The University of Florida’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program is composed of a collection of talented, committed people with a clear sense of their mission, working with a common purpose. Our faculty and staff bring intellectual depth, dedication, and passion to their teaching, research and service. Our students form a vibrant community inside the classroom and out, attracted to UF by the breadth of opportunities it offers in environmental and land use law. Working together, we study the many facets of efforts to reconcile growth and conservation, the issues that lie at the heart of environmental and land use law.

In addition to an extensive curriculum of traditional classes taught by our outstanding faculty, we offer students the chance to see the issues first-hand on field trips and through study abroad, to learn by doing through our Conservation Clinic and externships, and to work with and learn from experts in related fields through interdisciplinary opportunities. It all adds up to a great place to study environmental and land use law.

– Alyson C. Flourney
Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program,
UF Research Foundation Professor

"Working together, we study the many facets of efforts to reconcile growth and conservation..."
“The many things I learned about myself and the world while attending the University of Florida College of Law continue to influence me daily — both personally and professionally — and have contributed greatly to my success in life.”

— Carol M. Browner (JD 79), principal, Albright Group, a global advisory firm, and former head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and member of President Clinton’s cabinet for eight years. (Photo courtesy of NASA)
Our Environmental and Land Use Law Program draws on the tremendous strengths of the Levin College of Law, the Center for Governmental Responsibility, and the many programs at the University of Florida in disciplines closely related to environmental and land use law to offer students an extensive choice of courses. In addition to our popular Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law, we offer joint degrees and opportunities for concurrent study in fields as diverse as wildlife ecology, environmental engineering, religion and nature, interdisciplinary ecology, urban and regional planning, real estate, and agriculture.

Innovative programs like the interdisciplinary Conservation Clinic and the Summer Environmental Law Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica, as well as a full array of summer externship opportunities, enable students to experience legal issues in a real world context.

**Required Core Courses**

- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Land Use Planning and Control Law
- Administrative Law or Florida Administrative Law Capstone Colloquium

**Electives**

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Environmental Law & Litigation
- Advanced Takings Law
- Agricultural Law
- Conservation Clinic
- Condominium & Community Development Law
- Environmental Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
- Externship
- Florida Administrative Law
- Independent Study
- International and Comparative Environmental Law*
- International and Comparative Environmental Law Skills Lab*
- International Environmental Justice*
- International Environmental Moot Court*
- International Trade and Environment
- Land Finance
- Local Government Law
- Mediation & Other Dispute Resolution Processes
- Negotiation & Mediation
- Negotiation, Mediation & Other Dispute Resolution Processes
- South Florida Ecosystems
- Water Law
- Wetlands & Watersheds: Law, Science & Policy

* Offered through the Summer Environmental Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica


Other courses may qualify as certificate electives with the director's approval.

For detailed course descriptions, visit our website at www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/curriculum.
The Levin College of Law’s Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program enables students to demonstrate concentration and accomplishment in these two important fields. Certificate requirements were developed by faculty in consultation with an advisory board of leading practitioners from private firms, government agencies and non-profit organizations. Enrolled students take eight credit hours above their J.D. requirements to graduate. Thus, unlike similar programs elsewhere, students in this personalized curriculum enjoy both breadth and depth in their studies.

**Certificate Requirements**

Students must successfully:
- Complete the five required core courses
- Complete five credit hours in approved ELULP electives, including a course that satisfies the senior writing requirement
- Maintain 3.0 GPA in 15 credits within required and elective courses
- Graduate with eight credit hours beyond those required for J.D. (96 total for most students)

Students also can enhance their knowledge of conservation-related disciplines such as political science, wildlife ecology, urban and regional planning, and environmental engineering by registering for up to six credit hours of course work in other colleges at the University of Florida or pursuing joint degree programs that enable them to earn a Master’s degree in one of these fields, along with their law degree, in a reduced amount of time.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of one of the strongest and most vibrant environmental and land use law faculties in the country. With seven tenure-track faculty, two clinical faculty and an additional six Center for Governmental Responsibility attorneys focused on teaching and research in these fields, this program offers a rich curriculum, abundant opportunities for students, and an intellectually stimulating and nurturing environment for faculty and students alike."

