Try this

Negotiating leading-edge data privacy agreements while on co-op with a big law firm in New York.
Or try this

Representing asylum seekers who are in ICE detention facilities or living in tent cities by taking part in the law school’s Immigrant Justice Clinic.
Developing frontline policies related to telemedicine while on co-op with a major hospital in Boston.
If you like to try things, to really test things out — try us, Northeastern University School of Law. If you want rich, meaningful legal experiences working in the real world with real cases and clients — try us. If you want to craft your own education, chart your own path to legal practice — again, try us. With decades of experience in integrating theory and practice, Northeastern is the unparalleled leader in providing students with practical legal training. Be a leader, too — try NUSL.
Walking over hot coals might have seemed like a good way to determine guilt or innocence in medieval times but with a little perspective (and some very painful lessons) better ideas ultimately prevailed. The same goes with legal education: In 1968, Northeastern University School of Law introduced the COOPERATIVE LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CO-OP), which integrates classroom learning with practical experience so that students graduate with the skills, knowledge and confidence to hit the ground running.

A PROVEN MODEL

As a full-time JD student at Northeastern Law, you’ll complete a first year of rigorous academic courses and then transition to alternating between semesters in the classroom and full-time work experiences (co-ops). On co-op, you’ll work side by side with attorneys and judges in law firms, courtrooms, government agencies, legal services organizations, businesses and a wide variety of other organizations on substantive legal work. Since our co-op program is integrated into the curriculum, you are guaranteed three co-ops and will graduate with nearly a year of full-time legal work experience.

 Needless to say, our model of educating law students has caught fire – in a good way. Today, more than 1,000 co-op employers across the globe provide our students with unparalleled, full-time practical training opportunities.
Don’t Try This at Home

EXPERIENCE REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. On co-op with lawyers and judges across the globe, you’ll try out a variety of work environments and explore diverse areas of law in depth. Want to be a public defender? Go try it out in San Francisco or New York or Denver or some small corner of rural Kentucky and see if the job and the place are a fit. After you gain insights in your first co-op, you’ll have a deeper understanding of your skills and interests as you look to where you want to go next. The choices are infinite: big firms, small firms, international human rights in The Hague or New Delhi, federal government offices in Washington, DC, a clerkship in Wisconsin or California or Alaska or Puerto Rico. Oh, and feel free to stay close to home, too. Our Boston co-ops include firms of all sizes, business organizations, government, the judiciary and more.

AS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT, you’ll be immersed in a professional development program that exposes you to a wide variety of legal practice areas and prepares you to go on co-op. Throughout your time at Northeastern, you’ll benefit from one-on-one guidance from experienced advisors in the Center for Co-op and Career Development. Together, you’ll devise a strategic plan tailored to your professional and geographic interests.

CO-OPS AROUND THE WORLD

#1
Ranking for practical training by The National Jurist

55
Number of countries in which students have completed co-ops

1,000
Number of employers in the co-op program

100%
Number of full-time JD students who graduate with almost a full year of legal experience
SELECTED DOMESTIC CO-OP PLACEMENTS

ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project
New York, New York

Alaska Public Defender Agency
Anchorage, Alaska

Altzhuler Barzon
San Francisco, California

American Civil Liberties Union
San Francisco, California

Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt
Architecton, Boston

The Bronx Defenders
Bronx, New York

Children’s Rights, Inc.
New York, New York

Compass Group North America
New York, New York

Conservation Law Foundation
Concord, New Hampshire

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Boston, Massachusetts

Children’s Rights, Inc.
Bronx, New York

Children’s Rights, Inc.
New York, New York

Children’s Rights, Inc.
San Francisco, California

Children’s Rights, Inc.
San Diego, California

Drexel
San Diego, California

Eckert Seamans
Boston, Massachusetts

Eckert Seamans
Boston, Massachusetts

Equal Rights Advocates
San Francisco, California

Equal Rights Advocates
San Francisco, California

Federal Reserve Bank
Boston, Massachusetts

Fedex
Boston, Massachusetts

Financier Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
Florence, Arizona

Fodor Law Office
Jackson, Wyoming

GBH
Boston, Massachusetts

GBH
Boston, Massachusetts

GLAD GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders
Boston, Massachusetts

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Boston, Massachusetts

Global Justice Center
New York, New York

Greater Boston Legal Services
Boston, Massachusetts

Irene’s Project New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

International Bureau of Children’s Rights
New York, New York

Jazz at Lincoln Center
New York, New York

Legal Aid Society
New York, New York

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General
Boston, Massachusetts

