

Congratulations on your acceptance!

You are now part of the capable and diverse student body at San Joaquin College of Law. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds—teaching, public service, business, science, law enforcement—bringing a broad range of perspectives to the study of law that enhances not only their own learning experience but also the education of their peers. The Juris Doctor program at San Joaquin College of Law seeks to create a program of legal education which produces graduates who are highly skilled individuals who can contribute to the development of legal and social institutions and to the integrity of the legal system. San Joaquin College of Law serves Central California and beyond as a center of professional legal education and scholarly discourse.

Mandatory On-Line Registration

Available from July 29 - 31. Instructions for registration will be emailed to you in July.

Curriculum

The Juris Doctor Degree can be completed in 3, 4, or 5 years, depending upon the individual student's needs and performance in law school. Whatever the time frame, the student must successfully complete 86 semester units with a cumulative grade point average of 65 or better to obtain the Juris Doctor degree.

Tuition

Tuition and fees are due by 6:15pm on August 18, 2025. If you will be applying for financial aid, see the Financial Aid section on the following page.

2025-'26 Academic Year Tuition and Fee Schedule

Tuition (per unit*)	\$1,005
Student Association Fee (For Fall & Spring Semester)	\$35
Registration Fee (Per Semester)	\$25
Technology Fee (Per Semester)	\$250
Late Registration Fee (after 11:59 pm 8/1/2024)	\$40 (+\$5 per business day thereafter)
Returned Check Fee	\$20
Schedule Change Fee	\$25

* A typical first year Four Year Program's curriculum is 10 units per semester.

No cash or credit cards will be accepted. Make all checks payable to SJCL. San Joaquin College of Law reserves the right to change tuition and/or fees at any time.

Tuition Refund Policy

Drop Policy

Only classes dropped on or before 5:00pm September 8, 2025 are eligible for a tuition refund.

Withdrawal Policy

Students who completely withdraw from school may be eligible for a partial refund of tuition. For complete details see the Student Handbook.

Financial Aid

To apply for federal student loans you must complete the FAFSA, graduate level entrance counseling, and sign the master promissory note. All three of these tasks are completed through the Department of Education's website at <http://studentaid.gov>. The FAFSA must be completed each year prior to origination of the loan. Entrance counseling is only required once. The master promissory note is good for up to 10 years. There are no grants at the graduate level, only federal student loans.

You must also complete the SJCL financial aid application each year. It can be accessed at www.sjcl.edu/finaid. To apply, click on "Apply For Financial Aid," click "Applicant," enter your email and password, choose the appropriate school year, and follow the instructions. Contact Lisa Nilmeier at lnilmeier@sjcl.edu or 559/326-1482 with any questions or problems.

At the time you complete online registration, students will be able to determine if their financial aid disbursement will cover the full amount of the semester's tuition and fees or if they will have a balance due to SJCL. If the student has a balance due to SJCL after their net loan amount is disbursed, they will receive an email from accounting on the first day of the semester with the balance and due date of the payment. Students are expected to purchase books with their own resources.

Tuition, registration, technology, and student association fees payments will not be required by the beginning of the semester if the student has completed the financial aid process and returned the offer letter. If you are using financial aid and have a balance due you will need to pay by 4:30 pm on August 22, 2025. All other students must pay their tuition and fees by 6:15 pm on August 18, 2025.

Textbooks

A booklist will be available online approximately June 30, 2025. It will be posted under First Year Student Files.

- All students must purchase books using their own resources.
- The estimated cost of books for the first year totals \$1,000 - \$1,700 depending on if you purchase new or used.

Textbooks may be purchased from any source.

First Assignments

First assignments will be available on the website no later than July 18, 2025. To locate first assignments click on Students on the main menu, then on the drop down menu click on Admitted Students. First assignments will be posted on the far right under First Year Files. Assignments need to be completed prior to the first day of class. Students will be issued a permanent Username and Password once enrolled.

Once issued please contact Joyce Morodomi at 559/326-1464 for any questions regarding your user name and/or password.

First Week Schedule – Mandatory

All students must attend each day

For your first week only your schedule will be as follows:

Picture ID.....	August 11, 5:00-6:30p
Orientation.....	August 11 & 15, 6:30-9:30p
Legal Methods I.....	August 12 & 14

Room Assignments will be posted at the bottom of the stairs.