— Associate Professor Mary Jane Angelo
Opportunities for Students

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES BROADEN AND ENRICH THE CURRICULUM AND PROVIDE VALUABLE FIELD EXPERIENCE.

Environmental and Land Use Law Society
The Environmental and Land Use Law Society (ELULS) is one of the most active student groups on campus. Each year, the ELULS has a program of speakers from practice, hosts social events, and organizes outdoor activities like river clean-ups. Students from the ELULS also organize the Public Interest Environmental Conference (PIEC, see box below). Sponsoring this two-day conference provides students a chance to work closely with UF faculty, public interest attorneys, scientists, and government officials on important and timely environmental issues.

Environmental Moot Court Team
The University of Florida sends teams to the National Environmental Moot Court Competition and the International Environmental Moot Court Competition. Students selected to participate on the UF teams have the chance to brief and argue a case, and to compete against teams from around the country.

Members of the Environmental Moot Court Team have reached the semi-final rounds in 2002, 2003 and 2006.

Richard E. Nelson Symposium
This annual endowed conference, organized by Professor Michael Allan Wolf, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, brings prominent speakers to campus for a symposium each year. UF students can attend the symposium and actively participate by introducing speakers or moderating panels. Recent symposia have focused on historic preservation, the Supreme Court’s environmental term, billboard regulation and eminent domain.

Environmental Speaker Series
Each spring, a selection of nationally known scholars are invited to campus to present their research to ELUL students and faculty. The seminars allow students to explore new perspectives and sit in class beside their professors. The seminars are part of the Capstone Colloquium for certificate students, designed to enrich students’ knowledge of environmental and land use law.

The Environmental Speaker Series is made possible through support from Hopping Green & Sams, PA, Lewis Longman & Walker, PA, and The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section.

PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE
The annual student-organized Public Interest Environmental Conference (PIEC) is a highly successful collaboration between UF’s Environmental and Land Use Law Society and the Public Interest Committee of The Florida Bar’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section. The conference features two days of programs on timely topics such as mercury in the environment, adaptive management and the Everglades, toxic torts, rural land conversion, and sustainable agriculture, and brings students together with scientists, lawyers, government officials, grassroots environmentalists, and industry representatives. In 2006 the UF ELULS hosted the annual meeting of the National Association of Environmental Law Societies in conjunction with the annual PIEC. The 2007 conference focused on sustainability and featured Ray Anderson (pictured, second from right, with ELUL students at the event), founder and chairman of Interface, Inc. For details on the 2008 conference, visit www.ufpiec.org.
Conservation Clinic
The Conservation Clinic offers students the opportunity to learn and gain valuable experience while working on compelling conservation challenges. Under the supervision of Director Tom Ankersen, law and graduate students work in teams for clients such as not-for-profit organizations, community organizations, state and local governments, and even international organizations. Students learn to work within interdisciplinary teams to achieve results that require a collaborative effort. Issue-oriented field trips are a staple of the clinic semester.

In recent semesters, Conservation Clinic students have:

• Drafted a model historic preservation ordinance for use by Florida waterfront communities
• Drafted a green building ordinance and a wetlands ordinance for the City of Gainesville, Florida
• Drafted proposed state legislation and the accompanying legal analysis to address degradation of Florida’s springs
• Drafted petitions under the World Heritage Convention to establish a new World Heritage Site in Costa Rica and to designate the Belize Barrier Reef an endangered World Heritage Site
• Drafted a conservation easement for a property owner seeking to ensure that her property remains under conservation in perpetuity

Conservation Clinic is online at http://conservation.law.ufl.edu.

