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— Dean Alan C. Michaels
A legal education from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law OPENS DOORS to an unlimited number of career possibilities. Whether you want to help society through nonprofit work, start your own business, build a successful practice representing people and corporations, or manage talent, our curriculum provides the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking necessary to THRIVE in any area of the law.

AREA OF ACADEMIC STUDY

Administrative Law and Government Regulation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Civil Rights
Clinics and Experiential Learning
Commercial and Consumer Law
Constitutional Law
Corporate Law
Criminal Law
Education Law and Policy
Electoral Law
Employment and Labor Law
Environmental Law and Energy
Family Relations and Wills and Trusts
Health Law and Policy
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
International and Comparative Law
Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
Law and Other Disciplines
Legal Profession and Ethics
Legal Writing
Legislation and the Law of Political Process
Litigation and the Judicial Process
Public Interest Law
Real Estate
Sports Law
Taxation

IDEAS ARE BORN HERE

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With more than 25 areas of study available to specialize in—led by a faculty comprised of some of the top practitioners and theorists in their fields—our students can customize their legal education to best suit their career goals and prepare themselves to be thought leaders in their respective fields.

FEATURED FACULTY

Douglas A. Berman
One of the nation’s foremost experts on the death penalty and criminal sentencing, Professor Berman has recently expanded his research to include marijuana law and policy—an area of law with a broad range of criminal, banking, and administrative law questions.

Martha Chamallas
Professor Chamallas is a leading scholar in the areas of torts, employment discrimination law, and legal issues affecting women. U.S. senators recently sought her expertise for the creation of the Fair Calculations in Civil Damages Act of 2016, which aimed to curtail the use of race and gender-based statistical averages to determine compensation in civil suits.

Christopher J. Walker
As director of the Washington, D.C., Summer Program, Professor Walker draws on his background as a lawyer in the nation’s capital to show students the ins and outs of D.C. lawyering. He formerly clerked for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and most recently served as an academic fellow on the Senate Judiciary Committee, working on Justice Neil Gorsuch’s confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Katrina Lee
Bringing experience from her days as a partner at a national law firm representing Fortune 100 companies, Professor Lee is an expert on the business of law and legal writing. Her classes teach students the art of negotiation and the proper constructs for a wide range of commonly used legal documents.

OUR FACULTY members are some of the most sought-after experts in their fields. They regularly testify before Congress, are quoted by the national media, and collectively serve on more than 200 nonprofit, civic, and legal policy boards and committees. Textbooks authored by Moritz faculty members are used in more classrooms across the country than faculty publications from any other law school. Their passion for law is paralleled only by their passion for teaching. Most of our professors have an open-door policy, allowing students to build relationships with faculty, and receive one-on-one attention throughout their studies.
The breadth and depth of the Moritz curriculum allows students to prepare for success wherever their careers might take them. A combination of required and elective courses provides a rigorous yet flexible course of study that sets students up for success throughout law school and beyond. Seminars, writing courses, and substantive learning opportunities allow students to hone crucial concepts in the classroom, while clinics, externships, and experiential learning programs give students the opportunity to gain real-world experience well before graduation.
DUAL DEGREES

We encourage students with passions outside of the law to pair their legal education with a joint-degree. The Ohio State University happens to be one of the nation’s top-20 public universities, after all. Moritz offers four formal joint-degree programs, but students may also custom-design their own program that best fits their studies and future career paths. In fact, our students have one of the largest selections of joint- or dual-degree options in the country, with more than 100 master’s degrees and Ph.D. programs across Ohio State’s campus to pick from.

FORMAL DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

- J.D./M.B.A. with the Fisher College of Business
- J.D./M.A. in public policy with the John Glenn College of Public Affairs
- J.D./M.A. with the College of Public Health
- J.D./M.D. with the College of Medicine
AT OHIO STATE, YOU’RE MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER.

Our community of students, faculty, and staff come together to create a welcoming, collegial environment that inspires future lawyers to excel to new levels together as colleagues—not competitors. Classes, events, and student activities and organizations are all housed within Drinko Hall, giving students the feeling of a small, intimate law school experience with all of the resources and advantages of attending one of the nation’s largest research universities. With the power of the Block “O” behind them, our graduates are part of an extensive and far-reaching alumni network that follows them wherever their careers might take them after graduation.