*All information subject to change

Four-Year Program

SJCL's Four-Year Program is designed for a diverse community. The curriculum is intended to accommodate the needs of working students, parents, commuters, and others who have substantial commitments outside of their studies. The program requires an average of ten classroom hours each week throughout the four years. A student should expect to spend approximately two to three hours in preparation time for each hour of classroom time. The program is designed primarily as a night program, but there are some daytime sections of classes offered depending on demand and availability.

Three-Year Option

Students in the Four-Year Program who complete the first year with a minimum cumulative GPA of 75 can accelerate their studies by transferring to the Three-Year Option. Students who wish to transfer to the Three-Year Option are required to meet with the Director of Student Services, Academic Dean, Dean of Students, or Dean for approval before transferring. If receiving financial aid, the transferring student must also meet with the Director of Financial Aid. The Three-Year Option requires students to take additional courses during the second and third year of the program and complete a minimum of four (4) clinical units. Any outside employment in excess of (20) hours per week is prohibited.

*Programs subject to change

Sample Fall Schedule

Evening Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:30-9:30PM	Torts I	Civil Procedure I	Contracts I	Legal Methods I

Day Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11AM-12:20PM	Contracts I	Civil Procedure I	Contracts I	Civil Procedure I
1:30-2:50PM	Torts I		Torts I	
1:30-4:30PM				Legal Methods I

*These sample schedules are subject to change.

Forms

Please complete the First Year Student Form and the Photo/Release Information Form prior to the first night of orientation. To locate first year student forms, on the homepage, click on the main menu item titled Students, then in the drop-down menu click on Admitted Students. The link to the First Year Forms is located under item 6 in the list “To get ready for Fall classes follow these steps:” Click on the link and complete the form.

- 2025 First Year Student Form

Also expect to have your photograph taken for your student ID.

Student Assigned Email Addresses

Students are assigned an email address at the beginning of the first semester. All information regarding your enrollment at SJCL (grades, canceled classes, financial aid, exams, etc.) is communicated through your SJCL student email address. It is recommended you check it regularly.

Activities and Organizations

Student Bar Association

The San Joaquin College of Law Student Bar Association, of which all students are members, provides an opportunity for public service and the discussion of student issues.

Each group of students in the same class year at the Law School selects two class representatives, which form the governing group of the Student Bar Association. The representatives of the first year class are selected each fall. The representatives of the upper classes and the officers are selected annually during the spring semester. Officers include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Student Bar Association coordinates a number of annual events, including portions of the first year orientation, the new student reception, and the annual spring awards banquet.

The Student Bar Association coordinates the Outstanding Student Award Program, in which candidates are nominated by members of their respective classes based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the class. The Student Bar Association also coordinates the Student Mentoring Program. In addition, the Student Bar Association sponsors scholarships.

Christian Legal Society

The Christian Legal Society (CLS) is a nationwide Christian fellowship committed to acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God. Founded in 1961, CLS defends religious liberties for all Americans in the legislatures and the courts and serves those most in need in our society through Christian Legal Aid. They are organized in more than 1100 cities into attorney chapters and law student chapters across the United States. Four students committed to creating a faith based fellowship on campus founded the CLS chapter at SJCL in September 2017.

Delta Theta Phi

We encourage law students to consider being a member of the nation's premier law fraternity. Delta Theta Phi, which can trace its roots to 1900, has initiated more than 136,000 members locally, across the country, and in several other nations. Many of our members are distinguished persons in government, in business, in international affairs, on the judiciary, and in the general practice of law. Membership is open to all students enrolled in the law program.

As members, students have an opportunity to become involved in the legal community, while participating in professional seminars, social events, and community service. They may qualify for scholarships and award programs, student loans, and grants through the local or national Senate. Delta Theta Phi is the only law fraternity with an authoritatively recognized law review. Each member also receives the "Paper Book," a quarterly publication of Delta Theta Phi.

Law Students United in Tolerance

Law Students United in Tolerance (LawSUIT) exists to build a sense of unity between members and to promote appreciation of diversity issues within the student body and the community through our pursuit of academic excellence, service to the school, and the coordination of activities:

To promote SJCL to the diverse population of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

To provide support and encouragement to new students adjusting to life as a law student.