Costa Rica Comparative and International Environmental Law Study Abroad Program
The Levin College of Law offers students the unique opportunity to study international and comparative environmental law from a Latin American perspective through the study abroad program in Costa Rica. Few countries are better suited to the study and application of environmental law than the tiny tropical republic of Costa Rica, which has been at the forefront of some of the most significant environmental policy innovations on the global stage. The UF College of Law/University of Costa Rica Joint Program in Environmental Law emphasizes international and comparative environmental law as well as skills training in a cross-cultural context through its Conservation Clinic and skills-based courses such as Environmental Dispute Resolution.

Law students and young attorneys from Costa Rica and elsewhere in Latin America and the Caribbean participate in the program along with U.S. law students, thanks to a special collaboration with the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide.

Issue-based field trips round out the curriculum. In addition to rafting tropical rivers and visiting community cloud forest reserves, students are able to work with field biologists from the Caribbean Conservation Corporation as they tag sea turtles and monitor the remote nesting beaches of Tortuguero on Costa Rica’s Caribbean Coast.

Detailed information on the Costa Rica Program is online at http://conservation.law.ufl.edu/summer_costarica.
Our Graduates

More than 17,000 Levin College of Law graduates practice in every state in the nation and in countries around the globe.

Florida alumni practice in nearly every state in the U.S. and in countries around the world. In Florida, approximately one-fourth of all practicing lawyers are Levin College of Law graduates.

Florida has a particularly active cadre of distinguished alumni practicing in the fields of environmental and land use law. With alumni in prominent positions in private firms, public interest environmental organizations, federal environmental agencies, state and local governments, and corporate law departments, this network of UF law alumni provides students with numerous contacts and opportunities to learn about various career paths and options.

Students have many opportunities for interaction with distinguished alumni, faculty and visitors – and benefit from mentoring and externship programs, guest lectures and symposia. The Environmental and Land Use Law Alumni Advisory Board offers advice and support to the program and its students, and Advisory Board members act as informal mentors for students. The law school’s Center for Career Services also maintains a databank of alumni through its Alumni Mentor Program who volunteer to offer advice and career guidance to current students interested in fields similar to their own. While these mentors are not intended to be a direct source of employment, they can be a valuable source of networking, career ideas or geographic information.

"The practical, real world knowledge that a law student gains from UF’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program is unparalleled. As a leading environmental and land use law firm, we search out those candidates who have graduated from the University of Florida’s ELULP."

— Brenna Durden, Lewis Longman & Walker, PA
Within two years of graduating from UF Law, Erika M. Zimmerman (JD 05) was already negotiating major environmental settlements as part of a job she loved.

Zimmerman is a trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division with the United States Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. She pursues her passion for the environment by enforcing laws in the Pacific Northwest and Midwest area of the U.S.

She started learning about environmental law while at UF Law, where she was a co-chair of its 10th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference. As a co-chair, Zimmerman got to mingle with leaders in the environmental law field.

“Taking part in the conference in particular was very significant because I got to meet and speak with practitioners, leaders of non-profit organizations, professors and other students,” she said. “I think taking part in activities was really an invaluable part of law school.”

Zimmerman's interest in environmental law led her to study abroad in Costa Rica, where she learned how other countries handle environmental issues.

“International environmental law was one of my favorite classes, which led me to want to learn about other countries’ policies,” she said. “I got to work with lawyers from all over Latin America and got many different perspectives on the practice of environmental law.”

When the Department of Justice offered her the opportunity to do environmental enforcement, Zimmerman jumped at the chance. Current UF law students should look into what the government has to offer, she said.

“I took part in the Attorney General’s Honors Program that’s geared for new attorneys coming out of law school or finishing judicial clerkships,” she said. “I absolutely love the job and I encourage students to look into the program.”

Working with the U.S. Government is one of the best decisions she ever made because of the opportunity to work big cases immediately, she said. She recently negotiated a settlement where a big farm production company was allegedly discharging manure into a river in violation of the Clean Water Act and not meeting the Confined Animal Feeding Operations permit program’s standards. After some tough negotiating, Zimmerman says the company is now improving their practices.

