



# ACCELERATED PATHWAY TO USD LAW

Informational Meeting  
Thursday, November 13 at 1 pm

# INTRODUCTIONS

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# OUR INSPIRATION AND OUR INTENT

The Accelerated Pathway to USD Law is a new opportunity that allows high-achieving UC San Diego undergraduates to earn both their bachelor's and law degrees in six years.

*“By aligning world-class undergraduate education with a premier local law school, we’re reducing time and cost barriers and keeping homegrown talent in San Diego to serve our communities.” UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla*





# STEP 1: EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND INVITATION TO APPLY TO BECOME A PATHWAY PARTICIPANT

Current Requirements:

- (a) 3.7 overall GPA,
- (b) Successful completion of at least three Public Law courses in the Department of Political Science (POLI 104 A through 104Z)
- (c) on track to graduate from UC San Diego within three years for first-year admits (assessed at end of winter quarter of students second year at UCSD) or within two years for transfer admits (assessed at end of winter quarter of transfer student's first year at UCSD)



## STEP 2: FULFILL PATHWAY PARTICIPANT PRESUMPTIVE ADMISSION STANDARDS

(a) Earn requisite minimum score on LSAT summer before last year at UCSD (164 currently, for first Pathway class TBD, but will be comparable)

(b) Submit USD Law application by October 1 (last year at UCSD) – Dean Chavez to Discuss

Optional: Encouraged attendance at workshops, visits to USD, and other programming to prepare for the transition to USD Law School

*Note: USD Law School will admit 25 Pathways Participants each year under this Accelerated Pathway program (USD discretion to accept more). Admitted Students may choose to decline the admissions offer from USD Law School opening room for others to be admitted.*



## STEP 3: ADMISSION TO USD AND OFFER ACCEPTANCE

(a) Offers and any scholarship notices will be sent to Presumptive Admits by December 22.

(b) Presumptive admits must commit with seat deposit by January 15.

(c) Celebration and Special programming January through June for students admitted and bound for USD Law to build an early relationship with their new institution and to ensure they thrive in their first year of law school at USD Law!

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS/OTHER QUESTIONS

- Open to all majors
- Pathway Participants admitted separately from general USD Law applicants (can still be admitted to USD Law outside of this program)
- Timeline: We will identify and invite students who fulfill criteria under Step 1 (early identification and invitation to become a Pathway Participant) at end of winter quarter 2026

LSAT – Summer 2027

Presumptive Admission – Fall 2027/Winter 2028

Graduate UCSD –Spring 2028

Matriculate to USD Law – Fall 2028



# Accelerated Pathway to USD Law

**PATHWAY  
TO LAW  
START**

**UCSD Invitation To Apply**  
End of Winter Quarter 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Qualifying UCSD students are identified and invited to apply

Current Requirements:

- (a) 3.7 overall GPA
- (b) Minimum of 3 Public Law Classes
- (c) On track to graduate in 3 years

**UCSD-Led Pathway Programming**  
Spring Quarter 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

UCSD Pathway student programming in collaboration with USD Law Spring Quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year (e.g. JD application workshops, 1:1 JD advising, mock law class at USD Law and campus tour, LSAT primer courses)

**Comprehensive LSAT Prep.**  
Summer Between 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Following the completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> year studies at UCSD, students begin a comprehensive summer LSAT preparation program focused on maximizing their test-taking potential for their upcoming LSAT exam

**LSAT EXAM**  
End of Summer or Start of Fall Quarter

**USD Law Commitment**  
January 15<sup>th</sup> Seat Deposit, Winter 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Admitted students secure their seat in the incoming USD Law first-year class by submitting a full seat deposit by January 15<sup>th</sup>

Admitted students can decline an offer of admission before or after the deposit deadline

**USD Law Admission Notices**  
Fall through Winter 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

All admitted Pathway Participants will receive their admission notices and scholarship letters - if eligible, by December 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Continued Pathway Programming**  
Fall Quarter 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Prior to USD Law Orientation Week, incoming students participate in community-building and academic success-focused events (e.g. Padres game, Mentor Collective, Summer Seminar, JD Immersion Week)

**USD Application Submission**  
October 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline, Fall 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Following presumptive LSAT and GPA admission parameters, USD Law will admit 25 Pathway Participants each year under the Accelerated Pathway program and, may at its discretion, accept more

