

LAW & HEALTH SCIENCES AT UC HASTINGS

Tips for Students

UC Hastings is home to a strong and vibrant community of students, faculty and staff who are interested and engaged in issues which lie at the intersection of law, science, and health policy. The UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy supports this work by creating and promoting interdisciplinary collaborations in education, research, and service. For students, this means the opportunity to take classes on cutting-edge topics in law and health sciences, meet and work with faculty and students at UCSF, participate in clinical programs related to law and health sciences, and learn about a diverse array of job opportunities in this field.

We are excited to have new students joining our community each year and are eager to meet with you. This sheet is designed to give you some tips about ways you can participate in the law and health sciences community at UC Hastings, and get the most out of your time here.

1. Sign up for the Consortium listserv

Receive announcements about events and internship/job opportunities. Contact the Consortium Project Assistant at bischofr@uchastings.edu to be put on the list.

2. Visit Consortium staff or faculty

Come talk to us about your interests in the law and health sciences. We can help you think about coursework, internships, and other opportunities. Contact Sarah Hooper at hoopers@uchastings.edu for help in identifying faculty who share your interests. You can also browse our list of affiliated faculty and staff at www.uconsortium.org/people.

3. Attend Consortium events

The Consortium hosts biweekly roundtables and lectures, as well as conferences and symposia, on cutting edge issues in law, science and health policy. These events are held jointly with faculty, professionals, and students from UCSF and provide a great opportunity to learn and to network. These events often attract other members of the community as well, such as attorneys in nonprofits or firms. Many students have discovered or created job opportunities simply by attending these events and networking with the interesting people there. We highly recommend that you come too!

4. Take classes!

At UC Hastings: For a listing of courses in the law and health sciences at UC Hastings, visit <http://uconsortium.org/content/courses-law-and-sciences-offered-uc-hastings>

At UCSF: UC Hastings students can receive up to 6 units of credit for courses taken at UCSF. For a listing of courses, as well as information about registration, visit: <http://uconsortium/content/cross-registration-available>

5. Build your resume

Visit with Consortium and Career Office staff and faculty to learn about careers in law and health sciences, and the opportunities you can grab now to help build your resume. Opportunities include internships, externships, independent study projects, research assistance, and post-grad fellowships.

6. Enroll in a clinic

UC Hastings has a number of wonderful clinical opportunities that provide students with excellent training and hands-on experience with clients. For example, the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors clinic is of particular interest to law and health sciences students. Students provide free legal assistance to low-income patients at a UCSF clinic. For more information about clinics at Hastings, visit: www.uchastings.edu/academics/clinical-programs/index.html

7. Consider declaring the Law & Health Sciences Concentration

You can declare at any time and the process is easy. Visit with the Concentration Advisor, Professor Weithorn, to learn more about requirements and benefits of becoming a concentrator. Information is also available in the Course Catalog: www.uchastings.edu/academics/catalog/index.html

8. Get a job

Doing all of the above will assist you greatly in finding a permanent position. Remember to utilize the Career Office as well as Consortium staff and faculty in your search. Please keep Consortium staff and faculty apprised of your particular interests, as the Consortium will try to link you to relevant opportunities in the field. In addition, please keep in touch AFTER graduation. If you ever need assistance in placement, the Consortium frequently offers post-grad research fellow positions, and would be happy to assist you in identifying current opportunities. Likewise, if you have positions open for students or graduates, please let the Consortium know as we are also eager to help you find qualified candidates.

For more information, visit www.uconsortium.org or visit the Consortium Research Center on the fourth floor of the library.