DIVERSITY

Diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice are essential to the excellence of our culture and curriculum. We value diversity in all of its dimensions, and seek to reflect these multiple perspectives, backgrounds, and interests in all facets of our community. Exposure to multiple, and sometimes competing, viewpoints equips students to explore and understand complex concepts, building the basis for a rigorous legal education. By weaving diversity into the fabric of our curriculum, our students develop the interpersonal and critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in the complex, multicultural world in which we live.
“I always tell people you watch in the movies and you see this image of what college is like and it’s intelligent people having these conversations, but having fun at the same time. I don’t think you quite get that in undergrad, but here you have people with big ideas and big plans for life, and for me, it’s refreshing to see that and just the culture and environment at Moritz is something that I enjoy.” – 3L Abby Chin

“My classmates are great. I was very lucky that my first year, my section was extremely close and extremely fun. We had some extremely bright people, but a lot of people went out and found that balance between work and play. I feel like it’s very collegial here. Everyone is really nice, and I’ve never felt any sort of competition or animosity.” – Natalie Salazar ’17

“I’m a quieter person and I have battled with the stigma of needing to be this loud, argumentative lawyer. At first, that’s how I thought I had to be. But I have learned through my professors and classes that you don’t really have to be that way. You can be who you want to be, and you are here because you are good enough to be here. If you just remember that, you’ll be fine.” – Christopher Schwarz ’16

Student body: 570
Student to faculty ratio: 11:1
Student run organizations: 50+
First attempt bar passage rate: 89%
If you are looking for people who want to support you and see you succeed—and will drop everything they are doing to make sure that happens—you should probably come here. — 3L Charles V. Thomas Jr.

YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES ARE YOUR FIRST PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES.

Connections may start inside the classroom, but our selection of courses and electives are just the beginning of the student experience at Moritz. Each and every student contributes something unique and valuable to our community. Not only does our selection of student groups and extracurriculars strive to fill almost any niche or passion in the law, the relationships and lawyering skills fostered outside of the classroom often last a lifetime.

1L YEAR: Laying a legal foundation

What Courses Do You Take?
Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Legal Analysis and Writing I and II, Legislation, Property, Torts

Who’s Sitting Next To You?
As a 1L, you will be part of a “section,” a group of about 60 students, who you will take the same classes with throughout your first year at Moritz.
Student Experience

OUR FIVE LAW JOURNALS

have historically been at the cutting edge of legal scholarship and national symposia. Journals are staffed by second- and third-year students, who are responsible for producing each volume.

- Ohio State Law Journal
- Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution
- Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law
- I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society
- Ohio State Business Law Journal

MOOT COURT SUCCESSES

National Champions, Dean Jerome Prince Evidence Moot Court Competition (2017)
National Champions, Ruby R. Vale Corporate Moot Court Competition (2016, 2014)
National Finalist, National Moot Court Competition (2017)

“THERE WAS MORE OPPORTUNITY HERE—to be able to be on a journal, do moot court, research for two professors, take a bunch of different classes, and have professors who are interested in what I want to learn. I can walk into any professor’s office and they are more than willing to talk. I would not have been able to have the same experience anywhere else.”
— Jedidiah Bressman ’17

STUDENT GROUPS

Advocates for Children
American Civil Liberties Union
American Constitution Society
Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
Beyond the Law
Business Law Society
Christian Legal Society*
Criminal Law Society
Dispute Resolution and Youth
Environmental Law Association
Federalist Society
Health Law Society
I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society
Immigration Law Society
Intellectual Property Law Society
Inter-Professional Council
International Justice Mission
International Law Society
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Labor & Employment Law Association
Latino Law Students Association
Law School Democrats
Law School Republicans
Mentoring Collaborative
Student Association
Middle Eastern Law Students Association
Military Law Students Association
Moot Court and Lawyering Skills Governing Board
Moritz Community Outreach Project
Moritz Education Law Society
Ohio State Business Law Journal
Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law
Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution
Ohio State Law Journal
OutLaws
Pro Bono Research Group
Public Interest Law Foundation
Real Estate Law Association
SPEAK
Sports and Entertainment Law Association
Street Law
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)
Student Bar Association
Truancy Mediation Project
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Women’s Legal Society

*Student organizations are required to adopt a statement of nondiscrimination. For most student organizations that statement prohibits discrimination on the bases of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Student organizations formed to foster or affirm the sincerely held religious beliefs of their members, such as those marked with an asterisk, have adopted nondiscrimination statements that are consistent with those beliefs.
Experiential Learning

Moritz offers an array of simulation-based skills courses and opportunities to combine classroom teaching with field-placement projects to give students the experience and confidence necessary to excel from day one of their careers.

