

ONE EXCEPTIONAL J.D. TWO CONVENIENT SCHEDULES.

With our part-time J.D. program, you decide which schedule fits best for you — *on campus or online.*



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The goal of our part-time schedules is to allow you to obtain a rigorous, ABA-accredited J.D. degree while maintaining your personal and professional commitments.

The law school was founded in 1923 to provide a legal education for working professionals. Since its founding, South Texas has earned a reputation for educating exceptional practice-ready attorneys. Today, South Texas remains committed to providing those unable to step away from full-time employment or family commitments an opportunity to earn a J.D. through two flexible part-time schedule options.

J.D. PART-TIME SCHEDULE DETAILS

- ABA-accredited J.D. curriculum delivered over four years
 - **J.D. Part-time / Campus** schedule requires four evenings of in-person courses per week
 - **J.D. Part-time / Online** schedule requires one in-person, on-campus residency at the beginning of each academic year, with remaining coursework delivered online
- A rigorous curriculum intentionally developed for the online experience delivers an exceptional legal education through engaging and interactive methods
- Access to faculty, both in person and online
- Full student experience available to part-time students, including access to academic and student support services, bar exam preparation support, involvement in student organizations, events, employment interviews, and live-client and real-life practice experiences (including externships, simulation courses, and participation in the Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics).

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO STEP AWAY FROM FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OR DAYTIME COMMITMENTS TO PURSUE YOUR LEGAL DEGREE.

[STCL.EDU/EXPLORE](https://stcl.edu/explore)

J.D. PART-TIME / CAMPUS

Delivered on campus, in person (evening classes)

J.D. PART-TIME / ONLINE

Delivered primarily online, anywhere

Whether you choose the Part-time Campus or the Part-time Online schedule, you will experience a robust, comprehensive legal education that will prepare you to confidently practice law.

Note: If you plan to practice law in the State of New York, please reach out to us to discuss your options.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Both J.D. Part-time schedules start exclusively in the fall. The fall application opens in mid-November, and applications should be received by the following dates:

- February 10 (priority)
- May 8 (final)



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J.D. PART-TIME / ONLINE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does the J.D. Part-time / Online program work?

Types of classes: Beginning in fall 2023, J.D. Part-time / Online students will take classes mostly online in a combination of synchronous classes (face-to-face virtual at set times) and asynchronous classes (no set class time, but with regularly assigned deadlines) each semester.

On-campus requirement: At the beginning of the fall semester each year, students will have a required *in-person experience* on campus in Houston (7-8 days). For the first year, this includes orientation with all students, opportunities to meet the professors teaching online courses that semester, connections with student organizations, and in-person class time. This “residency” experience will ensure that online students are familiar with and become a part of the South Texas community.

Time to completion: The part-time J.D. degree can be completed in four years.

When will synchronous courses be scheduled, and how often?

Synchronous activities will typically be scheduled on weekday evenings and occasionally during the day on Saturdays.

Can online students access campus resources?

STCL Houston Student Services will be available for virtual meetings and phone calls with online students, in addition to various online workshops and connection opportunities. Some of those opportunities include academic advising, financial aid and debt counseling, library services, and career services.

What opportunities will exist to connect with professors?

For all students, STCL Houston faculty are available during regular office hours, and phone or virtual conversations are quite common. Students and professors also engage through email and through the learning system messaging features.

Will online students be able to engage with student organizations?

Student organizations will offer virtual opportunities for online students to participate in various meetings and

in academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities including law reviews, clinics, and advocacy. Students are always welcome to come to campus for in-person participation, as well.

Is the J.D. Part-time / Online schedule as rigorous as the traditional, full-time J.D. schedule?

Yes. South Texas requires all students to meet exacting admissions criteria. Just like students in the traditional, on-campus programs, online students will be expected to meet rigorous academic and professional standards.

Will online students be able to apply for financial aid and scholarships?

Yes, J.D. Part-time / Online students are eligible to apply for the same financial aid and scholarship opportunities as all other South Texas students.

Will the diploma for online students indicate classes were taken online?

South Texas College of Law Houston offers one ABA-accredited J.D. degree, and each student’s diploma only notes that degree — regardless of whether the degree was achieved full-time or part-time, on campus or online.

OUR MISSION

South Texas College of Law Houston provides a diverse body of students with the opportunity to obtain an exceptional legal education, preparing graduates to serve their community and the profession with distinction.



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