

So, You Want to . . . Get Into Law School

Education

Students are admitted to law school with every possible undergraduate degree. The most prominent majors are Criminal Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, History, Business, and English. Successful graduates must demonstrate solid critical thinking, problem-solving, oratory, writing, and research skills.

Other Requirements/Information

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is required for application to law school. There are numerous services available to assist you in preparing for the LSAT. Khan Academy (khanacademy.org) has a free LSAT prep built in collaboration with the makers of the LSAT.

North Carolina Law School Admission Criteria

While you can apply to law schools throughout the U.S. (and the world), the following data from North Carolina law schools are shared with you so you can assess your likelihood of being competitive in the law school application process. Note that a strong GPA (at a minimum, above 3.0 but generally higher) is necessary for most admissions. Schools are listed from the most competitive admissions criteria to the least.

Duke University (highly competitive)

Application deadline: February 15th
Application fee: \$80
Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$66,000/yr
Median undergraduate GPA: 3.82
LSAT: 167+
Women: 55%
Students of Color: 37%

University of NC – Chapel Hill (highly competitive)

Application deadline: May 1st
Application fee: \$75
Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$41,000/yr
Median undergraduate GPA: 3.73
LSAT: 160+
Women: 54%
Students of Color: 28%

Wake Forest University (competitive)

Application deadline: March 1st

Application fee: \$75

Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$47,000/yr

Median undergraduate GPA: 3.68

LSAT: 160+

Women: 54%

Students of Color: 28%

Campbell University (competitive in that they only accept a small number of applicants)

Application deadline: May 1st

Application fee: \$0

Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$43,000/yr

Median undergraduate GPA: 3.32+

LSAT: 150+

Women: 49%

Students of Color: 14%

Elon University (less competitive)

Application deadline: July 1st

Application fee: \$0

Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$47,000/yr

Median undergraduate GPA: 3.31

LSAT: 150+

Women: 58%

Students of Color: 26%

North Carolina Central University (less competitive)

Application deadline: April 30th

Application fee: \$50

Full-time tuition (without scholarships): ~\$36,000/yr

Median undergraduate GPA: 3.27

LSAT: 145+

Women: 69%

Students of Color: 70%

A note about law school choice: only choose ABA-approved law schools. We suggest not applying to for-profit (independent) law schools, as they have lower graduation rates, lower bar passage rates, tend to cost more, and have lower graduate placement rates. Public and private non-profit universities have stronger programs. A listing of all ABA-approved law schools can be found here:

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/aba_approved_law_schools/