



Hybrid Program

A part-time, first-of-its-kind enrollment option that combines the best of in-person instruction with the best of e-learning technology

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The Hybrid Program

On-campus, online—and focused on experiential learning

The hybrid enrollment option is a part-time, eight-semester J.D. program that takes four years to complete. Each semester has a clear and carefully designed curricular focus, beginning with legal foundations and progressing to litigation, transactions, and public law.

Students visit campus for the first week of classes during the first and third semesters for Hybrid Preparation Week. They meet with their professors and classmates, begin to build a foundation for the upcoming semester, and participate in campuswide activities.

Then students return to their homes, where they complete 12–13 weeks of online coursework. All courses are designed to allow students to complete their work at a time that works best for them. Every course includes interactive elements.

The Hybrid Program uses the best in educational technology to teach students foundational doctrine and skills through interactive teaching tools, including:

- pre-recorded lectures
- moderated discussion forums
- live chats with professors and students
- video analysis of students practicing skills, including oral arguments, client interviewing and counseling, and negotiations.

The program's core curriculum is focused on experiential learning. Each semester culminates in an on-campus Capstone Week that emphasizes skills training. Capstone Weeks use real-world simulations to help students build and practice their writing, negotiating, counseling, and trial skills.

Students also gain real-world experience by completing externships in two semesters, during which they work in the field on real legal problems under the supervision of practicing attorneys in their communities.

Students enrolled in the hybrid option complete about half of their coursework online. They don't have to come to campus every day, meaning they can largely create a study schedule that allows them to care for children, work full time, and study the law in their communities without relocating or traveling long distances.

Mitchell Hamline offers students in the Hybrid Program our traditional J.D. curriculum or the option of focusing on Indian law, health law, or law and business.



Two cohorts of students working hard—and loving it

In January 2015, 85 students began the nation's first hybrid on-campus/online program at an ABA-approved law school. By August, a second cohort easily hit the cap of 96 students set by the ABA. What students in both cohorts have found is a degree program just as rigorous as the traditional J.D. but with the flexibility to allow them to complete roughly half the coursework online and the other half during weeklong visits to campus. Below are some reflections from students on the experience so far: ▼

Hybrid curriculum and first-year highlights

Semester I – Legal Foundations I

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| • On-campus Hybrid Preparation Week | late August |
| • Torts: The Common Law Process | 4 credits |
| • Criminal Law: Statutory Interpretation | 3 credits |
| • Writing and Representation: Advocacy and Problem Solving | 3 credits |
| • On-campus Capstone Week | November |

Semester II – Legal Foundations II

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| • Contracts: Transactional Law | 4 credits |
| • Property: Jurisprudential and Comparative Analysis | 4 credits |
| • Writing and Representation: Advocacy and Problem Solving | 3 credits |
| • On-campus Capstone Week | April |

Semesters III and IV – Litigation

Semesters V and VI – Transactions *

Semester VII – Public Law

Semester VIII – Keystone Semester *

* includes externship

How does the schedule work?

Hybrid Program students spend a total of 10 weeks on campus over 4 years: the first week of the first and third semesters (always late August), and the last week of every semester (always November and April). They spend 12-13 weeks each semester off campus, doing coursework online.

The Indian law, health law, and law and business specializations begin in Semester IV. See the full course sequence at mitchellhamline.edu/admissions

"The program has been academically rigorous and intellectually demanding. I'm thrilled that we engaged so many policy questions, rather than focusing solely on the laws and legal systems as they are."

– Brian Kennedy
El Paso, Texas

"As a practicing physician in New Mexico and mom to three beautiful children, I am excited to be afforded the opportunity to obtain a J.D. from a well-respected institution without having to uproot my family and disrupt my career. I am excited to be part of this innovative and historically important milestone in law education."

– Brooke Baker
Albuquerque, New Mexico

"The hybrid option provides me with the opportunity to earn a J.D. degree from a school known for innovation and academic excellence. As a single mom with ambition to pursue my own life goals, I need a program that allows me to be the best mom I can while pursuing a law degree."

– Kim Aboyure
Davenport, Iowa

How to Apply

The application period opens Sept. 1, and we will accept applications until Aug. 1. Early application is encouraged as there are a limited number of seats available in the program and we admit students on a rolling basis.

To apply, students must:

- Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Register with the Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
- Request transcripts from all colleges attended
- Obtain two letters of recommendation or evaluations
- Complete an application for admission
- Attach a personal statement and statement of interest
- Attach a resume

For more information about the application process and scholarships for which you may be eligible, visit **mitchellhamline.edu/admissions** or contact counselors in our Admissions Office.

