



# STETSON LAW

## *Application to be an International Exchange Student at Stetson University College of Law*

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Please be aware that any false or misleading statements, material omissions, or an otherwise inaccurate application, may be the basis for denying admission, or if admitted, dismissal from the College of Law, revocation of admission, or other discipline. Carefully read the instructions in each section of the application. Failure to completely answer each question could delay the processing and review of your application. Be sure to sign and date where indicated on this application at the end of this application. **You must notify the College of Law of any changes of status in any part of this application that may occur after the date of signature on this application, even after you enroll at the College of Law.**

<b>TERM: Year 20</b> _____	<b>Non-SSN/LSAC account number:</b>
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Desired Entry:  Spring (January) 20\_\_       Fall (August) 20\_\_

Foreign students are encouraged to enroll in the fall semester. By doing so, foreign-trained students benefit from the special orientation program designed to acquaint them with the U.S. legal system and graduate law study.

1. University of Origin:
- Comillas Pontifical University
  - Universidad de Granada       Victoria University
  - Université Toulouse
  - University College Dublin

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Complete Legal Name**

Prefix      First/Given Name      Middle      Last/Family Name      Suffix

If you have been known by any other name(s), indicate all other names(s) used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** (Current Address Valid From: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) To: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY))

Street Address

City      State/Province      Postal Code      Country

**Permanent Address:**

Street Address

City      State/Province      Postal Code      Country

Cellular Phone\*      Telephone at Current Address\*      Telephone at Permanent Address\*

\* Include the country code for each phone number

E-mail Address (will be used to communicate with applicant)      Web page, if any

**EDUCATION**

Other than your current law school, have you ever attended another law school (including summer programs)? If so, please specify the school, the date you attended, and your reasons for leaving.

Name of School	Dates of Attendance (From - To)

**STETSON COURSE SELECTION**

Which courses are you interested in taking at Stetson? All inbound students are *required* to take US LEGAL SYSTEMS offered during the two-week orientation. Inbound students are also *strongly encouraged* to take US LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING. For open courses information visit [www.law.stetson.edu/registrar](http://www.law.stetson.edu/registrar).

Course Title
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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

A. Sex (Optional):  Female  Male Date of Birth (optional): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

B. Race/Ethnicity\* (Optional; check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaskan Native       Hispanic Latino
- Asian       Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Black/African American       Puerto Rican
- Chicano/Mexican American       White Caucasian
- Cuban American       Other/Multiracial: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Stetson University College of Law receives federal funds and is required by the federal government and our accreditor to solicit certain demographic information to meet reporting requirements. Applicants are requested to provide this information voluntarily. This information will not be used in a discriminatory manner.

C. Citizenship:

- US citizen
- Florida resident
- Permanent Resident (Resident Alien # \_\_\_\_\_)
- Country of Citizenship if not US: \_\_\_\_\_

If non-US, what is your current visa type/status? \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Permanent Residency Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you fluent in English?       Yes       No

E. List any college or graduate co-curricular, school extracurricular, or volunteer activities, and any professional, community, or civic organizations, in which you have participated:

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F. List any awards, honors, scholarships, or other recognitions that you received in or since college:

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G. Please answer the following questions YES or NO. If your answer to any of the four questions below is YES, **submit a full statement of relevant facts** on a separate sheet of paper or electronic attachment. Your application will remain incomplete until we receive your explanation and relevant documentation. Failure to answer any of these questions may result in the application either being returned to you or declined for further processing. **PLEASE READ INFORMATION IN THE “CERTIFICATION” BOX ON PAGE 8 OF THIS APPLICATION BEFORE ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS.**

1. Have you ever been accused of violating the honor code, or student conduct code, or other disciplinary code; warned, placed on probation for academic or disciplinary reasons; suspended, requested or advised to discontinue studies; dropped, expelled, or requested to withdraw; or otherwise been subjected to discipline for academic or conduct reasons by any post-secondary school, college, university, professional school, or law school?

Yes  No

*If answered yes, please submit dates and details in a separate statement.*

2. Have you ever been arrested, detained, or restrained, taken into custody, or accused formally or informally of a violation of law or ordinance? You should disclose each instance even though the charges may have been dismissed, or you were acquitted, or adjudication was withheld, or a conviction was reversed, set aside, or vacated. This question includes periods before you turned 18. If your records were expunged pursuant to applicable law, you may not be required to answer yes, but you should carefully read the Certification on page 8 of this application. In addition, you may omit minor traffic violations that did not result in a jail sentence, suspension, or revocation of driver’s license, or a fine of less than \$200.00. Any arrest, charge or conviction of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol must be disclosed, regardless of sanctions or outcome. If you are unsure whether to answer “yes,” we strongly recommend answering “yes” and fully disclosing all incidents.

