

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	609
Size of entering class:	163
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	60
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	15
In-state enrollment:	143
Out-state enrollment:	20
Foreign countries represented:	0

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	2.80	3.19	3.49
Grade Point Average	Part-Time	2.81	3.08	3.31
Grade Point Average	Overall	2.80	3.15	3.44
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	145	149	152
Law School Admission Test	Part-Time	144	148	152
Law School Admission Test	Overall	144	148	152

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Yes
If not, what percentage is not included and why?

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Class Size	166	125	140	44	475
	Men	92	74	70	18	254
	Women	74	51	70	26	221
Hispanic/Latino	Men	3	2	3	0	8
Hispanic/Latino	Women	2	3	5	1	11
White	Men	66	60	53	15	194
White	Women	55	34	52	23	164
Black/African American	Men	12	7	5	2	26
Black/African American	Women	13	10	6	2	31
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	1	0	1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	2	2	1	0	5
Asian	Women	0	4	2	0	6
American Indian/Alaska Native	Men	0	0	1	0	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	Women	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	5	0	1	1	7
2 or more races	Women	0	0	3	0	3
Disabled	Men	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Openly LGBT	Men	2	1	0	0	3
Openly LGBT	Women	2	1	2	1	6
Non-Resident Alien	Men	0	0	2	0	2
Non-Resident Alien	Women	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	298
Evening:	173
Part-Time:	18
Other:	0
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	No
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	2

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
General Litigation Clinic (criminal and civic)	Elective
Mediation Clinic	Elective
Family Advocacy Clinic	Elective
Externship	Elective
Family and Youth Advocacy Center	Elective

Special Training and Certification Programs:

All students are required to take four semesters of legal writing: a year-long course in Legal Research and Writing; a legal drafting course; a seminar, upper-level course, or membership on Law Review that includes drafting a scholarly article of publishable quality. Students may earn concentrations in ten areas: Children and Family Law, Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Environmental and Energy Law, Governmental Affairs, Labor and Employment, Small Business Entities, and Publicly-Held Companies.

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

To become a member of a moot court team, students must complete an Appellate Advocacy course and participate in competitive joint tryouts in which they submit a written brief and then engage in oral arguments. Students are selected based on ability to organize and advance arguments; ability to provide clear and logical answers to questions; courtroom tone and demeanor; intellectual and academic ability; work habits and competitive attitude; research and writing skills; and ability to work cooperatively with others on a group project.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+	-	N/A
A	-	4.0
A-	-	3.67
B+	-	3.33
B	-	3.00
B-	-	2.67
C+	-	2.33
C	-	2.00
C-	-	1.67
D	-	1.0
F	-	0.00

Comments:

Regular courses, in which final examinations are given, are typically graded by examination only; i.e., the grade on the final examination is the grade for the course. Seminar grades typically are determined by assigning a grade to the single paper written by the student. Practicum grades typically are determined by assigning grades to each paper, project, activity, or simulation engaged in by the student, and then by "averaging" all grades thus assigned, on an equal basis. Grading on final examinations, mid-term examinations, and quizzes is done anonymously. The only academic activities not utilizing anonymous grading are those demanding close one-on-one interaction between professor and student, such as research papers, clinics, externships, law review, moot courts, etc.

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.563
Top 25%:	3.297
Top 33%:	3.191
Top 50%:	3.042
Top 75%:	2.798
Median GPA:	3.309
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.00

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Some courses based primarily on performance are graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis: Moot Court Teams, Mock Trial Team, Law Review I, Law Review II, Advanced Bar Studies and Externship. "Satisfactory" is defined as a level of performance that is deemed by the instructor to be minimally satisfactory or better and which, if graded, would earn the student a grade of C or above. "Unsatisfactory" is defined as a level of performance that is deemed by the instructor to be below the level of being minimally satisfactory and which, if graded, would earn the student a grade of C-, D, or E.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? At the end of the fall and spring semesters. Grades earned during summer semester are factored into fall class rank

Will the school verify student grades? No

School's Verification Policy

Grades are given directly to the student. If the student has signed a FERPA release, the school may verify grades and academic standing.p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Pro Bono Legal Honors	Varies	50 or more hours of approved pro bono service
ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award	1	Graduate who best represents scholarship & leadership
Dean's Award	Varies	Scholarship, leadership, & contributions to law school
Dean's Public Service Award	Varies	Public service to law school & community
Ronald I. Friedman Memorial Service Award	Varies	Contributions to law school extracurricular activities
Roberta Mitchell Award	Varies	Outstanding service to the law school legal clinic
Judge Joseph M. Harter Memorial Award	1	Graduate who attained the greatest increase in GPA over 1 yr
Ambassador Award	Varies	Embodiment of law school's mission, values and spirit
National Association of Women Lawyers Award	1	Outstanding female graduating student
Order of the Barristers	Varies	Excellence in oral advocacy and brief writing

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summa cum laude	7%	3.6 - 4.0	11
Magna cum laude	9%	3.4 - 3.59	15
Cum laude	14%	3.2 - 3.39	23
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	48
Business and industry	26
Government	23
Judicial clerkship	0
Military	0
Public interest organization	1
Academic	1
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	0
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	2
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	92
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	0
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	4
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	1
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	0
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	1
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

Ohio

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Phone - beginning date: 03/01/2015
Email to - beginning date: 03/01/2015: OPD@law.capital.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 03/01/2015: law-capital-symplicity.com/employers

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:

Employers are requested to register on Symplicity (<https://law-capital-csm.symplicity.com/employers/>).