“Working for the government has been an absolutely amazing experience,” she said. “I get to work with the best attorneys, handle my own cases and get a lot of responsibility that a large firm wouldn’t offer.”
Our Faculty

The University of Florida has made a significant commitment to the Environmental and Land Use Law Program by hiring a first-rate faculty and supporting an extensive curriculum. Seven full-time faculty and seven legal experts from the Center for Governmental Responsibility (see page 10) offer courses in these fields, joined by a team of talented adjuncts. Our faculty are excellent teachers and nationally respected scholars who write and edit leading treatises and textbooks, as well as numerous articles, chapters and reports on environmental and land use law topics.

Tenure-Track Faculty

Mary Jane Angelo
Associate Professor of Law
Served in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and St. Johns River Water Management District General Counsel’s Offices before joining the UF faculty in 2004. Special interests include pesticide regulation, environmental dispute resolution, biotechnology law, water law, legal ethics, and science and law.

Mark A. Fenster
Professor of Law
Previously in private practice with Shute Mihaly & Weinberger in San Francisco, where he focused on land use and environmental law, before joining the UF faculty in 2001. He is recognized for his work on takings law, and specializes in property, land use, administrative law, and legal and cultural theory. Judicial clerk for Judge Carlos Lucero, 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Dawn Jourdan
Assistant Professor (as of January 2008)
Joint appointment with the UF College of Design, Construction & Planning. Previously taught at Texas A&M University's College of Architecture in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. Research interests include growth management law, land use law, and affordable housing.

Christine A. Klein
Associate Dean for Faculty Development; Professor of Law
Served in Colorado Attorney General’s Office Natural Resource Section, directed Environmental Law Concentration Program at Michigan State University, and visited at University of Colorado and University of Denver before joining the UF faculty in 2003. Nationally known for writing on water law, author of casebook on Natural Resources Law. Judicial clerk for Judge Richard Masch, U.S. District Court (Colorado).

Alyson Craig Flournoy
Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program; UF Research Foundation Professor

Our Faculty
“The Environmental and Land Use Law Program at Florida offers numerous unique opportunities, such as its interdisciplinary Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica programs, and its faculty is first-rate in terms of quality and accessibility.”

– Kevin Regan (JD 03)

Michael Allan Wolf
Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law
Nationally recognized scholar known for his work on urban revitalization, the intersection of land use and environmental law, and legal history. Editor of leading treatise on property law, recipient of awards for outstanding teaching. Taught at University of Richmond and American University before joining UF faculty in 2003.

Danaya C. Wright
Professor of Law
Joined the faculty in 1998 after teaching at Indiana University School of Law and Arizona State University. Has consulted on and been invited to testify before U.S. Congressional Committee on legal issues surrounding rails-to-trails conversions; other research interests include takings law, feminist theory, and legal history.

Clinical Faculty

Thomas T. Ankersen
Director, Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Program; Legal Skills Professor
Previously worked with Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund and in private practice in Miami. Involved in grant-funded projects in Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean for the past 10 years, including work to develop a legal framework for international collaboration among governments and NGOs in Central America and Mexico. Served on Tropical Ecosystems Directorate, U.S. Department of State, Man and the Biosphere Program.

Thomas Ruppert
Conservation Clinic Staff Attorney
Assists with the Conservation Clinic’s Costa Rica summer program in San José, where he has worked on human rights, water, land use planning, and property issues. Also works with UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Extension as part of a multidisciplinary approach to issues important to both institutions such as growth management, green development, and boating/marine legal issues.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

In addition to authoring, contributing to, and editing leading books and treatises, UF’s ELULP faculty have published law review articles in primary journals at Alabama, Arizona, Buffalo, California, Cornell, Fordham, Harvard, Indiana, Iowa, Oregon, and Washington & Lee; and in environmental journals at Columbia, Berkeley, Duke, Harvard, Tulane, and Yale, among others.
The Center for Governmental Responsibility (CGR) is a policy research institute located at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Since 1972, CGR has been an innovator for environmental law, democracy and governance, and social policy research. Over the last 30 years, CGR environmental efforts have grown to include diverse projects throughout Florida, Central America, Poland, Brazil, and Africa. Division staff have developed international reputations in areas related to water law, environmentally sensitive ecosystems and estuaries, land use planning, coastal management, groundwater and wetlands protection, endangered species, and regulation of pesticides.

