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## ■ Introduction

The School of Law is located at The University of Texas at Austin. This location in the heart of the capital city provides ready access to the state legislature, the Supreme Court of Texas, the federal trial and appellate court, the offices of state and federal agencies, and the libraries and other main campus facilities. Recognized for its distinguished faculty and rich academic program, the law school has been a member of AALS since 1907, was approved by the ABA in 1923, and is fully accredited.

Situated on the banks of the Colorado River, Austin is an eclectic town noted for its politics, scholars, rolling hills, film industry, and live music and restaurant scene. The University of Texas plays an important role in this metropolitan area of over one million people, and many entertainment and cultural activities cater to the student population.

## ■ Enrollment/Student Body

As a Texas public institution, the Texas legislature limits nonresident enrollment to 35 percent of the population. We currently have over 133 undergraduate institutions and 28 states represented in our student body. Please refer to the statistical information for details as to the strength of the student body and the competition for admission.

## ■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Tarlton Law Library of the Joseph D. Jamail Center for Legal Research, with over one million volumes, is the seventh largest academic law library in the United States and the finest legal research center in the Southwest. It houses working collections from many other countries, with special strength in primary legal materials from Latin America and Western European nations, as well as a full depository for European Union documents. A suite of rooms in the law library houses rare books, manuscripts, law school archives, and special collections of materials ranging from a fifteenth century Roman law codex to the papers of former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark. The Hyder Collection, a 4,000-item collection of law-related artifacts makes the library an unusually welcoming place for study.

## ■ Faculty

The University of Texas School of Law has long had one of the outstanding faculties in the nation, both in terms of scholarly distinction of the faculty members and their success in the classroom. More than one-third of the faculty is elected to the American Law Institute, one of the highest percentage memberships in the nation. Texas is also one of only a dozen schools with three active faculty elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the nation's most prestigious learned society. The law school has consistently hired the best and brightest younger scholars, including eight former clerks for justices of the United States Supreme Court.

Texas enjoys a leadership position in many areas of legal study. The breadth and depth of offerings in several areas—constitutional law, environmental law, wills and estates,

admiralty and maritime law, torts and product liability, labor law, jurisprudence and philosophy—is matched by few schools in the country. With one of the largest faculties in the country, Texas is able to offer students coverage of all fields of law and exposure to truly diverse scholarly perspectives on legal questions.

## ■ Curriculum

All first-year students are required to take a full course load, averaging 15 hours per week, in contracts, property, torts, civil procedure, criminal law, constitutional law, brief writing and oral advocacy, and legal research and writing. After the first year, the only required courses are professional responsibility, advanced constitutional law, and a writing and research seminar. A student may design his or her course of study from an array of course offerings in many fields of law. These offerings include interdisciplinary and advanced public and private law courses.

## ■ Special Programs

The school offers clinical education courses for credit in such fields as capital punishment, children's rights, criminal defense, domestic violence, housing, immigration, juvenile justice, mediation, and mental health. Internships are available to qualified students with the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Third Court of Appeals. A limited number of externships are available for credit in the public service area. The law school also has an extensive trial-advocacy program boasting several national championships. There are a number of joint-degree programs: JD/MPA; JD/MBA; JD/Master of Arts in Latin American Studies; JD/Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning; JD/Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies; and JD/Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies, in addition to several combined programs with a PhD.

## ■ Admission

Admission to the JD program at UT Law is competitive. For the entering class of 2005, more than 5,400 applicants competed for the 450 seats in the entering class. As a general rule, there are no presumptive numbers. Every application completed and submitted is reviewed in its entirety. Each applicant must take the LSAT and have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade-point average of 2.2 as calculated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), or have completed the equivalent of six semesters and expect to graduate during the current academic year. Each candidate must complete all application forms and fulfill all mandatory attachments as described in the application.

## ■ Student-edited Journals

The School of Law offers many student-administered, cocurricular activities that enhance the law students' regular studies. Student-edited journals include *American Journal of Criminal Law*; *Texas Environmental Law Journal*; *Texas Journal on*

*Civil Liberties and Civil Rights; Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy; Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal; Texas International Law Journal; Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law; Texas Journal of Women and the Law; Texas Law Review; Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law; Texas Review of Law and Politics; and The Review of Litigation.*

## ■ Financial Aid

A limited number of scholarships are available for first-year students on the basis of merit and financial need. The prestigious Townes-Rice Scholarship is offered to eight outstanding law students with full-tuition and fees plus stipends for all three years of law school. Scholarships and research assistantships are available for second- and third-year students. The law school administers several short-term and long-term loan funds for students with financial need, and the university offers substantial federally funded loan programs.

## ■ Housing

Approximately 95 percent of all law students live off-campus. The Division of Housing and Food Services (Box 7666, University Station, Austin, TX 78713; telephone 512.471.3136) has information regarding on-campus living. Other sources of information are classified ads in the student newspaper, the *Daily Texan*, apartment management services, rental agencies, and current students.

## ■ Career Services

Each year, nearly 500 employers participate in career services programs and recruit our students for summer and full-time positions through on-campus interviews, recruit-by-mail opportunities, and off-campus job fairs. Over 50 percent of on-campus employers are from outside the state of Texas. For the past three years, more than 99 percent of graduates who are actively seeking employment have secured it within nine months of graduation.

## Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																						Total	
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm		
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm		
175-180	22	22	10	9	11	5	6	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	54	41		
170-174	95	90	72	52	61	30	29	8	8	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	271	182		
165-169	271	239	280	135	185	68	92	17	38	5	19	0	6	1	2	0	0	0	9	5	902	470		
160-164	444	92	461	43	348	22	200	16	90	6	31	0	14	1	5	0	1	0	19	3	1613	183		
155-159	240	23	343	33	266	23	146	11	94	3	52	0	15	0	3	0	2	0	9	1	1170	94		
150-154	100	8	149	7	172	10	118	3	82	2	43	0	18	1	2	0	3	1	13	1	700	33		
145-149	45	1	83	1	90	1	70	2	51	0	30	0	14	0	8	0	0	0	3	0	394	5		
140-144	15	0	33	1	31	1	51	0	26	1	19	1	14	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	198	4		
135-139	1	0	8	1	13	0	12	0	10	0	11	0	5	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	67	1		
130-134	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	5	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	23	0		
125-129	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0		
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	1234	475	1440	282	1183	160	728	59	407	18	217	3	88	3	33	0	7	1	63	12	5400	1013		

Apps = Number of Applicants  
Adm = Number Admitted  
Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.