Washington, D.C., Summer Program

The Washington, D.C., Summer Program combines class work with a substantive externship in a federal agency, think tank, the executive branch, or Congress. Students are given an insider’s tour of Capitol Hill through a number of planned excursions. In the past, participants have visited the White House, CIA headquarters, Federal Trade Commission, and the U.S. Supreme Court, and have met with members of Congress and Moritz alumni throughout the D.C. area.

2017 Washington, D.C., Externship Placements

Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Communications Commission
Food and Drug Administration
Office of the White House Counsel

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia
U.S. Chamber Litigation Center

U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Senate Banking Committee

U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee
Young Invincibles
Students in our clinics represent real clients and are responsible for their own cases, combining prized work experience both inside and outside of the classroom. Cases may involve abuse and neglect proceedings for at-risk children, personal injury, drug possession, or helping a new business establish a legal framework for success.

Our Clinics:
- Civil Law Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Prosecution Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Business Law Clinic
- Justice for Children Clinic
- Legislation Clinic
- Mediation Clinic

Judicial Externship Program:
The opportunity to work in judges’ chambers is a coveted experience sought after by many lawyers. Our Judicial Externship Program pairs students with United States Circuit, District, Bankruptcy, and Magistrate judges; justices of the Ohio Supreme Court; and Franklin County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Court judges.

Public Interest/Governmental Externship Program:
The Public Interest/Governmental Externship Program pairs students with nonprofits and state and federal agencies including the Federal Public Defenders’ Office, the NAACP, and the Ohio Poverty Law Center, among others.

Dispute System Design Workshop:
Students in this workshop help clients in a variety of industries find new and improved ways to use dispute resolution. In the past, students have helped write an award-winning reference book used in courts throughout the state and have developed mediation practices for the airline industry as well.

Ohio State National Security Simulation:
Students taking the National Security Law and Policy course spend the semester studying laws that affect our nation’s security. A two-day, intensive simulation serves as their final exam. While role playing legal advisors, general counsel, and legislators, students address issues affecting the health and well-being of the country, from cyber and terror attacks to declarations of war.

Capstone Courses:
Capstone courses require third-year students to apply skills developed in the first two years of law school along with advanced problem-solving, client relations, and professional judgment skills to solve real-world legal problems. Topics include health care, international law, transactions, negotiations, and disaster law.

Thanks to our location in both a state capital and a booming legal market, students complete externships with some of Ohio’s most prestigious courts, nonprofit organizations, and state and federal agencies each semester.

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THE PROGRAM ON LAW AND LEADERSHIP, launched in 2007, trains budding lawyers how to best serve their careers, communities, and society at large. The program hosts acclaimed thought leaders on campus, conducts workshops aimed to nurture management and leadership skills, and invites students to attend intimate discussions with distinguished lawyer-leaders.

THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM provides students with opportunities to earn a Certificate in Dispute Resolution; mediate actual disputes through the Mediation Clinic, one of the longest-running clinics in the country; participate in regional and national arbitration, mediation advocacy, and negotiation competitions; and work with clients in the Dispute System Design Workshop.

MENTORING AND MORE @ MORITZ places students in groups of three to five students and at least two mentors from firms, legal services organizations, and areas of government. The intimate settings of these groups encourage open and honest career advice meant to guide students through their own job searches and legal paths.

ELECTION LAW @ MORITZ is a nonpartisan research, education, and outreach program. It is a leading resource for those invested in election laws. The program publishes research and expert commentary surrounding election litigation and nationwide election news including voter registration laws, recounts, and election contests.

THE PROGRAM ON DATA AND GOVERNANCE examines how society can maximize the benefits of data and technology, while reducing their potential harms. The program conducts leading non-partisan, interdisciplinary research and analysis on governance strategies and the increasing role data plays in critical issues like national security, immigration, and cybersecurity.

LAW, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE studies the law as it pertains to finance and governance in business—from capital markets and banking to insurance and public finance—in addition to leading problems facing the financial and corporate worlds. The program hosts in-house counsel, CEOs, and venture capitalists to discuss their careers in business.

THE CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW AND POLICY STUDIES sponsors events throughout the College with legal scholars and scholars from the social sciences, humanities, and a range of other disciplines. The program promotes interdisciplinary research, teaching, and public outreach on the ways in which the law plays a constructive role in society and culture.
Our community is deeply committed to public service and furthering the greater good. Students interested in making a meaningful social impact—from working with civil rights or human rights organizations, to providing legal aid to low-income clients—can launch their careers into public service law at Moritz. Our graduating classes perform upwards of 10,000 PRO BONO PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS on average before graduation.

PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

The Reinberger Foundation Fellowship in Prosecution
The Greif Fellowship in Juvenile Human Trafficking
The William B. Saxbe Fellow at the Ohio Attorney General’s Office
The Student Legal Services (SLS) Fellow
The DRO Coyle Family Fellow in Special Education
The Franklin County Municipal Court Pro Se Fellow
The Finn Fellowship in International Law
The OCCH/Legal Aid Fellowship

THE CAPTAIN JONATHAN D. GRASSBAUGH VETERANS PROJECT offers free legal assistance to veterans and their immediate families regarding housing and consumer issues like foreclosure, landlord-tenant issues, and debt crises. Students handle their clients’ cases under the supervision of volunteer attorneys and are trained to work with veterans and their families specifically on these types of issues. The project was founded by Moritz alumna Jenna C. Grassbaugh ’14, a veteran and Gold Star wife, in honor of her late husband, CPT Jonathan D. Grassbaugh, who was killed in Iraq in 2007.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITY FORUM AND CAREER FAIR connects students with employers seeking to fill summer, school year, permanent, paid, or volunteer positions in government, nonprofit, and legal service organizations. Past participating employers include the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, the Franklin County Public Defender’s Office, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

“The CAPTAIN JONATHAN D. GRASSBAUGH VETERANS PROJECT was everything I had hoped for in a summer experience. Public defense is a profession that demands passion and a willingness to fight for clients, many of whom have few other people in their lives advocating for them. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to contribute to this cause this summer by taking on projects involving racial injustice in sentencing, incorrectly determined jail time credit, and various work related to clients’ appeals.”
— 3L Alison Buzzard, 2016 Summer PILF Fellow

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION (PILF) is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting legal involvement in the public sector. Each year, PILF’s Annual Auction raises upwards of $30,000 to help fund low- or non-paying public interest summer fellowships for students.
Moritz offers law students a small, intimate educational experience with access to all of the resources and opportunities associated with one of the largest research institutions in the country. Located at the corner of 12th Avenue and High Street, classes are held in a single building on the edge of campus. Students are free to venture further into campus to take advantage of all Ohio State has to offer, including enrolling in additional courses through other departments and colleges.

University partnerships
Moritz regularly partners with other colleges and departments across the university to offer innovative programming on the latest social, political, and educational topics of today. One such partnership is the Congressional Conversations Series—a lecture series sponsored by the Moritz College of Law and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs—which brings notable U.S. congressional speakers to Drinko Hall on a regular basis, like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH).

Events
Ohio State, one of the preeminent research universities in the country, is a magnet for notable speakers and lecturers nearly every day of the year. Whether they are visiting Drinko Hall or another building on campus, law students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to hear from U.S. Supreme Court justices, top-ranking military officials, best-selling authors, notable activists, and many more.

Recreation
Ohio State is home to one of the largest, most comprehensive recreational facilities in the nation. Students can take a break from their studies at the Recreation and Physical Activity Center, or RPAC, which boasts a state-of-the-art aquatics center, a variety of group fitness classes, more than 100 cardio machines, free weights, and an indoor track. Students can also visit additional recreational facilities around campus, including the Adventure Recreation Center, Jesse Owens North and South Recreational Centers, North Recreation Center, Outdoor Adventure Center, and several parks and tennis courts.
WHERE WE CALL HOME

COLUMBUS

WELCOME
Columbus is the fastest growing metro area in the Midwest. With its affordable cost of living, the city supports thriving, locally-owned businesses and independent restaurants in nearly every neighborhood. Columbus also boasts a vibrant arts and culture scene with an abundance of galleries, studio spaces, and institutions like the Wexner Center for the Arts and Shadowbox Live, one of the largest resident theater companies in the country. Sports fans can cheer on the NHL’s Columbus Blue Jackets, the MLS’ Columbus Crew SC, and of course, the Ohio State Buckeyes. Students can also take advantage of the Scioto Mile, more than 200 acres of parkland and multi-use trails along the Scioto River in downtown Columbus, less than five miles from Moritz.