Metros
Boston, Massachusetts

Modena Therapeutics
Cambridge, Massachusetts

National Advocates for Pregnant Women
New York, New York

Nixon Peabody
Boston, Massachusetts

Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PwC
Boston, Massachusetts

RAICES
San Antonio, Texas

Service Employees International Union
Washington, DC

Seifarth Shaw
Boston, Massachusetts

Southern Center for Human Rights
Atlanta, Georgia

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts

Tarter Krinsky & Drogin
New York, New York

USAID
Washington, DC

U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York
New York, New York

U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska

U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
Detroit, Michigan

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Boston, Massachusetts

Vadeck, Raskin & Clark
New York, New York

Wisconsin Supreme Court
Madison, Wisconsin

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPS

The Asia Foundation
Makati City, Philippines

Asianinsitie Legal Bureau
Thailand, Georgia

Baker & McKenzie
Hanoi, Vietnam

Center for Justice and International Law
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Centre for Disability Law and Policy
Dublin, Ireland

Centre for Environment, Human Rights and Republic
Galway, Ireland

Centre for Environment, Human Rights and Policy
Ghana, Nigeria

Tadeus
Bogota, Colombia

Centre for Environment, Human Rights and Policy
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dejusticia
Bogota, Colombia

Global Potential
Paris, France

Human Rights Law Network
New Delhi, India

Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migracion
Mexico City, Mexico

Inter-American Court of Human Rights
San José, Costa Rica

International Bridges to Justice
Geneva, Switzerland

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
The Hague, The Netherlands

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Arusha, Tanzania

International Development Law Organization
The Hague, The Netherlands

International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care
Tamil Nadu, India

International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies
Toronto, Canada

K&L Gates
Taipei, Taiwan

Katiba Institute
Kenya, Nairobi

La Isla Foundation
León, Nicaragua

Legal Centre Lesvos
Mistione, Greece

Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center, Inc.
Quezon City, Philippines

Morgan & Morgan
Panama City, Panama

Munari-Cavani Studio Legale
Milan, Italy

Nasser Malala Advocates & Legal Consultants
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Organisation for Refuge, Asylum and Migration
Tri Avis, Israel

Philip Lee Solicitors
Dublin, Ireland

Privacy International
London, England

Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales
Colonia Condesa, Mexico

Sustainable Business Australia
Sydney, Australia

Tilleke & Gibbins International Ltd.
Bangkok, Thailand

UNAIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific
Incheon, South Korea

United Nations Women
Manila, Philippines

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Lauren Yamaguchi ’24 on co-op with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation in Honolulu, Hawaii

Sophia Al-Khamis ’23 on co-op with Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, Massachusetts
NANA JAAMA ADU arrived at Northeastern intent on a career in civil rights or family law. “I want to be able to amplify the voices of those who are not being heard,” she explains. Nana soon realized there are many paths to her goal. “Prior to law school my interests were based on what I knew about law. At Northeastern, I learned there are many practice areas, such as data privacy or intellectual property, where I can focus my career while still integrating my passion for social justice and children’s rights.”

“At my co-ops, I created connections and built a network among employers and fellow Northeastern graduates that is already advancing my career.”

CO-OPS

Nana Jaama Adu ’23

Selected Electives
- Data Privacy Compliance in the 21st Century
- Entertainment Law
- Information Privacy Law
- Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Activities
- Black Law Students Association
- Admissions Ambassador
- AccessLex Representative

Research Assistant
- Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration

Wolf Popper
New York, New York
At a firm specializing in plaintiff-side complex litigation, Nana researched health-related topics as well as securities for class action lawsuits.

Fried Frank
New York, New York
As a summer associate at this Am Law 200 firm, Nana explored different practice areas, including finance, asset management and data privacy. This co-op led to a post-graduate job offer for Nana.

Law Office of Nicholas F. Ortiz
Boston, Massachusetts
For her final co-op, Nana chose a boutique law firm that specializes in workers’ and consumers’ rights. Here, she honed her skills in drafting motions, discovery, interrogatories and affidavits related to independent contractors, wages and overtime issues.

NOW
Law Clerk, Fried Frank, New York, New York
Julian Montijo was drawn to Northeastern Law’s public interest mission and through courses and co-ops, he cemented his desire to advocate for those too often dehumanized by the criminal legal system. “I want to be able to stand with people to acknowledge their humanity beyond the circumstances that bring them to court and the pressures of a legal system that often boxes them into frustrating and false narratives,” says Julian, a staff attorney in the family defense practice at Brooklyn Defender Services.

