In addition to the traditional JD program, the University of Maine School of Law also offers joint degree programs in collaboration with the University of Maine School of Business, the University of Southern Maine’s School of Business, and the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service.

The law school’s curriculum provides students with a strong foundation in legal analysis as well as practical lawyering skills that can be taken into a range of career areas including law, business, government, and public service. The law school’s curriculum is particularly strong in the areas of business and commercial law, marine law, trial advocacy, and international law.

Programs and centers within the University of Maine School of Law include the Center for Law and Innovation, the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law, and the Patent Law Program.

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic was established in 1969 and is one of the oldest continuously operating law school clinical programs in the US. While providing students with practical experience, the program also aids the underserved through its General Practice Clinic, Prisoner Assistance Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, and Family Law Clinic offerings. In addition to the law school’s clinical offerings, third-year students can also take advantage of six-credit or 12-credit externship opportunities.

International exchange opportunities are offered with Cergy-Pontoise University in France; City University of Hong Kong; Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia; the National University of Ireland in Galway; Université du Maine, Le Mans in France; University of Buckingham in England; and the University of New Brunswick. An exchange program is also available through Howard University School of Law.

The law school publishes The Maine Law Review two-times per year, as well as the Ocean and Coastal Law Journal.

Students also benefit from co-curricular activities including trial and moot court competitions and participation in student organizations such as the Litigation Group, the Student Bar Association, and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.