Home to Five Fortune 500 and 15 Fortune 1,000 company headquarters including:

- Nationwide
- Cardinal Health
- Wendy’s
- DSW
- Express
- Abercrombie & Fitch

The 6 Best Big Cities (TIME, 2016)

One of America’s Top 20 Friendliest Cities (Travel and Leisure, 2016)

Best Cities For Young Professionals (Forbes, 2016)

The 30 Most Fun Places to Live in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2016)

Host of one of the largest Pride events in the Midwest
drawing more than 500,000 people

Columbus by the numbers:
Population: 860,000
700 law firms
More than 30 percent people of color
14th largest city in the nation
Ranked 15th city with highest LGBTQ population
1. Thompson Library—This is the largest of Ohio State’s 13 libraries on campus. For those looking to study closer to the classroom, the Moritz Law Library, located right inside Drinko Hall, is home to the largest collection of legal resources in the state.

2. Ohio Union—Considered the center of student life on campus, inside you’ll find plenty of places to eat, relax, and study. The Ohio Union also houses the Multicultural Center, office of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement, and the Ohio Union Activities Board.

3. Ohio Stadium—Built in 1922, this historic stadium is home to the Ohio State Buckeyes football team and the world-renowned marching band. On football Saturdays, more than 100,000 enthusiastic fans flock to campus.

4. Drinko Hall—This building is home to the Moritz College of Law. All law classes are held here, in addition to numerous law-related events, speakers, and activities each week throughout the academic year.

5. MAPFRE Stadium—The stadium is home to the Columbus Crew SC, as well as a number of concerts, festivals, and other events throughout the year. Built in 1999, it was the first soccer-specific stadium in the U.S.

6. Nationwide Arena—Located in the Arena District, this venue is home to the city’s own NHL team, the Columbus Blue Jackets. It also regularly hosts concerts, shows, and other world-class entertainment events.

7. North Market—Open seven days a week in the Short North, this is Columbus’ only public market home to dozens of unique, independent merchants, farmers, and eateries. The market regularly hosts events including a farmer’s market, wine and beer tastings, and other seasonal activities.

8. Columbus Museum of Art—The recently renovated museum showcases world-renowned exhibitions on everything from contemporary art and photography to classical masterpieces, local artisans, and timely cultural themes.
SuccesS aFter law school

First-year students are assigned a career advisor who partners with them throughout law school and beyond. Career Services hosts numerous programs to prepare students for success after law school, including presentations on writing legal resumes and cover letters, and a mock interview program in the workplaces of practicing attorneys. Moritz also offers a robust on- and off-campus interview program, where over 100 employers from law firms and the private and public sectors select students to interview for summer, permanent, and school-year jobs. Leading national corporations like Honda, Abercrombie & Fitch, Nationwide, and Kroger are also partners in the Moritz Corporate Fellowship Program. This innovative program allows fellows to work alongside in-house counsel and learn the dynamics of a corporate legal team the year following graduation.

Graduate Employment Rate

Total number of graduates: 179

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Employment by Sector

for the class of 2016

- Firm: 47.2%
- Government: 13.6%
- Business: 24.4%
- Public Interest: 5.1%
- Education: 5.1%
- Clerkship: 4.5%

No matter how many miles separate our alumni (all 10,000 of them!) from Drinko Hall, they care deeply about our students and are committed to their success. Our alumni are dedicated mentors and regulars at tailgates, reunions, and other College events. One in every five dollars spent by the College also comes from alumni and private support. As buckeyes, Moritz students have the added benefit of joining Ohio State’s vast alumni network as well, an impressively tight-knit community of more than half a million alumni scattered throughout the far corners of the world.
Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of friends and alumni, Moritz annually awards more than $6 million in grant and scholarship assistance to high-achieving students demonstrating strong leadership potential, academic merit, diversity enrichment, or a commitment to public service. Admitted students are automatically considered for merit scholarship assistance.

Academic Merit Scholarships: These scholarships are awarded to students who have a record of significant academic accomplishment and potential for success in their legal studies, based primarily upon cumulative undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores.

Diversity Enrichment Scholarships: These awards are given to students whose social, economic or experiential backgrounds, and multicultural or cross-cultural experiences, have the potential to enrich the College’s community. Recipients have included students of different ethnicities, cultures, cross-cultural experience, socio-economic backgrounds, international experiences, sexual orientation, gender identifications, and professional backgrounds. Students are invited to submit a supplemental statement describing their diversity experience with their application.

The Eminent Scholarship: The Eminent Scholarship is a merit-based, full-tuition scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on grade point average, LSAT score, resume, and other indicators of being an exceptional student. There is no separate application for this scholarship; it is awarded based on information provided in the application for admission to the Moritz College of Law. For nonresidents, the scholarship will also cover nonresident fees for attendance throughout the first year of schooling. In years two and three of law school however, the scholarship will only cover in-state fees, as we assume that you will qualify for in-state tuition.