At the ACLU’s Voting Rights Project, Julian drafted motions and complaints for redistricting litigation and election protection measures. He also researched memoranda challenging restrictions on vote-by-mail absentee ballot provisions and post-election challenges in battleground states.

As a Haywood Burns Memorial Fellow with the People’s Law Office, Julian supported litigation on criminal and civil rights cases for victims of police violence and conducted interviews and drafted complaints on behalf of individuals injured by police at protests waged against anti-Black police violence.

In his final co-op, under attorney supervision in the Contra Costa County criminal courts, Julian represented clients accused of felony and misdemeanor charges at arraignments and argued motions to dismiss the charges against them.

Selected Electives
- Advanced Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- American Legal Thought
- Education Law
- Federal Courts and the Federal System
- Immigration Law
- Social Welfare Law

Clinics
- Civil Rights and Restorative Justice
- Immigrant Justice

Activities
- Critical Legal Reading Group
- Latin American Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Queer Caucus
- Student Bar Association

“Co-op provided me with opportunities to explore different areas of the law and to narrow in on a career path.”

Contra Costa Public Defender
Martinez, California

People’s Law Office
Chicago, Illinois

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
New York, New York

NOW
Staff Attorney, Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, New York
As a Skadden Fellow with the EdLaw Project, DIANA HOWAT is advocating for young people who sit at the intersection of the education and court systems. “Court involvement creates barriers to education for young people, and the gap in education services is magnified for students of color,” says Diana. “I’m working with clients to identify their goals and next steps. Then, we can use creative advocacy to leverage education services to help them achieve those goals.”

In her first co-op, Diana drafted a research brief on trends in the Massachusetts juvenile legal system, with a focus on potential drivers of the decrease in the number of young people coming into contact with the system, and on worsening racial and ethnic disparities.

At the EdLaw Project, an initiative of the Youth Advocacy Foundation and the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Diana researched legal issues related to education access and helped create an online tool to support families filing complaints with the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Inspired by her experience with the law school’s Prisoners’ Rights Clinic, Diana picked this co-op to advocate for prisoners’ rights by supporting Prisoners’ Legal Services’ direct advocacy, litigation and legislative advocacy efforts.

“Co-op gave me the opportunity to learn from skilled, experienced advocates and to gain professional confidence while still a student.”
On day one as a Northeastern law student, you’ll do more than dip your toes. You’ll dive into **LEGAL SKILLS IN SOCIAL CONTEXT**, a dynamic course that combines a traditional first-year legal research and writing curriculum with real-life social justice projects for community organizations and agencies. Also in your first year, you’ll go deep into the fundamentals of the American legal system, taking courses such as Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law and Property Law. In your upper-level years, you’ll choose from a broad array of specialized courses. As you move back and forth between academic and co-op terms, you’ll be able to test drive classroom theories in the real world – and then come back to campus to share your experiences with your classmates and faculty mentors.

Selected Legal Skills in Social Context Partners
- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
- Citizens for Juvenile Justice
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
- Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
- Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
- New England Innocence Project
- Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts
- Public Health Advocacy Institute

After your first year of study, you’ll alternate between semesters in the classroom and co-ops until you graduate with three, full-time professional experiences that set your résumé apart.

**FULL-TIME JD ACADEMIC/CO-OP SEQUENCE**

After your rotation is determined, this is what your sequencing will look like.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

The School of Law’s grading system cultivates an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect. Rather than alphabetic or numeric grades, students receive narrative evaluations from professors and co-op employers. In addition to these narrative evaluations, students may receive honors or high honors for strong academic performance. There is no class rank or GPA.
Try Us Out

ACADEMICS

The Northeastern law faculty, second to none in their research and publications, will be your enthusiastic mentors and champions. In addition to being exceptional scholars and researchers, they are authors of trailblazing casebooks and widely read articles in the most prestigious journals. Our faculty includes active litigators, committed advocates, respected consultants and influential policy shapers. Law isn’t simply a subject to them; it’s a tool that they sharpen and wield with authority.

