



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES School Year 2020-2021

The Silliman University College of Law has modified its admission process for school year 2020-2021 in response to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. Applicants are no longer required to personally appear for an interview by the Admissions Committee of the law school. Submission and processing of applications shall be done **online** in accordance with the guidelines found hereunder.

General Requirements for Admission to the *Juris Doctor* (with thesis) program - An entering law student must be a holder of a four-year Bachelor of Science or Arts or equivalent degree and must have earned at least 18 units in English, 6 units in Mathematics and 18 units in Social Science (History, Political Science, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Current Issues, etc.).

Documentary and Other Requirements - To be considered for admission, applicants shall submit the following:

- a. Transcript of Records (TOR) or informative copy of records issued by school registrar if TOR is not yet available (scanned copy);
- b. 90 to 120-second smartphone video clip (no 4k resolution or higher) of the applicant 1) introducing and giving a background of himself/herself, and 2) identifying a value that he/she finds important in his/her life and expounding how such value has shaped or influenced him/her to be the kind of person he/she is today, citing a specific situation;
- c. An original essay (saved in PDF format) written by the applicant of not more than 1,000 words on the following topic:

There are verified reports that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought about a silver lining - unpolluted air, cleaner water and seas, increased marine life activity, the return of many species to their natural habitats, a rejuvenated earth. What issues do you see in a proposal to bestow legal rights to the environment and animals?

The essay shall be subject to a plagiarism check.

- d. Statement of good moral character from the dean or professor of the school previously attended or from a prominent member of the community who is not related to the applicant (scanned copy);

An email with the aforementioned requirements as attachments shall be sent within the application period to the following address: applicants.law@su.edu.ph

If the video clip can not be sent as an attachment due to file size limitations, a link to the file stored in a cloud-based system shall be included in the email. Contact details of the applicant on Facebook Messenger shall likewise be included to facilitate communication in the event that a video conference call is deemed necessary.

Application period is **April 24 to July 15, 2020**. Applicants will be informed of the status of their applications within five (5) days from receipt of the aforementioned requirements. Online enrollment for incoming freshmen will be from **July 20 to 31, 2020**. Classes begin on **August 17, 2020**.

For additional registration/enrollment information, please access the following website: <https://su.edu.ph/admissions/admission-procedures/>

Scholarships - A limited number of scholarships are available to incoming students who graduated with honors from Silliman University within the past two (2) school years.

Data Privacy - Personal information received from applicants are subject to the data privacy policy of Silliman University as found in the following website: <https://su.edu.ph/silliman-university-data-privacy-policy/>