Students at the College of Law benefit from the expertise of CGR attorneys who are leading experts in their fields. CGR staff enrich the curriculum by offering courses and seminars on topics such as sustainable development, environmental justice, historic preservation, and international environmental law. Students also can gain valuable experience by working as research assistants on CGR projects.

Efforts by CGR staff attorneys have assisted in adoption of environmental programs, policies and procedures in countries throughout the world while at the same time providing experiential learning opportunities for hundreds of UF law students, many of whom have gone on to become leading environmental attorneys, policy makers and advocates.

**CGR Faculty**

Joan D. Flocks  
*Associate in Law and Director, Social Policy Division*  
Formerly UF assistant professor, Department of Health Policy and Epidemiology, and Legal Services staff attorney. Research interests include environmental justice, community-based participatory research, immigrant groups in the southeast, and agricultural labor.

Richard G. Hamann  
*Associate in Law*  
Leading wetlands and Florida water law expert. Current research includes work on water supply for natural systems, including the Everglades, and coastal waterway management. Former chair, Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section; immediate past president, Florida Defenders of the Environment.

"The professors were always eager to discuss course work, and were invaluable in assisting me with obtaining an externship, as well as summer and post-graduation employment. I was also able to make important employment contacts based on my research assistantship within the Center for Governmental Responsibility."

– Kate Dozark (JD 06)
Timothy E. McLendon  
**Staff Attorney**  
Research interests include historic preservation, Florida constitutional law, Everglades restoration policies, local land use law, and sustainable development. Authored a handbook on Florida historic preservation law.

Jon L. Mills  
**Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility; Dean Emeritus; Professor of Law**  

Stephen J. Powell  
**Director, International Trade Law Program**  

Jeff Wade  
**Director, Environmental Studies**  
Coordinates legal educational exchange program with state of Parana, Brazil. Research interests include sustainable development, hurricane mitigation and preparedness, coastal zone management and Brazilian environmental law.
Career Services

The Center for Career Services is dedicated to helping students choose and successfully pursue the career path best for them. Professional career counselors offer a wide variety of services and programs to help Levin College of Law students plan a self-directed career search and develop marketing skills that will serve them throughout their career in an increasingly competitive employment arena. These advisors help students present legal credentials, capitalize on their diverse strengths and experiences, explore career paths, and link with alumni, practitioners and the community. Complementing their expertise and services, Environmental and Land Use Law Program faculty provide mentoring and tailored help with career development. The program provides students with many opportunities for informal interaction with faculty specialized in environmental and land use law.

Job Placements

Recent placements in environmental and land use law for graduates show the variety of opportunities available:

- Akerman Senterfitt (Orlando, FL)
- Altman Kritzer & Levick (Atlanta, GA)
- Broad & Cassell (Orlando, FL)
- Carlton Fields (Tampa, FL)
- City of Orlando
- Florida Department of Community Affairs (Tallahassee, FL)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Tallahassee, FL)
- Foley & Lardner (San Diego, CA; Orlando, FL)
- Fowler White Boggs & Banker (Tampa, FL)
- Greenberg Traurig (West Palm Beach & Miami, FL)
- Hopping Green & Sams (Tallahassee, FL)
- Hunton & Williams (Raleigh, NC)
- King & Spalding (Washington, DC)
- Latham & Watkins (Washington, DC)
- Lewis Longman & Walker (Jacksonville, Bradenton & West Palm Beach, FL)
- Public Trust Environmental Law Institute of Florida (St. Augustine, FL)
- Sea Grant Legal Program (Baton Rouge, LA)
- St. Johns River Water Management District (Palatka, FL)
- St. Johns RiverKeeper (St. Augustine, FL)
- The St. Joe Company (Jacksonville, FL)
- Trust for Public Land (Jacksonville, FL)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Office of the Admin. (Washington, DC); Region IV (Atlanta, GA); and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Washington, DC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Chicago, IL; Jacksonville, FL)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division (Washington, DC)