As society confronts complicated challenges and critical issues related to ensuring justice, our faculty are providing thought leadership—as well as action strategies—in a wide variety of interdisciplinary fields, including:

- Bioethics
- Business Law
- Civil Rights
- Constitutional Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Data Security
- Health Law
- Human Rights
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Law and Technology
- Litigation
- Poverty Law
- Privacy Law and Policy
- Public Interest Advocacy
- Race and Racism and the Law
- Social Justice

We have 58 Full-Time Faculty:

- 69% Women
- 33% Men
- 33% Faculty of Color

As busy as they are, our faculty members are available, accessible and eager to offer advice and assistance. They are passionate about teaching and take great pride in inspiring the next generation of legal professionals who will make their mark on the world.

Here’s how three of our faculty members are advocating for justice and the rule of law:

KATHERINE KRASCHEL
Professor Kraschel is a leading expert on reproduction, bioethics and health policy, and works closely with the law school’s Center for Health Policy and Law. In addition to her scholarship, teaching and advocacy, she serves as chair of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

DANIEL MEDWED
Professor Medwed is a scholar and sought-after commentator in the national news on criminal cases. He is the author of two critically acclaimed books, BARRED: Why the Innocent Can’t Get Out of Prison and Prosecution Complex: America’s Race to Convict and Its Impact on the Innocent. He is also a founding board member of the Innocence Network.

MARGARET BURNHAM
Professor Burnham is founder and director of the law school’s Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (CRRJ), which aims to document every racially motivated killing in the South between 1930 and 1970. She has received numerous honors and fellowships and is the author of the highly acclaimed and award-winning book, By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow’s Legal Executioners.
Try to Resist

During your upper-level academic terms, you’ll find it hard to resist signing up with one of our exceptional clinics. Our advice? Don’t try to.

Think of clinics as on-campus law offices. As a clinic participant, you’ll dedicate 25 hours each week to real cases, with real clients, while working under the direct supervision of faculty experts. Northeastern law students provide more than 25,000 hours annually of no-cost legal assistance to those who in many instances can’t afford representation, while gaining hands-on experience in often-thorny cases and complicated legal matters.

Civil Rights and Restorative Justice
Community Business
Domestic Violence
Housing Rights Advocacy
Immigrant Justice
Intellectual Property Law
Prisoners’ Rights
Public Health Advocacy
Every day, you make assumptions that quietly shape the direction of your life and work. To ensure you’re making good choices, it’s best to test the validity of those assumptions. One way to do so as a law student is to get involved with our CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE. By using interdisciplinary approaches that integrate a wide variety of practical and research interests, we’re testing hypotheses and developing strategies to meet public health challenges such as the opioid crisis and pandemics; promote progress in information security, privacy regulation, entertainment and media law, intellectual property, internet and e-commerce; advance social justice; and advocate for racial justice, restorative justice and transitional justice.

If you’ve got a hunch about how to help make the world a better place, shape policy and reimagine how our justice system could work better for everyone, then come and put your ideas to the test with our creative thinkers and legal legends.

FRONT-LINE PROGRAMS
Along with our Centers of Excellence, our programs and institutes are crafting interdisciplinary approaches to complex problems. Their efforts reflect a commitment to social and economic justice that distinguishes Northeastern as one of the nation’s top public interest law schools.

Burnes Center for Social Change
Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project
Criminal Justice Task Force
Domestic Violence Institute
Initiative for Energy Justice
NuLawLab
Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy
Program on the Corporation, Law and Global Society
Public Health Advocacy Institute
The Action Lab at the Center for Health Policy and Law
UnitedOnGuns
Try It, You’ll Like It

WHO SAYS LAW SCHOOL CAN’T BE FUN?

Sure, you’ll work hard and study hard. But you’ll also be surrounded by the most interesting, committed law students in the country. Our students are people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, come from all over the world, hold different religious beliefs and always speak their minds. Your classmates will do far more than occupy the seats beside you. With no letter grades, you’ll find your seminar rooms and lecture halls filled with collaborators and cooperators. Whether you’re passionate about a social cause or area of practice, want to connect with classmates with shared life experiences, or are just looking to de-stress with a friendly game of softball, there are more than 40 law student organizations waiting for you.

And, yes, when you’re together studying into the wee hours of the night or performing together in the annual “No Talent Show,” your fellow law students can seem like a bunch of comedians. We dare you: Try not to laugh.
Try It On for Size

**B O S T O N**

**BIG ENOUGH TO BOAST** a something-for-everyone lineup of attractions and activities yet small enough to feel like a home, Boston is a great city in which to live, work and play. Numerous cultural and entertainment destinations are within walking distance of Northeastern’s campus, including Symphony Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Fenway Park.