Contact Admissions: admissions@mitchellhamline.edu | 651-290-6476 | mitchellhamline.edu/admissions

Tuition and Financing

Tuition for part-time hybrid enrollment is the same as tuition for traditional part-time enrollment. Please visit **mitchellhamline.edu/admission/tuition-and-financing** for the most current information. A legal education is an investment that requires thoughtful planning. Our Financial Aid Office welcomes your questions and can help you understand your financial options and resources.

Scholarships, federal work-study eligibility, federal and private loans, and federal and state veterans benefits are administered through the Financial Aid Office.

Contact Financial Aid: finaid@mitchellhamline.edu | 651-290-6403 | mitchellhamline.edu/financial-aid

Scholarships

Many Mitchell Hamline students receive significant scholarship assistance that greatly reduces their tuition costs. Scholarships are renewable and are awarded based upon a variety of factors.

All applicants are considered for scholarship assistance at the time they apply for admission.

MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOLARSHIPS

Mitchell Hamline Scholarships are renewable, and they range from 10-100 percent of tuition. These scholarships are awarded based on a variety of factors, including previous academic excellence, professional experience, military service, other service and leadership experience, personal background and experiences, and interest in specific areas of the law. Mitchell Hamline Scholarships are available to both Hybrid Program and on-campus students.

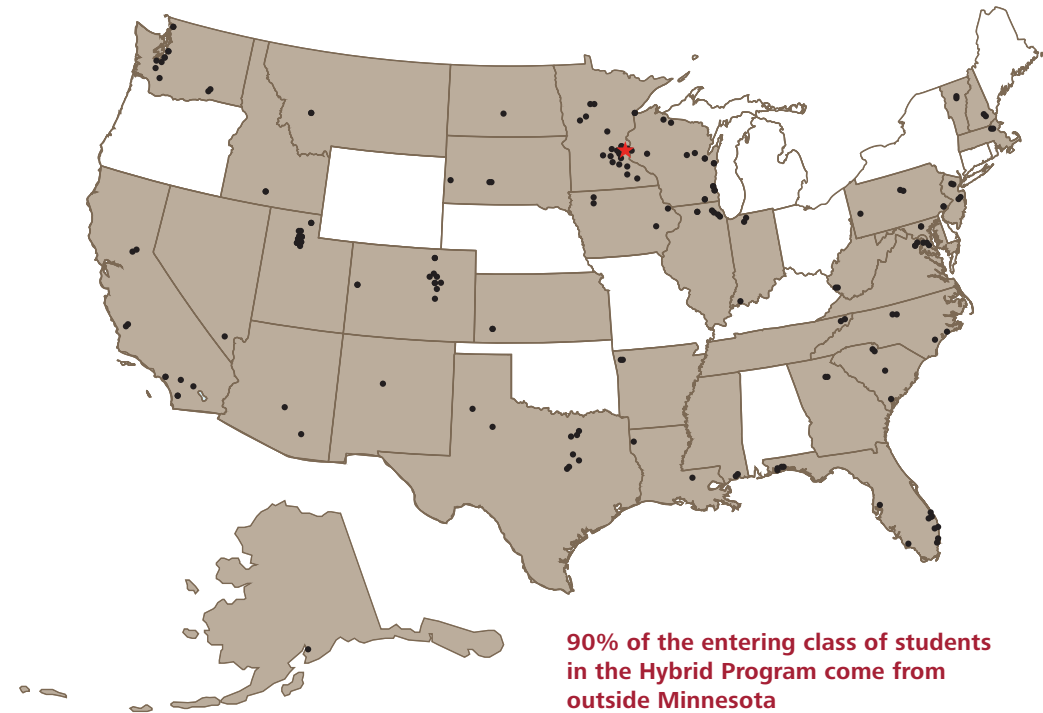
North Star Scholarships

North Star Scholarships provide annual scholarship assistance to students who enroll in the law school's Hybrid Program. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must intend to practice law in an area of the country currently underserved by local lawyers, including a rural area, a reservation, or a small town or city.

Native Justice Scholarships

Native Justice Scholarships guarantee that eligible students will pay no more than \$10,000 in tuition each year. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must enroll in the Hybrid Program, pursue the Indian law track, and provide sufficient documentation to establish that he or she is either an enrolled member of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native entity, or recognized by his or her American Indian or Alaska Native community of residence or origin as being American Indian; or demonstrate in his or her application a strong interest in practicing Indian law.

Hybrid Program Students by Location



More enrollment options than any law school in the country. A rigorous curriculum that prepares you to practice. More than 19,000 alumni to help guide your path to your career. Whether you take classes days, nights, weekends, on-campus or part online, you'll start learning the work of a lawyer by doing it. You'll benefit from top-ranked programs in emerging specialties. You'll be ready to make an immediate contribution in law, business, government, community service, or whatever field you pursue.

At Mitchell Hamline School of Law, we have been educating lawyers for more than 100 years but are still innovating to respond to the changing legal world. Let us help you put your dreams to work.

Great in theory. Even better in practice.

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