

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



GENERAL PROFILE

of the

ENTERING CLASS

SCHOOL OF LAW

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FOREWORD

The following general information on the 1969 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 1970 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 1969 ENTERING CLASS

The 341 students who entered the first year of law study at the University of Virginia in September, 1969, were selected from a total of 2275 applicants from 406 different colleges and universities. There were 158 Virginia residents and the remaining 183 came from 36 different states. Sixty-nine of the class were married, and there were 18 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 22.7.

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 421 Virginia residents applied for admission, compared with 1854 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 1969 Entering Class: 615

LSAT Score Range:

700-800 23

650-699 68

600-649127

550-599 72

500-549 35

Below 500 14

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

University of Virginia	45	Mississippi State	3
Yale University	17	Rutgers	3
Princeton	9	St. Joseph's	3
V.M.I.	9	Trinity	3
Washington & Lee	9	Vanderbilt	3
University of North Carolina	8	Alabama	2
V.P.I.	8	Carleton	2
Harvard	7	University of Connecticut	2
Michigan State University	7	Dickinson	2
Brown	6	University of Florida	2
Davidson	6	Florida State University	2
Duke	6	University of Georgia	2
William and Mary	6	University of Illinois	2
University of Pennsylvania	5	Boston College	2
Holy Cross	5	Kalamazoo College	2
Stanford	4	Columbia University	2
Tulane	4	Dartmouth College	2
Notre Dame	4	Louisiana State University	2
O.D.C.	4	University of Maryland	2
Hobart	4	University of Ohio	2
Cornell	4	Tufts University	2
Richmond	4	Hollins College	2
Hampden-Sydney	4	Washington College	2
Fordham	4	Georgetown University	2
Emory	4	Williams College	2
Auburn	3	University of Missouri	2
Hampton Institute	3	Randolph-Macon College	2
Howard University	3	George Washington University	2
University of Iowa	3		

Represented by one student in the class:

American, Amherst, Bowdoin, Brigham Young, U. of California (Berkeley), Centre College of Kentucky, Citadel, Claremont, Converse, Denison, DePauw, East Kentucky, Emory & Henry, Fairfield, Fayetteville State, Franklin & Marshall, George Mason, Georgia Tech, Gettysburg, Hanover, Harpur, Haverford, University of Indiana, Iona, Juniata, University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, Lafayette, Lehigh, Louis and Clark, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Louisville, Lynchburg College, Marietta, Mary Baldwin, Mary Washington, University of Miami, Marquette, Middlebury, Morehouse, Mount Holyoke, Norfolk State, North Carolina State, University of North Dakota, Northwestern, Oberlin, Occidental, Ohio Wesleyan, University of Oklahoma, Pennsylvania State, University of Pittsburgh, Purdue, Queens (N.Y.), Randolph Macon Women's College, St. Anselm's, St. Bonaventure, St. Lawrence, University of the South, University of South Dakota, Southwestern (Memphis), Spring Hill College, Sweet Briar, University of Texas, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, U. S. Military Academy, Vassar, Villanova, Wake Forest, Washington and Jefferson, Wells, Wesleyan, West Georgia College, University of West Virginia, University of Wisconsin, Wittenberg.

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	\$1227.00
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	\$2527.00

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS

Virginia	158	Louisiana	3
New York	22	Michigan	3
New Jersey	17	Missouri	3
Pennsylvania	17	South Carolina	3
Florida	13	Tennessee	3
Connecticut	10	Indiana	2
Maryland	8	Arizona	1
California	7	Arkansas	1
Georgia	7	Delaware	1
Massachusetts	7	Idaho	1
Ohio	7	Iowa	1
Illinois	6	Kansas	1
North Carolina	6	Nebraska	1
Alabama	5	New Hampshire	1
District of Columbia	5	Oklahoma	1
Kentucky	4	Rhode Island	1
Mississippi	4	South Dakota	1
Texas	4	Utah	1
West Virginia	4	Wisconsin	1

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN 1970

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 work must be complete before enrollment in the law school.

Application volume rose dramatically last year from 1766 to approximately 2300. 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, 1970. For those applicants who follow this suggestion, we will undertake to inform them of the Committee's action on their applications by March 1, 1970. 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, 1970. The Committee on Admissions may in its discretion refuse to accept applications received after that date.

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, 1970.

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 \$2,000.00 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.