With the "T" running right through campus, you’ll have easy access to downtown, where you can enjoy the lush greenery of the **Boston Public Garden**, shop on bustling **Newbury Street** or relive history while walking the **Freedom Trail**. Boston’s vibrant culinary scene is a foodie mecca, including everything from haute cuisine destinations and farm-to-table restaurants to diverse ethnic eateries and food trucks.

**BOSTON IS A GOLD MINE** of professional opportunities for those studying law. Northeastern students have completed co-ops at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the U.S. Department of Justice, the American Civil Liberties Union and a host of leading businesses and law firms.

What’s not to love?
TO APPLY

To apply, you’ll need to submit the following credentials: application, résumé, personal statement and a current CAS report that includes LSAT score(s) (no more than five years old), one letter of recommendation (two will be accepted) and all required transcripts. You may also apply with valid GRE scores. Please consider responding to one of our three optional essay topics. All materials must be submitted to the Law School Admission Council at lsac.org. Northeastern Law does not charge an application fee.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants to the full-time JD program choose among three admission options:

**EARLY DECISION (Binding)**
Choose Early Decision if Northeastern is your No. 1 choice. If admitted, you must commit to enroll; withdraw all pending applications at other law schools and not initiate new applications. You must sign the Early Decision Certification Form in order to apply.

- Application Deadline: December 1, 2023
- Latest LSAT Accepted: November 2023
- Decision By: December 31, 2023

**EARLY ACTION (Non-Binding)**
Choose Early Action if Northeastern is among your top choices. You’ll hear from us in February instead of waiting for a decision in April.

- Application Deadline: December 1, 2023
- Latest LSAT Accepted: November 2023
- Decision By: February 15, 2024

**REGULAR DECISION**
Choose Regular Decision if you want the option to take the LSAT in February, or if you are currently a college student and would like us to review information from the first semester of your senior year.

- Application Deadline: March 1, 2024
- Latest LSAT Accepted: February 2024
- Decision By: April 15, 2024

CONSIDERING WHETHER A PART-TIME PROGRAM MAY BE BETTER FOR YOU?
Northeastern Law’s full-time, on-campus trajectory to pursue a law degree isn’t a fit for everyone. We get it. That’s why we’re offering our part-time, primarily online (hybrid) FlexJD program, ideally suited for well-qualified, working professionals with strong academic backgrounds who intend to continue their full-time employment while in law school. The FlexJD Priority Application deadline is May 1, 2024. Decisions are made on a rolling basis. Questions about the FlexJD? Email us at FlexJD@northeastern.edu or call 617.203.7228.

FINANCIAL AID

Northeastern provides scholarships and aid to students through a variety of merit- and need-based programs. All applicants are considered for merit awards, including the full-tuition Public Interest Law Scholarship, Health Policy and Law Scholarship, Intellectual Property and Innovation Scholarship, and Law, Equity and Race Scholarship. No additional application is necessary.

Students interested in being considered for need-based financial aid must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The priority filing date is **FEBRUARY 15**.

*JD FIRST-YEAR TUITION (2023–2024)*
- $60,408

*FLEXJD FIRST-YEAR TUITION (2023–2024)*
- $45,300

LOAN DEFERRAL AND FORGIVENESS

Our generous Loan Deferral and Forgiveness Program (LD/F) is just one example of our longstanding commitment to encouraging public interest law careers.

Graduates of Northeastern Law who are engaged in law-related public interest or government work and whose annual Adjusted Net Income does not exceed the program cap (currently set at $82,000) are eligible to apply for the program cap. Please see the full program description for more details.

东北大学法学院提供各种奖学金和资助，包括全额奖学金、健康政策与法律奖学金、知识产权与创新奖学金、以及法律、公平与种族奖学金。无需额外申请。

有意申请需要资助的学生必须填写《联邦学生援助免费申请表》(FAFSA)。优先申请截止日期是**2月15日**。

*JD 学年学费 (2023–2024)*
- $60,408

*FlexJD 学年学费 (2023–2024)*
- $45,300

**贷款延期和宽恕**

我们慷慨的贷款延期和宽恕计划（LD/F）就是我们长期以来鼓励公共利益法律职业生涯的一个例子。

在相关法律领域或政府工作的东北法学院毕业生，其年调整后总收入不超过计划阈值（目前为$82,000）则有资格申请该计划。请参阅完整计划说明获取更多信息。
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