Yes  No

*If answered yes, you must arrange for a copy of the final court documentation (disposition, DMV record) to be forwarded to the Office of International Programs.*

3. Have you ever been subject to military disciplinary action, including non-judicial punishment or involvement in a formal court martial proceeding, as part of any military service or disciplinary action with respect to any professional license you hold or have held?

Yes  No

*If answered yes, you must submit dates and details in a separate statement or electronic attachment.*

4. Have you ever been subject to discipline with regard to your law or other professional license, or have you ever been denied admission to practice law in any jurisdiction? Or have you ever been denied admission to practice law in any jurisdiction?

Yes  No

*If answered yes, please submit dates and details in a separate statement or electronic attachment, and arrange for a copy of the disposition of the matter to be sent to The Office of International Programs.*

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## For Foreign and Foreign-Educated Applicants Only

### Visa Information

Foreign students must obtain either a J-1 visa (for a non-degree program) or an F-1 student visa (for a degree program), and be required to attend on a full-time basis. **International students must gain admission to Stetson University College of Law before any visa documents can be issued. A DS-2019 Form will be issued to apply for a J-1 visa or a Form I-20 will be issued for you to apply for an F-1 visa from the embassy or consulate closest to your home. For more information visit:**

- ▶ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm>
- ▶ STUDY IN THE U.S.  
<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
- ▶ SEVIS I-901 FEE  
<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>

### FINANCIAL DECLARATION

Stetson University College of Law is required by U.S. government regulations to check the availability of adequate funding for foreign applicants for tuition, fees and living expenses. **We will be unable to provide you with the documents necessary to obtain your visa without verification of adequate funding.** Stetson's **Financial Declaration Form** can be downloaded at:  
<http://www.stetson.edu/law/international/llm/media/financial-declaration-pdf.pdf>

### TOEFL Exam

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of applicants whose native language is not English, unless the applicant has taken substantial college work in the United States or another English-speaking country.

To be eligible for Stetson's Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in International Law, you must achieve a TOEFL total score of at least 230 (*computer-based*); 570 (*paper-based*); or 88-89 (*internet-based*).

To register for the TOEFL exam, write to: Test of English as a Foreign Language  
Box 6151, Princeton  
New Jersey 08541-6151 USA  
Tel: (609) 771-7100  
Fax (609) 771-7500  
<http://www.toefl.org>

Please request that your official TOEFL score be sent directly to Stetson College of Law, using the institution and department codes shown below:

Stetson College of Law "Institution Code": 5630  
Stetson College of Law "Department Code": 03

If you are from a non-English speaking country, when did you take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

What was your score? \_\_\_\_\_ If you have not taken the TOEFL, when do you  
plan to take it? \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please prepare a separate Personal Statement of up to five pages single-spaced addressing your reasons for pursuing this exchange program opportunity. The admissions committee is particularly interested in reading about your special accomplishments; personal, professional or academic achievements; or any other information that may help us evaluate your application and understand your interest. The personal statement may also be used to bring to our attention any information you believe necessary to evaluate your candidacy but not otherwise reflected in your application. Beyond your application and transcripts, the personal statement is a way for us to get to know you; please take advantage of it! Please be sure to include your name on your personal statement.

CERTIFICATION

**PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

I understand that by applying to Stetson University College of Law, I am subject to the College's Academic Honor Code and the Code of Student Professional Responsibility and Conduct, which are located at [www.law.stetson.edu/policies](http://www.law.stetson.edu/policies).

I authorize Stetson University College of Law to conduct a criminal background check and other investigations, as the College deems appropriate to verify information contained in my application and in connection with my enrollment at the College. I also agree to obtain a background check from an approved vendor, if requested. I also agree to obtain a background check from an approved vendor, if requested. The background check may include contacting and seeking information from schools attended, employers, and references; it also may involve reviewing publicly available material, such as websites. I release the College from any liability that may result from these checks.

I agree to communicate promptly to the College of Law any changes of information contained in my application and related materials, **even if the changes occur after I have been admitted or have enrolled as a student.** Before enrollment, please submit changes to the Office of International Programs. After enrollment, please submit changes to the Associate Dean for International Programs. If the College of Law either discovers information or discovers that you have provided inaccurate or incomplete information, which if known, would have resulted in a denial of admission to the College, you may be subjected to discipline, including revocation of admission, suspension or expulsion after matriculation, withdrawal of graduation certificate to bar authorities, or revocation of a degree.

If admitted, I agree to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations of Stetson University College of Law.

**By electronically transmitting or printing this application, or signing and mailing the Certification Letter, I certify that I have read and understand this application, and that the information I have submitted is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or Print Full Legal Name



**Application Checklist:**

- ▶ Complete application form (with signature)
  - ▶ Personal Statement
- ▶ Complete official transcript from your university
  - ▶ TOEFL/IELTS score (*if applicable*); and
  - ▶ Clear Copy of your valid passport ID page

[Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond your expected program end date]

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