

Frequently-Asked Questions related to law school applications

Is law school right for me?

When considering a legal career, it is important to research the kind of work that attorneys do. Ask yourself the kind of work that you enjoy, as well as the kind of work environment that you prefer. Are you an introvert or extrovert? Do you enjoy reading and writing? Do you like rules and administrative or procedure work? Another way to think about legal work and how it relates to your preferences is to consider these categories:

Are you most interested in...

- Litigation, transactions, or public policy?
- Criminal or civil law?
- Public or private sector?
- Representing individuals or representing companies/agencies?

These general parameters give you ideas for your research about whether a legal career is right for you.

If I double major, will I be more likely to be accepted into law school?

Law schools typically consider all application materials holistically, taking into account all of your experiences and qualifications. However, no particular additional weight is given to a second major. As a general rule, is more effective to have a higher GPA with one major, than to have a lower GPA with two majors. Remember that law schools report the GPA and LSAT statistics of their incoming classes, so these two numbers are key.

How do I decide what law school to apply to?

To decide what law schools to consider, you should think about:

- Where would you like to live? Include such factors as weather, proximity to family/network, professional opportunities, rural/urban experience, and living expenses.
- What fields of law are you most interested in (if any)? Some law schools have additional offerings in particular fields of law. For example, a law school may have a cluster of courses, clinics, or internships related to litigation, corporate law, or public interest law.
- Which law schools are you most likely to get into? Which ones are likely to offer you a scholarship? You can investigate each school's web site for statistics about the grades and LSAT scores of their recent classes.

The LSAC (see below) also provides events called Law School Forums. The Forums are free of charge and are open-house-style recruitment events that make it easier to get information about law schools.

<https://www.lsac.org/lawschoolforums/>

Law school applications require all or some of the following components, depending upon the individual law school:

- Application (Completed through the LSAC web site www.LSAC.org)
- LSAT exam
- Recommendation letter/s
- Resume
- Personal statement

What is the LSAT exam?

The LSAT (Law School Admission Test) is a half-day, standardized test administered five times each year at designated testing centers throughout the world. The test is an integral part of the law school admission process in the United States. The test helps law schools make admission decisions by providing a standard measure of acquired reading and reasoning skills considered vital to law school success. The test is administered by the Law School Admission Council, or LSAC. You can learn more about the LSAT by visiting www.LSAC.org.

How is the LSAT weighed by law school admissions committees?

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