

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	1924
Size of entering class:	201
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	74
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	20
In-state enrollment:	168
Out-state enrollment:	33
Foreign countries represented:	3

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.29	3.50	3.66
	Part-Time	3.11	3.40	3.57
	Overall	3.25	3.47	3.64
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	156	158	160
	Part-Time	152	155	158
	Overall	155	158	160

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? No

If not, what percentage is not included and why?

There were a total of 3 students not included in the UGPA calculation. All students were included in the LSAT information provided.

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	262	183	176	11	632
	Men	122	90	91	6	309
	Women	140	93	85	5	323
Latinx	Men	7	4	7	0	18
	Women	11	13	4	0	28
White	Men	74	51	45	0	170
	Women	48	46	43	0	137
Black or African American	Men	7	6	5	0	18
	Women	18	10	8	0	36
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	2	8	7	0	17
	Women	9	1	5	0	15
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	1	0	1
2 or more races	Men	2	0	1	0	3
	Women	3	3	2	0	8
Persons with Disabilities	Men	5	2	3	0	10
	Women	1	10	4	0	15
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	3	4	3	0	10
	Women	2	1	1	0	4

Comments

A total of 24 (13 men and 11 women) currently enrolled students are not included in the demographics as their race and ethnicity are unknown. There was no place to include them based on the categories included in the survey.

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	471
Evening:	
Part-Time:	161
Other:	
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	Yes
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	21

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Bankruptcy Assistance + Practice Program	permission of professor
Business Arbitration Practicum	permission of professor
Capital Defender Clinic	application + selection by professor
Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic	application + selection by professor
HeLP Legal Services Clinic	application + selection by clinic director
Investor Advocacy Clinic	application + selection by clinic director
Landlord-Tenant Mediation Clinic	application + selection by clinic director
Disability Rights Clinic	application + selection by clinic director
Externship Program	application; interviews with supervising attorneys and judges
Urban Fellows Program	application + selection by center director
Veterans' Legal Assistance Program	open enrollment; completion of 1L classes
Fundamentals of Law Practice/Domestic Violence Assistance	application + selection by professors

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Environmental & Land Use Certificate Intellectual Property Certificate Health Law Certificate Public Interest Certificate Legal Analytics & Innovation Certificate Certified Mediator Training

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

Competition is held each summer after first year. Students with highest scores for oral argument and Lawyering Foundations briefs are invited to join moot court. Students must also be in good standing (GPA > 2.20). Moot court members elect moot court board each spring.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D		1.0
F		0.0

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.78
Top 25%:	3.56
Top 33%:	3.50
Top 50%:	3.30
Top 75%:	3.0
Median GPA:	3.33
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.20

Do you have a pass/fail option? No

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? Once/academic year at the end of the spring semester

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

School's Verification Policy

Required classes have a mandatory curve of 2.9-3.1 Larger elective classes have a suggested curve of 3.0-3.2 Smaller seminars have a suggested maximum curve of 3.5p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of IP	1	
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Health Law	2	
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Labor/Employment	1	
State Bar of Georgia Tax Section Award	1	
Atlanta Bar Foundation Paul Coverdell Tax Clinic Service	1	
Trammell Foundation Tax Clinic Outstanding Service Award	2	
Atlanta Bar Foundation J.B. Moore Tax Clinic Client Award	3	
Atlanta Bar Foundation Ginny & Kelly Smith Tax Clinic Award	4	
Atlanta Bar Foundation Dean Morley Tax Clinic Award	2	
American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence	1	
Custer-Tuggle Award for Excellence in Family Law	1	
State Bar of Georgia Exemplary Real Property Student Award	1	
Michelle Ferguson-Priestly Award	1	
Urban Fellows Research Award	1	
Edward J. Henning ADR Award	1	
Excellence in Civil Procedure	7	
Excellence in Contracts	8	
Excellence in Criminal Law	3	
Excellence in Property	4	
Excellence in Torts	4	
Excellence in Professional Responsibility	5	
Excellence in Lawyering Foundations	17	
Excellence in Lawyering Advocacy	34	
Best Brief Awards in Lawyering Advocacy	16	
Georgia Bar Environmental Section Award	1	
Land Use Law Award	1	
Outer Barristers' Build Award	10	
HeLP Legal Services Clinic Awards	2	
Health Law Section-Alan Rumph Health Law Award	1	
Nai Karimimanesh Award	2	
Pro Bono Program Award	1	
Georgia State University Public Service Award	1	
ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award	1	
Order of the Barristers	8	

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	10	n/a	16
Summa cum laude	9	3.80	15
Magna cum laude	14	3.60	23
Cum laude	21	3.40	34
Other			

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	60.8%
Business and industry	12.9%
Government	13.5%
Judicial clerkship	4.7%
Military	.5%
Public interest organization	5.3%
Academic	2.3%
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)	.6
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	.6
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	.6
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	95.3
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	1.2
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.8
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	0
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

Georgia, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Washington DC, Michigan, Minnesota, New York

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 03/18/2019
Phone - beginning date: 03/18/2019
Email to - beginning date: 03/18/2019: lawcso@gsu.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 03/18/2019: <https://law.gsu.edu/2018-fall-recruitment-reservation-form/>

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:
To be determined as a result of changes in NALP Principles & Standards.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? no
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
Other Georgia Law Schools

Required Employer Forms:
none

OCI Dates:

August: 08/05/2019-08/09/2019
Fall: 09/03/2019-10/25/2019
Spring: 02/18/2019-04/25/2019
Flyback dates: Flexible
Is video conferencing available? Yes
Comments:

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 07/01/2019
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/19/2019
Date interview schedule sent to employer: 08/02/2019
Postage/express mail fee? N/A

Comments: Above dates are for August Early Interview Week, for traditional Fall OCI beginning in September, interview schedules are distributed on a rolling weekly basis.

