient practice of law.

De La Salle University aims to contribute to the development of future leaders in the legal profession with the establishment of the College of Law. The DLSU Juris Doctor (JD) program offers a multi-disciplinary approach to learning, developing in law students the research and communication competence to practice the profession. An outstanding corps of faculty will provide hands-on mentoring throughout the program, to fully prepare the small but select group of students for the Bar exams.

The program will also provide for the enrichment and enhancement of the communication skills of the students, to enable them to confidently and competently establish themselves in the legal profession.

Legal aid and externship programs will expose these students to La Salle’s national and international network of communities, organizations, as well as linkages with law firms.

While following a curriculum mandated by the Supreme Court and the Commission on Higher Education, the program also underscores the teaching of human rights, which will be offered as an elective and infused in core courses. The many reputable programs of DLSU, including economics, engineering, information technology, sciences, and the arts, are valuable resources for legal research undertakings.

At the heart of the program is the University’s tradition of excellence and service. By developing in tomorrow’s lawyers the compassion and commitment to promote and uphold the rights of every individual and to protect the environment, the College of Law of De La Salle University brings to reality a pathbreaking vision, with a passion to transform lives.

De La Salle University College of Law
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Board of Advisers

The Board of Advisers of the DLSU College of Law is composed of legal luminates from academia, government, and private practice.

- Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban (Ret.) was recognized as The Renaissance Jurist of the 21st Century upon his retirement in 2006. A prolific writer, he penned 11 books during his 11 years of service at the Supreme Court. He concurrently chaired the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, the Judicial and Bar Council, and the Philippine Judicial Academy while serving his term as Chief Justice of the Philippines.

- Justice Florentino Feliciano (Ret.) is a former Senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. From 1995 to 2008, he served at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body. He served as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, the Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal, and the World Bank Administrative Tribunal.

- Justice Josue Bellosoillo (Ret.) is a former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. He is a former Bar Examiner and lecturer for the Judicial Career Development Program, jointly sponsored by the Supreme Court and the Institute of Judicial Administration. He is a Professor of Law in various colleges and universities, consultant to various organizations, and author of various publications.

- Judge Anselmo Francisco Trinidad Reyes obtained his B.A.(Law), LL.M. and Ph.D.(Law) from Cambridge University, England in 1982, 1983, and 1987, respectively. He was admitted as Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1995 and was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2003. He was appointed by the Hong Kong Judiciary as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 2002, and now serves as Judge in the same office.

- Atty. Antonio Oposa Jr. is the pioneer in the practice of Environmental Law in the Philippines and is one of the leaders in the international arena of Environmental Laws. He is an acclaimed writer and a recipient of various awards, including The Outstanding Young Man of the Philippines and the U.N. Environmental Programme Global 500 Roll of Honor.

- Atty. Ma. Soledad Margarita Deriquito-Mawis is a senior partner of the Alampay Gatchalian Mawis Alampay Law Offices wherein she handles litigation in criminal law, corporation law, and civil law, particularly those involving family law. She is also a law professor at the Adamson University College of Law. She is corporate secretary of the Breaking the Yoke of Poverty and a member of the Women Lawyer’s Circle. She graduated cum laude from her preparatory law course and 15th in her law class at the University of the Philippines.

- Atty. Domingo Alomuro is a union counsel of various employee unions in different institutions including those under financial, telecommunications, drug manufacturing and distributing, garments, and power industries. He is also a counsel of several non-government organizations in the country and a founding member of the Movement of Attorneys’ Brotherhood, Integrity and Nationalism, Inc. (MABINI). He is a current member and former deputy NCR coordinator of the Free Legal Assistance Groups (FLAG).

- Atty. Katrina Legarda is an outstanding lawyer who specializes in family law, and is an advocate of the rights of women and children. She is professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the College of Medicine of the University of the Philippines and a lecturer at the Philippine Judicial Academy, Supreme Court. She is the founding chair of the Child Justice League, a foundation dedicated to providing free legal assistance to abused children and children in conflict with the law. She graduated from the University of Bristol, England (B.A Hons., History) in 1975, and obtained her degree in law from the University of the Philippines College of Law. She joined the Angara Abello Concepcion Regala and Cruz Law offices (ACCRALAW) in 1981, and left as a Partner in 1992.

- Atty. Rodrigo Lope Quimbo is a partner in the Quisumbing Torres Law Office and teaches law at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law and University of the Philippines College of Law. He graduated cum laude with Bachelor of Arts from the University of Santo Tomas and valedictorian with Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines.

- Atty. Anno Sanadial is a professorial lecturer at the University of the Philippines College of Law and Deputy Secretary General FLAG. He is also a member of the Regional Council on Human Rights in Asia and a partner in the Sanadial Ayau Te Viterbo Enriquez and Tan Law Firm. He received his Preparatory Law and Bachelor of Law degrees from the University of the Philippines.