recent externships

- Center for International Environmental Law
- City of Jacksonville
- EarthJustice
- Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- Orange County Attorney’s Office
- Pasco County Attorney’s Office
- Public Trust Environmental Law Institute of Florida
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Seminole County Attorney’s Office
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Ocean Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Interior Solicitor’s Office
- U.S. Department of Justice (Environment & Natural Resources Division)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administrative Law Judges
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
- Wildlaw
Florida’s sensitive, varied and beautiful natural environment makes the state a natural choice for students who want to focus on national and global issues of land use and environmental law. Its proximity to Latin America also enriches the curriculum and facilitates opportunities for exchange in countries like Costa Rica and Brazil, where the Levin College of Law has strong ties.

The Levin College of Law is a distinctive part of a preeminent research university that also is one of the nation’s most comprehensive, offering a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary research, teaching and learning. Founded in 1853, the University of Florida is one of only 30 public universities in the prestigious Association of American Universities — which recognizes outstanding North American graduate research universities. Professional degrees are offered in law, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine.

The University of Florida’s law school was established in 1909, and is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Students and faculty enjoy the benefits of a recent $25 million expansion project that created a legal learning setting second to none. Located on the wooded western border of the UF campus near Lake Alice, the law school is housed in state-of-the-art facilities that include the largest law library in the southeast, two new education towers with modern, comfortable classrooms, and the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom, which seats up to 180 for conferences, receptions and special sessions. Most classrooms offer advanced technology such as wireless Internet access, outlets for laptop computers, and “smart podia” for presentations. Faculty members easily incorporate web-based or multi-media instruction into the classroom.

The University of Florida also offers a variety of social and extracurricular activities. The Center for Performing Arts features Broadway touring productions, operas, ballet, symphony orchestras and world-famous performers, while local venues offer first-class theater and popular productions. UF’s Gator football, basketball and other top-ranked men’s and women’s athletic programs offer an exciting array of activities.

The university is located in Gainesville, a city of approximately 118,000 in North Central Florida. It is on the I-75 corridor halfway between Atlanta and Miami and between the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico – less than two hours by car from either coast – as well as from major cities such as Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville. Its moderate temperature averages 70 degrees.

Money magazine and other publications consistently rate the home of the Levin College of Law as one of America’s most livable cities, and Outdoor Explorer magazine identified Gainesville as one of the nation’s top 10 cities for outdoor recreation. The beauty of north central Florida’s freshwater springs, the many rivers and coastal areas that offer opportunities for kayaking and canoeing, and its proximity to Florida’s famed beaches attract many outdoor enthusiasts to Gainesville.

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UF Law:

- One of the nation’s largest law schools, with 1,300 students, approximately 60 tenure/tenure track faculty and 40-plus other full-time faculty who support the college through clinical, research, skills training and administrative programs. It offers J.D. certificate programs in Environmental and Land Use Law, Estates and Trusts Practice, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, and International and Comparative Law; an extensive array of joint degree programs; specialized centers, institutes and program areas; and strong clinical offerings.

- A high quality, comprehensive law school, with leading programs in graduate taxation, environmental and land use law, and family law.

- Has offered strong international programs for more than three decades, and many faculty are experts in international legal issues. These programs and its LL.M. in Comparative Law Program for foreign lawyers expand the school’s curriculum and international offerings and strengthen its ties with programs and scholars around the globe.

- Has a long-standing tradition for preparing its graduates for significant leadership roles. Its alumni include four presidents of the American Bar Association, the majority of The Florida Bar presidents, 34 judges in U.S. federal courts, four governors of Florida, and hundreds of state senators and representatives and Florida Cabinet members. Nine graduates became college presidents, including at UF. A dozen have served as deans of law schools.