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

Atlanta Bar Association Minority & Diversity Clerkship Program Boston Legal Group Boston Job Fair Department of Justice Attorney General Honors Program Department of Justice Attorney General Summer Law Intern Program Equal Justice Career Fair & Conference Georgia Judicial Clerkship Job Fair Heartland Diversity Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Career Fair & Conference Lavender Law® LGBT Career Fair Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 1L Scholars Loyola Patent Law Interview Program Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference National Black Prosecutors Association Conference and Job Fair Presidential Management Fellows Program Public Sector Career Fair Robinson College of Business Career & Internship Expo Robinson College of Business Audit and Advisory Employer Showcase Southeast Legal Hiring Conference Southeast Intellectual Property Job Fair Southeast Minority Job Fair Twin Cities Diversity in Practice

Diversity Interview Programs

Atlanta Bar Association Minority & Diversity Clerkship Program Boston Legal Group Boston Job Fair Heartland Diversity Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Career Fair & Conference Lavender Law® LGBT Career Fair Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 1L Scholars National Black Prosecutors Association Conference and Job Fair Southeast Minority Job Fair Twin Cities Diversity in Practice

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

Job notices for students, recent graduates and experienced alumni are posted via our job listing service Symplicity. Post a job on Symplicity at <https://law-gsu-csm.symplicity.com/employers> or <https://law.gsu.edu/employment-opportunity-posting-form/>; by email at lawcso@gsu.edu; fax (404)413-9203; or mail: GSU College of Law, Center for Professional Development, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta GA 30302-4037. Questions: Please contact Katherine Baggett at 404.413.9070 or lawcso@gsu.edu

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

To be determined as a result of changes in NALP Principles & Standards.

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Diversity

We actively encourage our students to participate in the numerous Diversity Interview Programs available including the following job fairs: Atlanta Bar Association Minority & Diversity Clerkship Program Boston Legal Group Boston Job Fair Heartland Diversity Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Career Fair & Conference Lavender Law® LGBT Career Fair Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 1L Scholars National Black Prosecutors Association Conference and Job Fair Southeast Minority Job Fair Twin Cities Diversity in Practice We offer a variety of educational and professional development programs, workshops, networking opportunities and receptions presented in conjunction with the admissions office, law firms and bar associations such as Atlanta Bar, Georgia State Bar, Multi-Bar Leadership Council, Gate City Bar, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Stonewall Bar, Hispanic Bar Association, Asian Bar Association to name a few. In addition, we actively inform students about the range of scholarships, mentoring programs and internships offered.

Pro Bono

The Center for Access to Justice at GSU Law was founded in 2016 to support those working to ensure meaningful access to the courts and equal treatment in the civil and criminal justice systems. Through collaboration, research and education, the Center offers multiple opportunities for students to learn and connect with practicing attorneys to provide much needed resources to the community. The center also houses an award-winning student-run Pro Bono Program, which connects law students with volunteer legal opportunities and facilitates Alternative Spring Break, week-long trips during which students are immersed in a substantive legal issue while engaging in related pro bono service. The Center for Access to Justice is building a community at Georgia State to support student contributions to access to justice and encourage students to maintain a commitment to access to justice throughout their professional careers. In addition to the Pro Bono Program, Georgia State Law students engage in numerous other pro bono efforts. Students who complete 50 hours or more of pro bono service during law school graduate with "pro bono distinction." Recognition includes a notation in the graduation program and students will receive a special certificate of recognition. More information on the GSU COL Pro Bono Program is available at <https://law.gsu.edu/center-access-justice/pro-bono-program/>

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Georgia State University Law Review	60	20	40		
Journal of Legal Medicine	10				combination of grades and interview

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
American Constitutional Society (ACS)
Student Bar Association
Criminal Law Society
Georgia State University Law Review
Student Trial Lawyers Association (STLA)
Student Animal Law Defense Fund (SALDF)
Association of Women Lawyers (AWLS)
Asian American Law Students Association (AALSA)
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Business and Law Society (BLS)
Environmental Law Society
Estate Planning and Wealth Management
Federalist Society
Family Law Society
Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS)
Jewish Law Society
LatinX (LCLSA)
Wellness Law Society
Muslim Law Society Association (MLSA)
Outlaw
Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)

Public Interest Law Association (PILA)
Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
Student Health Law Association (SHLA)
International and Comparative Law Society
Christian Legal Society

Narrative

Georgia State University's College of Law offers outstanding programs and practical learning opportunities in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Georgia State Law is committed to providing an excellent, affordable and distinctive legal education to a diverse student body through its full-time and part-time programs. By embracing the transformational role of technology in the legal field, Georgia State Law's curriculum prepares students for careers of the future. Featuring five certificate programs (Legal Analytics + Innovation; Health Law; Public Interest Law; Environmental & Land Use Law; and Intellectual Property), a robust schedule of experiential and clinical courses, and nine dual degrees in our J.D. program, students can tailor their legal education to focus on skill development and specialized practice areas. Georgia State Law also offers an LL.M. degree with numerous concentrations, and an online Masters of Jurisprudence in Health Law. Consistently ranked as a "Best Value Law School" by National Jurist, No. 10 part-time program by U.S. News, No. 3 Health Law program by U.S. News, and with a high bar pass rate, Georgia State Law is the smart choice.

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