

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



GENERAL PROFILE

of the

ENTERING CLASS

SCHOOL OF LAW

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FOREWORD

The following general information on the 1968 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 1969 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 1968 ENTERING CLASS

The 303 students who entered the first year of law study at the University of Virginia in September, 1968, were selected from a total of 1766 applicants from 334 different colleges and universities. There were 113 Virginia residents and the remaining 190 came from 33 different states. Sixty-six of the class were married, and there were 24 women students.

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. The average grade point average for the entering class was 3.03 on the 4.0 scale. 3.0 is Dean's List in most institutions. Many of these students also had completed military service or advanced degree work. The average age was twenty-two.

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 330 Virginia residents applied for admission, compared with 1436 out-of-state applicants.

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 as significant as the median score 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 1968 Entering Class: 602

LSAT Score Range:	
700-800	14
650-699	52
600-649	98
550-599	77
500-549	48
Below 500	14

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

University of Virginia	33	Ohio State University	3
Yale University	14	Old Dominion College	3
Washington & Lee University	11	Wesleyan	3
Virginia Military Institute	10	Clemson	2
Davidson College	9	University of Connecticut	2
Georgetown University	7	University of Delaware	2
Holy Cross University	7	Emory & Henry College	2
University of North Carolina	7	Florida State University	2
Hampden-Sydney College	6	Franklin & Marshall	2
University of Pennsylvania	6	George Washington University	2
Princeton University	6	Indiana University	2
Auburn	5	Kenyon College	2
Dartmouth	5	Mary Washington College	2
Fordham	5	University of Miami	2
William & Mary	5	Middlebury College	2
Brown	4	Mississippi State	2
Harvard	4	Queens College	2
Lafayette	4	University of Rhode Island	2
Notre Dame	4	Roanoke College	2
University of Richmond	4	Smith College	2
Tulane	4	University of the South	2
Bryn Mawr	3	Spring Hill College	2
Furman	3	Stanford University	2
University of Florida	3	Trinity	2
University of Maryland	3	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	2
Oberlin	3	Williams College	2

Represented by one student in the class were: Agnes Scott College, University of Akron, University of Alabama, American University, University of Arkansas, Augustana College, Barnard College, Belmont Abbey, Bethany College, Boston College, Bowdoin, University of California (Berkeley), University of California (Los Angeles), Canisius, Catholic University, Claremont Men's College, Colgate, University of Colorado, Converse College, Cornell University, Creighton, Dickinson College, Duke University, Florida Southern, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gettysburg College, Hamilton College, Hillsdale College, Hobart College, Howard, University of Illinois, John Carroll University, University of Kentucky, Lake Forest College, Louisiana State University, Manhattan College, Manhattanville, Marietta, Marshall University, Memphis State, Michigan State, University of Mississippi, University of Montana, New Mexico Highlands University, Newton College, New York University, Northeastern, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, Oakland University, University of Oklahoma, Pennsylvania State University, Principia, Purdue, Radcliffe, Rice, University of Rochester, Rutgers, Saint Joseph's College, Saint Louis University, Seton Hall, Southwestern (Memphis), Syracuse, University of Tennessee, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, Vassar, Wabash, Wake Forest, West Virginia University, Wichita State University, Wittenberg.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS

Virginia	113	Mississippi	4
New York	38	South Carolina	4
New Jersey	17	West Virginia	4
Alabama	10	Arkansas	3
Connecticut	10	Louisiana	3
Massachusetts	9	Kansas	2
Florida	9	R. I.	2
Georgia	8	Tennessee	2
Maryland	8	Texas	2
Ohio	8	Kentucky	1
Pennsylvania	8	Missouri	1
Illinois	7	Montana	1
California	6	Nebraska	1
North Carolina	6	Oklahoma	1
Delaware	5	Utah	1
Dist. of Col.	4	Wisconsin	1
Indiana	4		

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN 1969

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 complete before enrollment in the law school. Applications should be submitted in time to reach the Admissions Office by March 1, 1969, and the Committee on Admissions may in its discretion refuse to consider applications received after that date, 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, 1969.

EXPENSES

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
ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES	\$537.00	\$1127.00
AVERAGE ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS (Room, board, laundry and cleaning, books and supplies, but not travel, recreation, clothing, or memberships in student organizations.)	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
Total	\$1837.00	\$2427.00

FINANCIAL AID

Approximately half of last year's entering class received some type of financial aid. This aid took the form of scholarship, or scholarship plus loan, or loan from one of a number of varying plans. One out of each four students received a scholarship, the amount of which ranged from \$300.00 to \$2,000.00 for a single academic year.

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.