



APPALACHIAN
SCHOOL OF LAW

ACHIEVE YOUR LAW DEGREE IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

AT A GLANCE



A Place To

THRIVE

When you visit campus, you'll understand why this backdrop of natural beauty becomes key to your quality of life, and the small community becomes your support system for success.

ASL is a place where you can forge deeper connections with faculty and peers, recharge with local beauty in your free time, and prepare for a rewarding and successful career once you graduate.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black top and a necklace, stands behind a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit and tie. They are both looking at a laptop screen. The background is a blurred office setting.

25

HOURS PER SEMESTER
SERVING LOCAL COMMUNITY

OVER

700

APPROVED
EXTERNSHIP SITES IN

43

STATES

13

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
FOR LEGAL WRITING

A photograph of a man and a woman in conversation. The man, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a grey blazer over a white shirt. He is looking towards the woman on the left, who has blonde hair and is wearing a light purple top. They appear to be in an indoor setting with green plants in the background.

A Space To

FOCUS

ASL focuses on the learning needs of each student while preparing them for the rigors of the legal profession. ASL is not just a law school; it is a family. Cooperation, not competition, sets the tone here. You will have a community of support that includes the faculty, who will take the time to know you and mentor you, and the staff, who will be committed to meeting your needs, whatever they might be.

The law school experience will be rigorous. It will challenge you to be a more organized and intricate researcher and thinker. You will also be trained in the demanding, yet gratifying craft of writing — an essential tool of lawyers. Your three-year journey will expose you to many areas of law and present you with opportunities to imagine your future in the legal profession. Whatever path you later choose, you can trust that you will be fully prepared for it.



Learn By

DOING

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Since its inception, Appalachian School of Law has distinguished itself from other law schools by providing our students with significant real-world experience before graduation.

This focus on practical experiences begins with our community service requirement. Students must spend 25 hours per semester serving the local community to touch base with the constituencies that need services from lawyers.

After the first year, as students begin to develop enough legal knowledge to begin working in law-related capacities, they complete externships under the supervision of experienced attorneys where they provide at least 200 hours of service.

It takes both academic knowledge and practical experience to become a great lawyer.

For more information on the learning opportunities listed below, please contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@asl.edu or at (276) 244-1203.

MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP • CAREER SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICE • LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM • EXTERNSHIPS

Inspired To

LEARN

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STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO
(FULL-TIME AND ADJUNCT FACULTY)

ASL stands as a serene yet vibrant sanctuary where students delve into the study of law, forge enduring connections, and explore their future paths. Nestled within the majestic mountains of Appalachia, this setting is perfect for a deeply engaging and practical legal education. Our distinguished faculty, acclaimed in their fields, will guide you through the complex landscape of legal principles, providing hands-on tactics to conquer the material.

From the onset of your journey at our law school, we'll tailor a bar exam strategy that meets your individual requirements, supported by experienced coaches. Our ambition is to equip you for success in whichever legal domain you choose to enter. Our alumni have achieved remarkable success across various sectors, including private law firms, the judiciary, the military, non-profit organizations, academia, and public service. Your triumphs define our achievements.

The journey through law school is demanding yet fulfilling, pushing you towards becoming a more methodical researcher and thinker. It hones your writing skills, a crucial asset for any legal professional, through a rigorous and rewarding process. Over three years, you'll encounter diverse legal fields, opening up visions for your career in law. Whatever direction your career takes, my commitment, as your Dean, is to ensure you're thoroughly prepared for it.

In essence, we invite you to embark on your legal career at ASL, where we will navigate the path ahead with hope, perseverance, and self-assurance.

Sincerely,

Col D. J. Western, USAF, Ret.

President and Dean



ASL IS A YELLOW RIBBON SCHOOL

The **Yellow Ribbon** Program

Can help you pay for higher out-of-state, private school, foreign school, or graduate school tuition and fees that the Post-9/11 GI Bill doesn't cover.

Appalachian School of Law is authorized to provide up to \$10,000 per year for up to 15 eligible students.

For more information, please contact the financial aid office at financialaid@asl.edu or at **(276) 244-1291**.



**CAPTAIN DEMPRESS
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3+3 AND PREFERENTIAL ADMISSION PROGRAMS

Appalachian School of Law has rediscovered traditions of the past that, because of long disuse, are now presciently relevant to modern law students. One such tradition is offering students an accelerated dual-degree program that permits them to obtain college and law degrees in six rather than the typical seven years. Often termed a “3-plus-3” plan, this option saves time and money by advancing students more quickly into the workforce. Equally important, this approach provides students with a motivational architecture from which they can build an orderly and meaningful future.

ASL's PA programs offer applicants from certain undergraduate institutions special consideration in the admissions.

To determine if your undergraduate institution is a participating member of either of these programs, please contact the Admissions Office.

HONORS PROGRAM

Students who successfully complete the Honors Program will be recognized at graduation and will receive a notation on their official transcript.

Honors Program students will receive a range of possible experiences throughout their law school careers, such as:

- Preferential registration for certain upper-level electives deemed by the Curriculum Committee to lead to clerkship opportunities
- Preferential identification for research assistant and/or teaching assistant opportunities
- Opportunities for special independent research projects
- Opportunities for presentation of scholarly research and writing to the law school community
- Mentoring opportunities
- Development of seminars and/or independent study for Honors Program students

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- ASL Softball Team
- Basketball Team
- Republican Law Student Association
- Democratic Law Society
- National Latino/a Law Student Association
- Federalist Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Appalachian Women in Law Society
- Veteran Law Student Association
- Outlaw Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Phi Delta Phi
- Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
- Black Law Student Association
- Moot Court Team
- Energy and Mineral Law Foundation
- Appalachian Journal of Law
- Student Bar Association (SBA)



CURRICULUM

Appalachian School of Law provides a practical education that goes beyond theory to the actual practice of the law. The curriculum is rigorous and aimed at giving students the skills and knowledge they will need for their future career.

Students must complete 92 semester hours of courses. The community service program, which requires 25 hours of service each semester, enhances that coursework.

EMPLOYMENT POST-GRAD

Of the 2023 grads who reported, 95% were employed in a professional, JD Advantage, or Bar Pass Required position 10 months after graduation.

QUICK FACTS

TOTAL ENROLLED STUDENTS	140
AVERAGE GPA OF APPLICANTS	3.13
AVERAGE LEGAL WRITING CLASS SIZE	13
STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO	8:1
EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT	100%
2023 BAR PASSAGE RATE	85.11%
ACCEPTANCE RATE	54.19%
AVERAGE LSAT OF APPLICANTS	146



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