Leadership Scholarships: These scholarships are awarded to students who show a potential for leadership or have past leadership experience. Students who participate in the Program on Law and Leadership will have the opportunity to work with an adviser to develop an individualized leadership plan based on their distinctive strengths and goals. Students are invited to submit a supplemental statement describing their leadership training and experience with their application.

Public Service Scholarships: These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to work in public interest and/or public service. Students are invited to submit a supplemental statement describing their public service activities and experience and/or their commitment to a career in the public interest.

Moritz Merit Scholarship in Law: These scholarships include full, in-state tuition plus a stipend and are awarded to a few of the College’s most exceptional students each year. Moritz scholars also have mentors who are considered leaders in their field, who they meet with multiple times throughout the year. There is a separate application process for this scholarship. Information on how to apply can be found on our website.

Applying to Moritz

Enrollment is limited to full-time study, and new law students may begin only in the fall semester. In selecting members of the entering class, the Admissions Committee reviews each applicant’s academic record and considers the rigor of the courses taken, grade trends, letters of recommendation provided by faculty, resume, and circumstances that may have influenced the applicant’s academic performance. Applications also are reviewed in light of the applicant’s performance on the LSAT and any special skills or accomplishments the applicant may have developed relevant to the study of law. While the academic achievements of incoming students at Moritz are impressive each year, the committee is aware that the candidate’s undergraduate performance and the LSAT score do not always provide a perfect correlation with law school performance. The committee encourages all students to develop well-written personal statements that provide insights about such topics as the applicant’s intellectual potential, life experience, career goals, multicultural or cross-cultural experiences, leadership experiences, personal strengths, extracurricular or community activities, or work background during or after college.

Admissions Requirements and Timing: Applicants for admission must possess a bachelor’s degree, or its international equivalent, from an accredited college or university prior to enrolling at Moritz. The committee does not require any particular major or undergraduate field of study; however, prospective students are advised to enroll in courses that develop and refine skills in the areas of writing, critical reading, and logical reasoning. All applicants must register for the LSAT and subscribe to the Law School Admission Council Credential Assembly Service. Applicants are encouraged to take the LSAT in June, October, or December in the year prior to the desired date of entry. Although the College will consider an LSAT taken in February in the year prior to entry, the applicant should be aware that the February test administration comes late in the College’s admission cycle. Applications for admission may be submitted beginning Sept. 15 preceding the autumn term of enrollment. Applications completed by Feb. 1 will have a decision no later than April 1.

Regular Decision: The Moritz College of Law admits new students for the fall semester only. Applications for admission may be submitted any time after Sept. 15 immediately prior to the planned date of enrollment. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in mid-October.

Early Decision Option: The early decision option allows students seeking admission to apply early and receive a decision by Dec. 15 if they apply by Nov. 20 and complete their application and the early decision agreement by Nov. 30. This option was created for those applicants whose first choice is Moritz. The early decision option is a binding contract between the applicant and Moritz that requires the applicant to withdraw applications with all other law schools, if admitted, and to refrain from initiating new applications. Students applying for early decision will either be admitted, denied (not able to enter into the general applicant pool), or deferred for consideration in the general applicant pool.
Apply/Finance

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for submission may be submitted any time beginning Sept. 15.

Apply during the application cycle immediately prior to the planned date of enrollment. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in early October. You must complete your application using the Law School Admissions Council web-based application process, found at www.lsac.org. Please call LSAC’s help desk at (215) 968-1393 if encountering any difficulties. Application materials for university-wide scholarships are available via the web at: http://sfa.osu.edu/scholarships.

Loan Assistance: Ohio State participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Stafford). As a result of the information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), students are eligible for up to $20,500 in federal direct unsubsidized loans each year. In addition to the unsubsidized loan, students will be awarded the federal Direct Grad PLUS loan up to cost of attendance at Moritz.

Assistance with Financial Aid Issues: Financial aid assistance for law students at Moritz is a cooperative effort between the Moritz College of Law Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and the University’s Office of Student Financial Aid. The Moritz College of Law Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is the first point of contact for students and is responsible for disseminating information and counseling students.

OHIO STATE POLICIES

Ohio State Policies: The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is committed to building and supporting a diverse community. The University embraces human diversity and is committed to equal employment opportunity, valuing diversity in admissions, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

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