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**Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)**

Applications received	4440
Size of entering class:	463
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	219
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	38
In-state enrollment:	n/a
Out-state enrollment:	n/a
Foreign countries represented:	6

**Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test**

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.09	3.45	3.59
Grade Point Average	Part-Time	2.82	3.17	3.45
Grade Point Average	Overall	3.08	3.43	3.58
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	155	158	160
Law School Admission Test	Part-Time	157	159	161
Law School Admission Test	Overall	155	158	160

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? No  
 If not, what percentage is not included and why?  
 10 enrolling students, or 2.2%, did not have a reportable GPA.

**Law School Demographics**

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	466	393	419	37	1315
	Men	196	136	150	15	497
	Women	270	257	269	22	818
Latinx	Men	22	25	22	1	70
Latinx	Women	38	51	34	5	128
White	Men	126	76	95	8	305
White	Women	155	129	166	10	460
Black or African American	Men	8	7	12	1	28
Black or African American	Women	24	21	26	2	73
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	1	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	1	0	0	1
Asian	Men	11	4	5	3	23
Asian	Women	20	18	18	2	58
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	1	0	1	0	2
Native American or Alaska Native	Women	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	13	10	5	0	28
2 or more races	Women	11	15	13	1	40
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Persons with Disabilities	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	8	7	9	0	24
Non-Resident Alien	Women	8	10	5	2	25

**Comments**

24 men and 25 women declined to indicate their race/ethnicity.

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### Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	1097
Evening:	N/A
Part-Time:	218
Other:	N/A
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:	110

### JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Civil Advocacy Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Criminal Justice Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Community and Economic Development Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Domestic Violence Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
International Human Rights Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Federal Tax Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Women and the Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Intellectual Property Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Disability Rights Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
DC Law Students in Court	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Immigrant Justice Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice

### Special Training and Certification Programs:

Externship Program (Avis Sanders); trial advocacy courses (civil and criminal); eleven clinical programs; negotiation and client counseling courses; eight Joint Degree Programs: JD/MBA, JD/MS, JD/MA, JD/MPA, JD/MPP, LL.M./MBA; LL.M./MPA; LL.M./MPP; three Master of Laws Programs; Three International JD Programs; one SJD degree program.

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

### Moot Court Program Description:

First year Legal Rhetoric and Writing course has a mandatory moot court activity during the second semester during which students argue their briefs written for class. The Moot Court Board is the student-administered board that coordinates and organizes the intraschool and interschool student competitions in appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, and client counseling. Two intraschool moot court competitions are sponsored each year by the Moot Court Board.

### Explanation of Grading System

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

### Comments:

Beginning in Fall 2019, the college of law will add a C- grade (1.7 GPA equivalent) to the grading scale.

### Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.80
Top 25%:	3.64
Top 33%:	3.57
Top 50%:	3.43
Top 75%:	3.25
Median GPA:	3.43
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.0

Do you have a pass/fail option? No

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? Students are ranked within their class levels at the end of each academic year (Spring)

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

### School's Verification Policy

All courses have a designated grading method (A-F or Pass/Fail). Pass/Fail grading is only used for specific non-contact activities such as journal and Moot Court. Prior to graduation the Office of the Registrar provides percentile ranges by year and JD program for students to estimate their class standing. Both percentile ranges and ordinal ranking are determined at graduation.>

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### Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Administrative Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Don Monroe Casto Award	5	Faculty Selection
Clair A. Cripe Award	1	Faculty Selection
Dean's Award/Prof. Responsibility	1	Faculty Selection
Gillett Prize	1	Highest Cummulative GPA - JD
Human Rights Brief	1	Faculty Selection
International Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law	1	Faculty Selection
Lura E. Turley Prize, AU Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Mooers Trophy	1	Faculty Selection
Mussey Prize	12	Highest Final Year GPA - JD
Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy	1	Faculty Selection
Outstanding Graduate Award	1	Faculty Selection
Outstanding Research & Writing	2	Faculty Selection
Solf Award	1	Highest Cummulative GPA - LLM in International Legal Studies
T. Morton McDonald Scholarship	1	Faculty Selection
WCL Alumni Award	1	Faculty Selection
William Brinks Olds Hofer Gilson & Lione Award (IP)	1	Faculty Selection
Clinical Legal Education Award	1	Faculty Selection
Ed Bou Award	2	Highest Cummulative Law School GPA (Foreign Born JD and LLM)
Thomas O. Sargentich Award	1	Highest Cummulative GPA - LLM in Law & Government
Business Law Review Award	1	Faculty Selection
Judge Jerry Hermle Book Award	1	Faculty Selection
Prof. Andrew E. Taslitz Award	1	Faculty Selection

### Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	10%	3.77	39
Summa cum laude	3%	3.89	11
Magna cum laude	7%	3.80	28
Cum laude	30%	3.51	110
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	34.3
Business and industry	18.4
Government	15.6
Judicial clerkship	13.9
Military	3.4
Public interest organization	11.6
Academic	2.4
Job category not identified	0.3

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	1.7
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	11.6
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	0.7
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	1.4
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	73.1
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0.3
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.7
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	2.0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	4.1
Non-US	2.4

### Jurisdictions:

South Atlantic, District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Middle Atlantic, Pacific, Non-US, Mountain, New England, West South Central

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## OCI / Job Posting

### OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:  
Mail - beginning date: 02/01/2019  
Phone - beginning date: 02/01/2019  
Email to - beginning date: 02/1/2019: [recruit@wcl.american.edu](mailto:recruit@wcl.american.edu)  
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/01/2019: <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>

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

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

If requested, our school will coordinate with:  
Other law schools, employers, or job fair hosts by request.