**Continued Pathway Programming**  
Spring Quarter through graduation

**Pathway Admits Celebration**  
Spring Quarter

**UCSD Graduation!**  
June

**USD Law Orientation**  
Mid-August

**START @  
USD LAW!**

3YR. FULL-TIME JD  
4YR. PART-TIME JD



# KEMI OTT — PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT

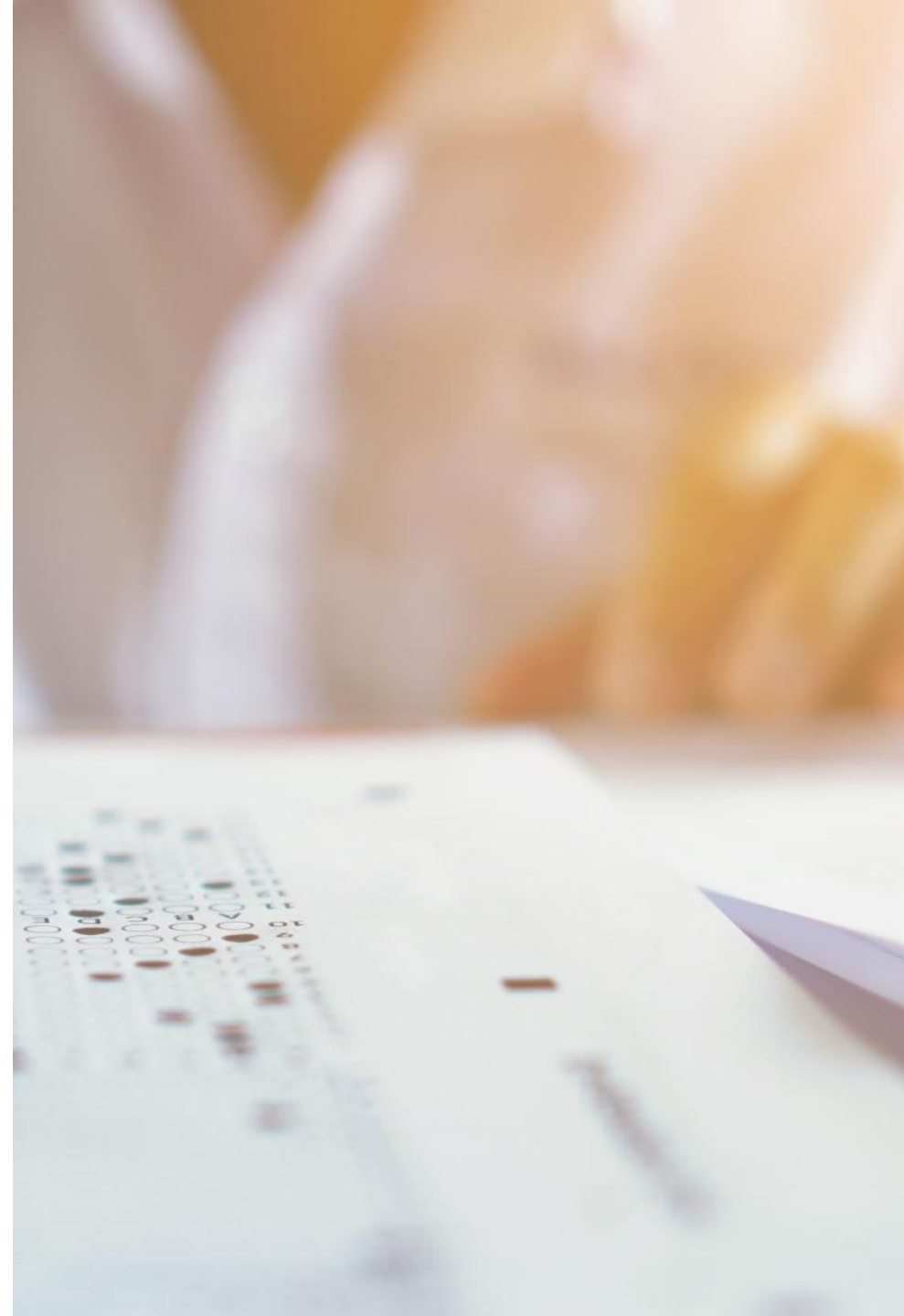
## Appts:

Tuesday 9-11am (virtually) and

Wednesday 1-2pm (in-person) in SSB 317

Please note if students cannot attend during the drop-in hours, students can submit questions or request for an appointment time through the VAC.

(VAC Ask a Question > Dept. of Political Science > select Accelerated Pathway to USD Law in the topic drop-down menu)





Upcoming Events:

## **USD Law Pop Up Admissions and Resume Support**

Thursday, January 15 11 -1 pm  
(location TBD)

## **Morning at San Diego District Attorney's Office**


Date TBD – express your interest by writing Ms. Ochoa



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Come spend the morning with the DA's Office

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- ~ **Experience a Criminal Trial**
- ~ Meet & Greet with a Superior Court Judge
- ~ **Network with real prosecutors**
- ~ Summer internship opportunities



**RSVP: To [Shawnalyse.Ochoa@sdcdca.org](mailto:Shawnalyse.Ochoa@sdcdca.org)**

**TIME: 8AM TO 12:30PM**

**LOCATION: 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, 92101**