In furtherance of these objectives, LawSUIT extends its invitation of membership to all.

Law Student for Community Advancement

Law Students for Community Advancement's (LSCA) primary mission is to invigorate a culture of engagement at SJCL and empower the student body by facilitating positive and impactful relationships with our community. We believe that as law students and future legal professionals, we have a duty to advocate for social justice in our community. We seek to prioritize knowledge over information by restoring the value of language and promoting dialogue. LSCA opposes racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression, and provides a place for like-minded students to access resources and organize their efforts. Through community outreach and education, we hope to create a community that embraces knowledge and promotes tolerance.

Administrative Office Hours

Front Desk

Monday – Thursday	9:00am-6:30pm
Friday	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday – Sunday	Closed

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	9:00am-10:00pm
Friday	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday.....	10:00am-6:00pm

Any changes will be posted at the appropriate time for holidays, exams etc.

Career Services

The Career Services Office assists students with their career goals by informing them of career options and job search strategies and connecting them with potential employers. Career Services assists with student employment, clinical and externship placements. We provide career counseling, résumé reviews and mock interviews, an extensive resource library, and programs throughout the year, including On-Campus Interviews, and workshops designed to help students narrow their areas of interest and create networking opportunities with practitioners.

Parking

The southeast parking lot is designated for students with the exception of the six (6) faculty spaces. The south parking lot is reserved for staff during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m. students may use the lot with the exception of the two (2) adjunct faculty spaces.

Additional parking may be available: on the street, behind the Clovis City Hall building and in the public parking lot on the northeast corner of 4th & Veterans.

Attendance Preparedness Policy

Class attendance and preparation are crucial for success in law school. Students must attend and be prepared for class to receive credit for a course. Excessive absences for any reason result in the student not obtaining sufficient exposure to the course material. A student who exceeds the permitted number of absences in any class will be administratively withdrawn from the class.

Students must attend 80% of scheduled classes in order to avoid being administratively withdrawn. For complete details see the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook will be available online the first week of school.

To welcome all newly admitted
students there will be a

Incoming Student Reception

July 24, 2025 – 5:15 pm

This is a great opportunity to become more
acquainted with fellow incoming students.

You are welcome to bring a guest.

R.S.V.P. to Diane Steel at
dsteel@sjcl.edu or **559/326-1455**

To welcome all students
there will be a

Back to School Night TBA

This celebration, hosted by the Student Bar
Association for all San Joaquin College of Law
students, is an informal gathering to meet
fellow students.

Academic Calendar

Summer

Memorial Day	May 26
On - Line Registration.....	May 29 - June 1
1st Day of Term	June 9
Independence Day	July 4
Instruction Ends.....	July 11
Final Exams	July 14 - 15
Summer Term Ends	July 15
Summer Break	July 16 - Aug. 8

Fall

Online Registration	July 29 - 31
Orientation Week (1L)	Aug. 11 - 14
1st Day of Term	Aug. 18
Labor Day	Sept. 1
Instruction Ends.....	Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Recess.....	Nov. 26 - 28
Final Exams	Dec. 1 - 12
Fall Term Ends.....	Dec. 12
Winter Recess	Dec. 15 - Jan. 5

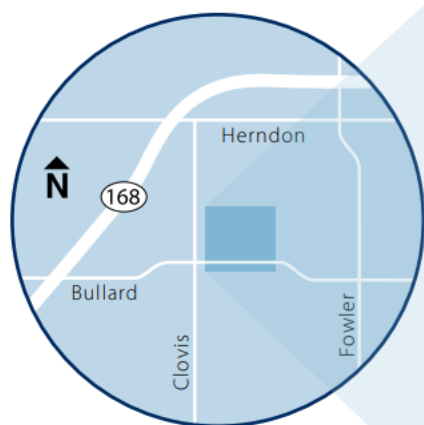
Spring

Online Registration	Dec. 26 - 28
1st Day of Term	Jan. 5
Martin Luther King Jr.....	Jan. 19
Presidents' Day	Feb. 16
Spring Recess	March 30 - April 3
Instruction Ends.....	April 24
Final Exams	April 27 - May 8
Spring Term Ends.....	May 8
Commencement	May 30

Campus Map



Directions and Parking



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