Required Employer Forms:  
Fall Recruitment Program employer information can be found here:  
<https://www.wcl.american.edu/career/employers.cfm> or schedules can be submitted via CareerLink (Symplicity) here:  
<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/employers/index.php>.

### OCI Dates:

August: 08/05/2019-08/15/2019  
Fall: 08/05/2019-10/17/2019  
Spring: 01/10/2019-04/05/2019  
Flyback dates: Determined at the discretion of the employer and student  
Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: IP or web-based (e.g., Skype) interviewing is available in our dedicated videoconferencing facilities.

### Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes  
OCI Drop date:  
Date student materials sent to employer:  
Date interview schedule sent to employer:  
Postage/express mail fee? Market Rates  
Comments: If preferred, we can accommodate requests for mailed application materials. Applications are sent as PDFs via email as a default.  
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

Patent Law Interview Program - Hosted by Loyola University Chicago School of Law - July 26 & July 27, 2018; New York Interview Program - July 31, 2018 - employers prescreen (registration fee); Exclusively for students from American University Washington College of Law, Boston Interview Program (Consortium) - August 17, 2018 - employers prescreen (no registration fee); American University Washington College of Law and Tulane University Law School. Equal Justice Works Career Fair - Hosted by Equal Justice Works - October 26 & October 27, 2018; AUWCL 2018 Public Service Recruitment Program - January 24, 2018 - employers prescreen (no registration fee).

### Diversity Interview Programs

Boston Lawyers Group, Delaware Minority Job Fair, DuPont Legal Minority Job Fair Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association (GWAC), Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair, Hispanic Law Conference Career Forum, Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Career Fair, LGBT Bar Association Career Fair, Nashville Bar Association Minority Job Fair, National Black Law Students Association Regional Job Fairs, National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Job Fair, National Latino/a Law Student Job Fair, Washington Bar Association Career Fair, WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program \*Listed in alphabetical order.

### 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 e-mail, fax, or call OCPD with job postings. Employers are asked to provide detailed information, including: position title; employer information; contact person; preferred method of application; description of responsibilities; hiring criteria; application deadline; salary, etc. Job listings may also be submitted online as noted on our website ([www.wcl.american.edu/career](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career)). Job listings are posted until 1) the employer notifies OCPD that the position has been filled; 2) the employer's specified deadline has passed; or 3) 30 days after the initial date of posting.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

### First Year Students

We adhere to the NALP guidelines. 1Ls are invited to participate in OCPD programs and services after October 15. First year students are eligible to participate in the Spring Recruitment Program, postings for which start after December 1.

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### Diversity

The diversity representation in the 2018 entering class at AUWCL is 33%. The Office of Diversity Services, a full-time administrative unit within the law school since 1990, works with underrepresented students to enable and ensure their maximum participation in law school activities, and to highlight diverse cultural experiences and opportunities. The office promotes and collaborates on a variety of programming, including First-Year Diversity Day and two major annual conferences: the Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law and the Hispanic Law Conference, both of which offer a career-oriented component. The director of the office confers regularly with stakeholders at the faculty, staff, and student level to ensure the quality of life for underrepresented students. The Office of Diversity Services works closely with the Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) on diversity outreach initiatives by employers and other employment opportunities. The offices regularly share information about and provide access to internships and post-graduate positions, as well as programs directed to underrepresented students. The offices also provide guidance on all facets of the job search process for students participating in local and national diversity career fairs and several employer-sponsored diversity initiatives such as scholarships, information sessions, and receptions.

### Pro Bono

The American University Washington College of Law (WCL) Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program recognizes the voluntary, uncompensated work undertaken by WCL students while in law school on behalf of low-income and underrepresented populations or for the public good. The program is designed to encourage students to continue engaging in pro bono service throughout their careers. Students who take the pledge commit to completing a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono and community service projects. At least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work. However, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours by doing non-legal community service work. All students are encouraged to perform pro bono work above and beyond the amount pledged. Students who successfully complete the pledge prior to the end of their final year at WCL are distinguished in the graduation bulletin and recognized at the school's annual Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Ceremony. One hundred twenty-one (121) members of the class of 2018 completed the Pro Bono Honors Pledge. Collectively, these students performed 42,753 hours of pro bono work.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
American University Law Review	99	70	29		
American University Intl. Law Review	61	8	53		
Administrative Law Review	70	39	31		
Jnl. of Gender, Social Policy & the Law	71	29	42		
American University Business Law Review	52	14	38		
The Human Rights Brief	46				
The Criminal Law Practitioner	27				
Sustainable Development Law & Policy	50				
Health Law and Policy	15				
Intellectual Property Brief	45				
The Arbitration Brief	14				
The National Security Brief	48				
Science and Technology Brief	5				

### Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Action for Human Rights (AHR)
ADVANCE Mentoring (ADVANCE)
African Justice Initiative
Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society
American Constitution Society
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
Christian Law Society
Communications and Media Law Society
Disability Law Society
Energy Law Society and Policy Society

Environmental Law Society
Equal Justice Foundation (EJF)
European Law Association
Family Law Society
Health Law and Policy Student Association
Immigrant Rights Coalition (IRC)
IP Law Society (IPLS)
International Trade and Investment Law Society
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Italian-American Law Society (ITALSA)
JD/MBA Club
Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
Juvenile Justice Law Society
Lambda Law Society
Latin American Law Student Association (LaLSA)
Law Revue
Mock Trial Honor Society
Moot Court Honor Society
National Lawyers Guild
Phi Alpha Delta
South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)
Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
Womens Law Association
Animal Law Society
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law Society
Business Law Society
Civil-Military Society
Federalist Society
If/When/How
Information Security and Privacy Law Student Group
Transactional Law Society

## Narrative

American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) is a law school founded on real life challenges, committed to preparing future generations of lawyers for the realities of legal practice. In addition to a superb faculty, our students benefit from renowned programs in clinical legal education, international law, intellectual property, trial advocacy, commercial arbitration and environmental law, just to name a few, as well as from internships with private firms, national and international organizations, and government agencies. Our graduates excel in firms of all sizes as well as in federal government honors programs, public interest organizations, prosecutor and public defender offices, and judicial clerkships. The law school thrives on continually improving the quality of legal education provided to our students. AUWCL's low student-faculty ratio of 6.3:1 enables the law school to provide exceptional, individualized legal education. The quality of education at AUWCL is further reflected in our international law program, one of the most extensive and renowned in the world, and our clinical program, one of the nation's oldest, most comprehensive, and best supervised. AUWCL's Supervised Externship Program, one of the largest in the nation, combines workplace experience with seminars for academic credit in DC, across and outside of the US. Approximately 400 students each year gain valuable experience working with a wide variety of organizations including government agencies such as the US DOJ and the SEC, federal and state courts, nationally recognized public interest organizations, Congressional offices, and legal services groups that provide direct representation to underserved communities. AUWCL is widely recognized as an institution with a unique commitment to international legal education, offering students vast opportunities in international law through numerous programs: the Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the United Nations Committee against Torture Project, and the War Crimes Research Office, among many others, for students interested in human rights and humanitarian law. Students interested in business thrive in our programs on business, international commercial arbitration, international trade and investment, and anti-corruption law, for example, while those committed to the environment, health law, intellectual property and trial advocacy take advantage of our extensive programs in those dynamic fields. AUWCL also offers a wide array of opportunities for students to complete part of their legal education outside of the US and about half of our students do so. Short or long term, in the classroom or out, students can learn in over 30 countries on six continents. Our summer law study abroad programs in Chile/Argentina, Europe (London, Paris, Brussels and Strasbourg), The Hague, Geneva, and Turkey provide direct exposure and access to different legal cultures while our international JD dual degree programs in Australia, Canada, France and Italy prepare graduates to take the necessary steps to practice law in two jurisdictions. AUWCL also offers a dual JD/LL.M. degree in European Union law in Spain and a joint graduate certificate in international contracts and business law in Chile. These programs provide students with legal knowledge in multiple jurisdictions, and future employers with versatile and informed associates. At the same time, AUWCL serves as an institution where the world meets to study law. Approximately 100 lawyers from around the world enrich our institution each year through AUWCL's renowned International Legal Studies Program, which offers eight LL.M. specializations. AUWCL's highly regarded LL.M. in Law and Government attracts approximately 30 lawyers

annually from across the country and globe to study the intersection of government, politics, and law in the nation's capital, with opportunities to concentrate in Civil and Constitutional Rights, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, or Business and Financial Regulation. The innovative Advocacy LL.M. takes a multifaceted approach to experiential learning through specialized litigation related courses, access to advanced courtroom technology, externships in the Washington, DC area, and optional credits for research projects and classroom teaching. Our two newest LL.M. Programs are in Intellectual Property (launched in 2015) and International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law/Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario (hybrid in-person and online, English launched in 2015 and Spanish in 2016). In addition to our five LL.M. Programs, AUWCL offers a vibrant Doctor in Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Program with distinguished candidates from around the world. AUWCL's rigorous educational programs and initiatives reflect our participatory and supportive approach to legal education, which includes varied teaching styles and opportunities to learn both in and outside the classroom. As a premier legal institution providing outstanding education in all areas of the law, AUWCL students are equipped with the skills and values vital to excel in the legal profession.

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