Faculty list

The DLSU College of Law Faculty is a group of notable practicing lawyers and law specialists. They are backed by a rich resource of experience that will make for an intellectually stimulating environment.

- Atty. Jose Manuel Dizon, Dean of the College of Law, is Professor of Law and Executive Director of the DLSU Law Center. He is a Bar member of both the Republic of the Philippines and the State of Illinois. He is also the chairman of the Free Legal Assistance Groups (FLAG), the oldest and largest organization of human rights in the Philippines. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree from the University of the Philippines. He graduated magna cum laude from the Northern Illinois University College of Law with the degree Juris Doctor of Laws.

- Atty. Virgilio De Los Reyes, Vice Dean of the College of Law, teaches Business Law in the MBA program of DLSU. He also serves as the chief executive officer of GoVida Studios, Inc. and the principal of the De Los Reyes Law Office. He is a founding member of LIBERTAS, an association of lawyers focused on human rights and judicial reform, and a former volunteer community organizer. He has a Masters in International Relations from the Tuft University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines.
Getting in

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

The following are the requirements for acceptance to the Law Program:

a. Completion of a Bachelor’s Degree with the required minimum number of units on the following courses:
   - 3 units of Rizal
   - 21 units of Social Science (Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, History, Literature)
   - 12 units of English
   - 6 units of Math

b. Submission of all pertinent documents. (Please see section on Required Documents)

c. Passing the DLSU Juris Doctor Aptitude Test (JDAT) and interview by the College of Law Screening Panel (Dean, Vice Dean and Faculty)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Go to the Graduate Admissions Office and present an original or certified true copy of your College Transcript of Records for evaluation (GPA of at least 85%).

2. If qualified, you will be issued a referral slip for payment of the College of Law Admissions/Testing fee at the Accounting Office.
   - For non-DLSU graduates: P1500.00
   - For De La Salle District School graduates: P1200.00
   - For DLSU graduates: P1000.00

3. Present the Official Receipt to the Graduate Admissions Office to secure the application kit.

4. Submit the accomplished application form and the required documents to get the testing permit.
   a. Three identical (3) 2”x2” photographs
   b. Photocopy of Birth Certificate from NSO
   c. Two (2) letters of recommendation from former undergraduate or graduate professors or employers who could attest to the applicant’s qualification for the Law Program
   d. Updated curriculum vitae/resumé (if applicant is working)
   e. Personal Statement containing career objectives (see Personal Statement Guide in the Application kit)
   f. Certificate of Good Moral Character from the last school attended

5. Take the test on the scheduled date upon presentation of the testing permit.

6. Results can be accessed through text messaging and the DLSU website. Official Letters of Acceptance and non-Acceptance will be mailed to the address indicated in the Application Form.

7. Applicants who pass the test will be scheduled for an interview with the College of Law Screening Committee.

8. If accepted, you will submit the following to the Graduate Admissions Office:
   a. Acceptance letter from the University
   b. Certificate of Transfer Credentials (from last school attended)
   c. Original copy of the Birth Certificate from NSO
   d. Fraternity Waiver Contract (DLSU College of Law students are not allowed to form, organize, or join any fraternity/ sorority or similar organizations.)
Admission policies

- The DLSU College of Law follows a trimestral calendar and will only accept full-time students for the 1st term of the academic year. Qualified applicants who enrolled for the 1st term of the academic year and were granted authorized leaves of absence (LOA) may be readmitted to the College of Law. However, only one (1) year is the allowable LOA except in highly meritorious cases.

- All applicants will have to take and pass the DLSU Juris Doctor Aptitude Test (JDAT) and interview to be admitted to the program. The DLSU JDAT is a three-hour test divided into four sections: the first three parts assess the applicant's ability to detect patterns and relationships, and the last section is essay writing. Graduate degree holders are not exempted from taking the test.

- Students are subject to the policies, rules, and regulations of the DLSU Student Handbook.
DLSU is...

- the only Philippine private university among the founding members of the ASEAN University Network (AUN). Composed of leading member universities and institutions in Southeast Asia, the AUN was established to promote solidarity among members and to further develop its regional identity by sharing human resources.
- the host institution for Chemical Engineering and main facilitating institution for Biotechnology of the Asean University Network/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net).
- the first Philippine university to earn Level 4 accreditation—the highest level granted by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU).
- selected by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as a Zonal Research Center in the National Capital Region.
- recognized by CHED as having Centers of Excellence in the fields of IT Education, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Teacher Education.
- granted Level 2 re-accreditation by PAASCU in the graduate programs of College of Science, College of Liberal Arts, and College of Education.
- chosen by leading computer company Microsoft Philippines as partner for the establishment of the first-ever Microsoft Innovation Center in the local academic sector.
- identified by the Department of Education (DepEd) as a teacher training institution for public and private school teachers of English and Mathematics in the elementary and high school levels.
- committed to serve as a resource in the development of poor communities in the country, through projects like Center for Micro-Hydro Technology for Rural Electrification Project, Pundasyon Hanunuo Mangyan School Project, Operation Big Brother, and St. La Salle Pre-school.
- a consistent top performing school in the licensure examinations in Accountancy, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Education.
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Facilities

De La Salle University is a well-secured learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities as well as cultural and spiritual venues to support the holistic development of its community members.

