

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



GENERAL PROFILE

of the

ENTERING CLASS

SCHOOL OF LAW

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FOREWORD

The following general information on the 1965 entering class is released principally for the assistance of those who will be counseling students who are considering application to the law school for the 1966 academic year. More complete information concerning the law school as a whole, including curriculum requirements, graduate study, housing and other activities may be obtained by writing to the Office of Admissions, School of Law, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

PROFILE OF THE 1965 ENTERING CLASS

The 258 students who entered the first year of law study at the University of Virginia in September, 1965, were selected from a total of 1689 applicants from 295 different colleges and universities. There were 103 Virginia residents, and the remaining 155 came from thirty-four different states. Forty-seven of the class were married, all but two were male, and each one had been awarded at least one degree before coming to law school.

Although widely differing approaches to college grading often serve to render comparative statements about undergraduate records misleading, it is significant that most students in this fall's entering law class ranked in the upper quarter of their graduating classes. Many of these students also had completed military service or advanced degree work. Despite the latter two factors the average age was only 22, continuing a slight downward trend.

The law school has continued its policy of accepting the qualified Virginia applicant, but a large number of qualified non-Virginians must be turned away for lack of space. A total of 226 Virginia residents applied for admission, compared with 1463 out-of-state applicants. The competition for admission among non-Virginia students was greater than at any time in the past.

THE LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

Each applicant to the law school is required to take the Law School Admission Test which is administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. Students are advised to take the test in November, and in any event not later than February, of the final undergraduate year. The LSAT score is considered by the Admissions Committee in conjunction with other important factors including good character, academic achievement, employment and other outside activities, positions of student leadership, and general motivation toward law as a career.

A summary of the LSAT performance of the entering class is listed below. Probably more significant than either the mean or the average is the range of scores in the group. This reflects the law school's practice of considering all of the factors mentioned above and not merely the LSAT score of an applicant.

LSAT Median Score for the 1965 Entering Class: 610

LSAT Average Score for the 1965 Entering Class: 611

LSAT Score Range:

700-800	15
600-699	133
500-599	97
400-499	13

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

University of Virginia	36	Williams	4
Yale	15	Amherst	3
Princeton	13	Cornell	3
Washington & Lee	10	Duke	3
Hampden-Sydney	9	University of Richmond	3
Notre Dame	9	William & Mary	3
Vanderbilt	8	Boston College	2
Holy Cross	7	Brown	2
Georgetown	6	United States Coast	
Harvard	6	Guard Academy	2
Columbia	5	Georgia Tech	2
Fordham	5	Indiana University	2
University of North Carolina	5	Lehigh	2
University of Pennsylvania	5	Northwestern	2
Randolph-Macon	5	Pennsylvania State	2
Stanford	5	Trinity	2
Davidson	4	Tulane	2
Dartmouth	4	University of the South	2
Emory	4	V. P. I.	2
		Wesleyan	2

Represented by one student in the class were the University of Akron, the University of Alabama, Belmont Abbey, Birmingham-Southern, Bowdoin, Bradley, the University of Chattanooga, The Citadel, Colby, Colgate, Florida State University, George Washington University, the University of Georgia, Grinnell College, Hamilton College, Hobart College, State University of Iowa, Juniata College, Long Island University, Marquette University, Marshall University, the University of Maryland, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Miami University (Ohio), Middlebury College, Millsaps College, Monmouth College, the United States Military Academy, the University of New Hampshire, Ohio State University, University of the Pacific, Providence College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Ripon College, Rutgers, St. Peter's College, Southeastern Louisiana College, Southwestern at Memphis, Spring Hill College, Swarthmore, Syracuse, Texas Western College, Tufts, Union College (New York), Vassar College, V. M. I., Virginia State College, and Wake Forest College.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS

Alabama	6	District of Columbia	4
Arkansas	1	Florida	4
California	2	Georgia	9
Connecticut	13	Illinois	4
Delaware	1	Indiana	2
Iowa	1	North Dakota	1
Kansas	2	Ohio	8
Kentucky	3	Pennsylvania	5
Louisiana	1	South Carolina	7
Maine	1	Tennessee	6
Maryland	8	Texas	3
Massachusetts	5	Vermont	2
Mississippi	1	Virginia	103
Missouri	1	Washington	1
Nebraska	2	West Virginia	3
New Hampshire	1	Wisconsin	1
New Jersey	15	TOTAL	258
New York	29		
North Carolina	2		

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN 1966

Applications for admission must be submitted on forms obtainable from the Admissions Office of the School of Law. Students beginning law study are accepted only for the fall semester starting in September of each year. Applications may be filed after the completion of six semesters of undergraduate work, but all undergraduate degree work must be completed before enrollment in the law school. Wherever possible, applications should be submitted in time to reach the Admissions Office by March 1, 1966, and the Committee on Admissions may in its discretion refuse to consider applications received after April 1, 1966, unless good reason is presented for the lateness in filing. By agreement with a number of other law schools, an applicant will not be required to accept a scholarship or make the tuition deposit necessary to hold a place in the class before April 1, 1966.

University fees and estimated living costs for the nine month regular session are outlined below. (All fees are subject to change by the University.)

	Virginians	Non-Virginians
TUITION AND FEES	\$531.00	\$1122.00
AVERAGE ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS (Room, board, laundry and cleaning, books and supplies, but not travel, recreation, clothing, or memberships in students organizations)	1300.00	1300.00

FINANCIAL AID

Approximately half of last year's entering class received some type of financial aid. This aid took the form of direct grant, or grant plus loan, or loan from one of a number of varying plans. One out of each five students received a direct grant; such awards for the coming year will range from \$350.00 to \$2,000.00 for a single academic year. Obviously the key figure to be considered is not the total amount of scholarship award but the percentage of the student's estimated expenses which will be covered. This is particularly important because of the wide variation in tuition and living costs in various institutions and communities.

Applications for aid may be obtained from the Law School Admissions Office. The key criteria for award of financial assistance in most cases will be academic achievement and financial need, but a small number of awards based on merit alone are also available.

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