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? No

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 03/01/2015

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
Any of the other eight Ohio Law Schools.

Required Employer Forms:
Employers should update employer profile on Symplicity. Employers must complete a schedule request form on Symplicity to participate in recruitment programs.

OCI Dates:

August: 08/17/2015-08/20/2015
Fall: 09/09/2015-10/30/2015
Spring: 02/15/2016-03/11/2016
Flyback dates: N/A
Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: Requests for video conferencing must be made at the same time a request to interview is made.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 07/26/2015
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/27/2015
Date interview schedule sent to employer: 08/14/2015
Postage/express mail fee? No Fee

Comments: Dates listed above are for the August Interview Week only. Please contact the Office for more information regarding September and October dates, or see Symplicity.

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

Diversity Interview Programs

CULS students participate in a variety of diversity job fairs and interviewing programs including: Columbus Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program Cook County Minority Law Student Job Fair Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair Indy Bar Diversity Job Fair Lavender Law National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair St. Louis Diversity Job Fair Tri-State Diversity Recruitment Program

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send, upon request, one package containing resumes/transcripts? Yes
post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Employers may register and then post available positions by going online to <https://law-capital-csm.symplicity.com/employers/>. Employers may also obtain a job posting form by contacting our office via phone (614-236-6888) or email (OPD@law.capital.edu).

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

First-year students receive access to Symplicity and the job posting board on October 15. First-year students may participate in spring recruiting if in good academic standing.

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Diversity

Capital University Law School's Office of Professional Development works in conjunction with the University's Office of Diversity & Inclusion to assist all diverse students with career and professional development. The OPD maintains strong relationships with the Law School's African American Law Alumni Association and the Columbus Bar Association's Minorities in the Law Committee as well as other affinity bar associations.

Pro Bono

Capital's Pro Bono Legal Honors Program recognizes law students who have successfully completed at least 50 hours of pro bono legal work at approved sites. Participants receive a certificate signed by the law school's Dean and Pro Bono Coordinator, the designation of Pro Bono Legal Honors on their academic transcripts, and recognition at commencement. The program is administered by a half-time pro bono coordinator. To earn recognition, students must perform duties that are directly and significantly related to providing pro bono legal services, whether in the context of providing legal advice or resolving a legal problem through litigation, legislation, regulation, or alternative dispute resolution (to the extent consistent with the ethical constraints on the authorized practice of law). Examples of past pro bono sites include the Interfaith Legal Clinic, Ohio Public Defender, Family & Youth Law Center, Franklin County Municipal Court, Legal Aid Society of Columbus, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project. Students are also encouraged to create their own opportunities subject to approval.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Capital University Law Review	48	39	9	0	0

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
American Civil Liberties Union
Black Law Students Association
Capital Equality Alliance
CapLaw Democrats
CapLaw Republicans
Children & Family Law Advocates
Christian Legal Society
Corporate & Business Law Association
Criminal Law Association
Environmental Law Society
Federalist Society
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Law Society
Labor & Employment Law Association
Moot Court Board
Phi Alpha Delta
Sports & Entertainment Law Society
Student Bar Association
Women's Law Association

Narrative

Capital University Law School has a tradition of providing a rigorous, demanding and innovative legal education that stretches back to its founding in 1903. Our extensive Juris Doctor curriculum, Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Masters in Taxation graduate law programs, and certificate programs in Paralegal studies and Dispute Resolution provide flexible educational opportunities for our students. Our JD program emphasizes the relevant, practical skills law school graduates need to succeed, in and out of the legal profession. We focus on skills and knowledge that prepare our graduates to be assets to their future employers – skills that include legal research, writing, dispute resolution, and analysis. Our curriculum encompasses more than 100 elective courses, running the gamut of business and commercial law, property, criminal law and procedure, public law, international law, litigation, and taxation. Our concentrations and joint degree programs allow students to focus in an area of the law and to

expand their knowledge of the legal and business world. The classroom experience is complemented by diverse opportunities for real-world, experiential education through our legal clinics, internships, externships, pro bono service, law review, and moot court teams, as well as involvement in our Family and Youth Law Center. Our faculty members are devoted to our students' education, and they are masters at integrating theory and practice. Many faculty are nationally recognized legal experts in their fields, who have published books on topics such as constitutional litigation, contracts, environmental law, remedies, negotiations, marriage and same-sex unions, and African-American males and the law. Throughout Ohio, the Midwest, and nationally, Capital graduates work in the law firms, corporations, government, and non-profit organizations. Our graduates are consistently leaders in the state, local, and national bar associations. Capital University Law School grew from the Columbus Law School, which was founded in 1903 as part of a national program sponsored by the YMCA that sought to make legal education practical, accessible and affordable. Since 1966, the Law School has been affiliated with Capital University. Located in the heart of Columbus, Ohio's Discovery District, the Law School is ideally situated near the State Capitol among numerous government, legal, cultural, and educational institutions.

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