

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



GENERAL PROFILE

of the

ENTERING CLASS

SCHOOL OF LAW

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FOREWORD

The following general information on the 1971 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 1972 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 1971 ENTERING CLASS

The 281 students who entered the first year of law study at the University of Virginia in September, 1971, were selected from a total of 3536 applicants from 490 different colleges and universities. There were 140 Virginia residents and the remaining 141 came from 36 different states and 1 foreign country. Fifty-eight of the class were married, and there were 25 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 class ranked in the upper 20% of their graduating classes. The average grade point average for the entering class was 3.196 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 23.2.

The law school has continued its policy of giving preferred status to Virginia applicants, but a large number of qualified non-Virginians must be turned away for lack of space. A total of 724 Virginia residents applied for admission, compared with 2812 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 Education Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. Students are advised to take the test in October, and in any event not later than December, 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 the 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 1971 Entering Class: 644

LSAT Score Range:

700-800 53

650-699 77

600-649 84

550-599 44

500-549 13

Below 500 10

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

University of Virginia	60	Louisiana State Univ.	3
Yale University	28	Michigan State	3
Princeton	19	Trinity	3
Harvard	10	Univ. of Alabama	3
University of North Carolina	7	Univ. of Pennsylvania	2
Dartmouth	7	Univ. of Richmond	2
Washington & Lee	6	U.S. Naval Academy	2
Williams	6	Virginia State College	2
Hampden-Sydney	5	Wake Forest	2
Emory	5	Wesleyan	2
Davidson	4	Old Dominion	2
Smith	4	Stanford	2
V.M.I.	4	Univ. of Florida	2
Pennsylvania State Univ.	4	Univ. of Kentucky	2
Notre Dame	3	University of Michigan	2
U.S. Military Academy	3	Columbia	2
Univ. of Wisconsin	3	Cornell	2
Vanderbilt	3	William & Mary	2
Holy Cross	3	Hollins	2
Duke	3	Amherst	2
Fordham	3		

Represented by one student in the class:

Marquette, MIT, New York College at New Paltz, Occidental, Ohio, Ohio State, Pacific, Providence, Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Womens College, Rutgers, Tufts, Tulane, University of California at Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Denver, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Miami, Mississippi, Clemson, Colgate, Denison, Dickinson, Erskine, Franklin & Marshall, Furman, Gettysburg, Goucher, George Washington, Indiana, Johns Hopkins, King, Lafayette, Lehigh, Loma Linda, Lynchburg, Missouri, Oklahoma, Southern Mississippi, University of South, Washington, Whittier, Xavier, Boston, St. Johns.

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	\$ 619.00	\$1399.00

AVERAGE ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS

	Low	Average
(Room, board, laundry and cleaning, books and supplies.)	\$1,130.00	\$1,370.00

The estimates given here do not include expenses for clothing, travel, memberships in organizations, or recreation and entertainment. A reasonable allowance should be made for these items.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS

Virginia	140	Missouri	3
New Jersey	17	Wisconsin	2
New York	16	Texas	2
Pennsylvania	11	Illinois	2
Connecticut	7	Mississippi	2
Louisiana	7	Indiana	2
Georgia	6	Michigan	2
South Carolina	6	Tennessee	2
Ohio	5	Nebraska	1
Maryland	5	New Hampshire	1
Florida	5	Washington	1
Delaware	4	Oklahoma	1
Kentucky	4	Oregon	1
District of Columbia	4	Vermont	1
Massachusetts	4	Colorado	1
Alabama	4	Kansas	1
West Virginia	3	Iowa	1
California	3	Switzerland	1
North Carolina	3		

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN 1972

Applicants 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 work must be complete before enrollment in the law school.

Application volume rose dramatically last year from 2700 in 1970 to approximately 3500. We expect at least a comparable volume this year and, therefore, want to encourage applicants to file *and complete* their applications as soon as possible in order to allow the Admissions Office sufficient time to efficiently process them. We suggest that applications should be filed and all required items such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc., forwarded to the Admissions Office on or before January 1, 1972. For those applicants who follow this suggestion, we will undertake to inform them of the Committee's action on their applications by March 1, 1972. Of course, the Committee will have to place some applicants on a Waiting List at that time. This suggested procedure represents a significant change from the March 1 deadline date of previous years. Therefore, because information concerning the change may not reach all applicants and because there may be a number of applicants who must take the Law School Admissions Test in February, we will accept completed applications up to March 1, 1972. The Committee on Admissions may in its discretion refuse to accept applications received after that date.

FINANCIAL AID

More than one-third 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 five students received a scholarship, the amount of which ranged from \$300.00 to \$2,000 for a single academic year.

Applications for aid must be obtained from the Law School Financial Aid Service (LSFAS), Educational Testing Service, Box 944, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. 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.