Wired and wireless ports are found all around the campus, linking the University to the world. An e-classroom allows students to interact with their counterparts in the international front. Laboratories feature the most modern equipment.

The University Library boasts of a wide collection of books, journals, and other references, and is connected to the libraries of the other 17 La Salle schools in the Philippines and select local universities and colleges. As a member of the ASEAN University Network, it also has access to the library databases of top universities in the ASEAN region.

An auditorium that can host 1,000 people serves as the venue for major cultural activities and international events.

The Museum at DLSU houses a collection of Filipino Modern Art, including works of 10 National Artists, generously donated by the heirs of Wilt and Doreen Fernandez.

The University has three places of prayer and worship—the Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the La Salle Hall, the Chapel of the Pearl of Great Price beside the University Library, and the new Chapel of Christ the Teacher at the Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall.

A comprehensive sports building that doubles as parking lot provides a sophisticated ground for sports training and physical fitness activities. It houses an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and other facilities for individual, dual, and team sports.

The Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall, a 20-storey building, which is to date the tallest educational structure in the Philippines, houses the De La Salle Philippines, the Office of the President, the College of Education, the Asia Pacific Center for Teacher’s Education, and the College of Law. General Education classes are also conducted in this building.
Some Lasallian firsts

- The University opened its portal to the information highway when it established the Computer Center in 1971, the first in the local academic sector to do so. In 1980, the Center expanded and became the Planning, Information, and Computer Science Center (PICSC). In 1981, the PICSC monitored the Computer Science Department which offered the first undergraduate degree in Computer Science. Four years later, the Computer Science Department was formally declared as the College of Computer Studies.

- With its solid reputation in information technology, DLSU was designated by the ASEAN University Network as the lead school in the establishment of the first virtual university in the region.

- DLSU’s smart classroom is the first ever in the Philippine academic. By 2000, it already had video conferencing capabilities and state-of-the-art equipment for desktop presentations, with audio-visual players, overhead projectors, two-way video camera, and 42 computer units hooked to the Internet.

- The first school to be connected to the Internet, DLSU was recognized in 1996 by PC Computing Magazine as among the world’s universities with the best websites. It was cited together with University of Waterloo (Canada), Harvard University (USA), University of West Indies, University of Tokyo (Japan), University of Limerick (Ireland), University of Cape Town (South Africa), University of Sydney (Australia), University of Hamburg (Germany), University of Zagreb (Croatia), and Helsinki University of Technology (Finland).

- SINAG, the first Philippine solar car, was designed and built by students and faculty of DLSU College of Engineering. Driven by a team of Lasallian students, it raced across the Australian sub-continent to a stellar finish at the 20th World Solar Challenge.

DLSU at a glance

THE UNIVERSITY
Catholic co-educational university founded in 1911 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools

LOCATION
2401 Taft Avenue, Manila 1004, Philippines

CAMPUSS AREA
Six-hectares

STRUCTURE
Has seven colleges that offer specific academic programs

AVERAGE STUDENT POPULATION
16,000 students

ACCREDITATION
DLSU is the first university to be awarded Level 4, the highest accreditation given by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU). This distinction is given to institutions that excel in a broad area of academic discipline and enjoy prestige and authority comparable to that of international universities.

The University has Centers of Excellence in IT Education, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Teacher Education conferred by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in recognition of La Salle’s quality of academic programs, teaching, research, and extension service.

CALENDAR
DLSU follows a trimester system, with classes running from May to August, September to December, and January to April. Summer sessions are from April to May.

FACULTY
400 full-time and 350 part-time faculty members on the average (per term)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Different types of assistance and scholarships are available through DLSU’s Scholarship and Financial Assistance (SFA) Office.

ATHLETICS
DLSU is a member of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP), National Capital Region Athletic Association (NCRAA), University Games (UNIGAMES), and other tournaments and invitational, both local and international.

Lasallian athletes compete in various intercollegiate sports. There are sports varsity teams in athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, chess, fencing, football, judo, lawn tennis, softball, swimming, taekwondo, table tennis, and volleyball.
DLSU provides a comprehensive student service program to make sure that you reach your maximum potential and you get a relevant and well-rounded education.