

## Penn State Law - University Park

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### Basic Information

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### Career Service Administrator:

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Assistant Dean, Career Services  
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### Registrar:

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

Applications received	1825
Size of entering class:	122
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	88
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	32
In-state enrollment:	29
Out-state enrollment:	87
Foreign countries represented:	6

### Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? No  
If not, what percentage is not included and why?  
6/122 not included in LSAT - applied with GRE or SAT 2/122 not included in GPA - one attended a foreign university; one attended a university with an alternative grading method

### Contact Information for Other Career Services Staff

Magen K. Mlhok, Assistant Dean; Nathan Mead, Career Counselor; Brenda Porter, Recruiting Manager; Jenna Ciambotti, Administrative Assistant

### Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	<b>Total Class Size</b>	122	130	126	0	378
	<b>Men</b>	52	57	52	0	161
	<b>Women</b>	70	73	74	0	217
	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>Latinx</b>	<b>Men</b>	2	2	2	0	6
<b>Latinx</b>	<b>Women</b>	12	6	3	0	21
<b>Latinx</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>White</b>	<b>Men</b>	44	48	38	0	130
<b>White</b>	<b>Women</b>	41	50	54	0	145
<b>White</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>Men</b>	4	2	3	0	9
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>Women</b>	2	6	4	0	12
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Men</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Women</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Asian</b>	<b>Men</b>	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Asian</b>	<b>Women</b>	4	6	2	0	12
<b>Asian</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>Native American or Alaska Native</b>	<b>Men</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Native American or Alaska Native</b>	<b>Women</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Native American or Alaska Native</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2 or more races</b>	<b>Men</b>	1	1	3	0	5
<b>2 or more races</b>	<b>Women</b>	5	0	4	0	9
<b>2 or more races</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	unk	unk	unk	0	0
<b>Persons with Disabilities</b>	<b>Men</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>Persons with Disabilities</b>	<b>Women</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>Persons with Disabilities</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>Men</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>Women</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
<b>Non-Resident Alien</b>	<b>Men</b>	1	3	2	0	6
<b>Non-Resident Alien</b>	<b>Women</b>	5	4	6	0	15

<b>Non-Resident Alien</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	<b>unk</b>	<b>unk</b>	<b>unk</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Veteran</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Veteran</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Veteran</b>	<b>Non-binary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>0</b>

### Comments

Persons with disabilities, veterans, and persons who identify as LGBTQ are not required to disclose, therefore accurate data cannot be provided.

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### Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	378
Evening:	0
Part-Time:	0
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:	104

### JD Programs:

#### Special Training and Certification Programs:

Specialized Fields of Study pages below. Administrative Law and the Regulatory State Advocacy and Litigation Antitrust and Competition Law Arbitration, Mediation, and Negotiation Arts, Sports, and Entertainment Law Banking and Financial Regulation Commercial Law Corporate Law and Practice Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Criminal Law Energy and Environmental Law Families, Children, and the Law Health Law Immigration and Migration Intellectual Property International, Foreign, and Comparative Law Labor and Employment Law Law, Science, and Technology National Security, Military, and Veterans Public Interest Law Race, Law, and Equity Taxation

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

#### Moot Court Program Description:

The Moot Court Board serves as the principal advocacy organization in the Law School. Its purpose is to develop advocacy skills and prepare student members to compete in selected moot court and oral advocacy competitions across the country and internationally. The Moot Court Board is run entirely by students; members are selected annually through a selection competition held at the start of the fall semester.

#### Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+	N/A	N/A
A	N/A	4.00
A-	N/A	3.67
B+	N/A	3.33
B	N/A	3.00
B-	N/A	2.67
C+	N/A	2.33
C	N/A	2.00
C-	N/A	N/A
D	N/A	1.00
F	N/A	0.00

#### Comments:

For Spring 2020, students received grades of either "credit" or "no credit" due to COVID-19

#### Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.61
Top 25%:	3.49

Top 33%:	3.40
Top 50%:	3.27
Top 75%:	3.05
Median GPA:	3.27
Minimum grade required for graduation:	~2.0

<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/current-students/student-academic-handbook/academic-standing-rules/academic-standing-rules>

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Students may elect to take a course Pass-Fail during the first three weeks of the semester. The following rules apply to Pass-Fail courses: Students may not elect to take Professional Responsibility or courses meeting the graduation writing requirement Pass-Fail. Experiential Credit courses may be taken Pass-Fail, if designated by the professor. Courses graded credit/no credit are not pass/fail courses under this policy. A student may take only one course (maximum of 4 credits) Pass-Fail during their entire J.D. program. Note: Fundamental Skills for the Bar Examination (BAREX 900) is graded on a pass/fail basis, but does not count against the one pass/fail course a student may take. A student who receives a grade below C+ in a Pass-Fail course, including in Fundamental Skills for the Bar Examination (BAREX 900), will have the letter grade actually earned entered on the transcript and used for all purposes. A student who earns a grade of C+ or higher will have a "P" entered on the transcript; the course is then ignored in the computation of grade point averages; the actual letter grade is not provided to the student. Students electing pass/fail grading may not elect to receive the course letter grade earned after the semester pass/fail election period is past. In addition to Fundamental Skills for the Bar Examination (BAREX 900), only courses designated "Pass-Fail eligible" by the professor, as listed in the registration materials, may be elected Pass-F

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? The ranking procedure is run fall and spring semesters after final grading is completed. Credits earned at Penn State Law over the summer are included in the fall procedure; there is no separate summer ranking procedure.

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

School's Verification Policy

Grades are assigned to Juris Doctor candidates on the basis of the instructor's judgment of the student's scholastic achievement using the grading system below. A (4.00) Distinguished A- (3.67) Excellent B+ (3.33) Superior B (3.00) Very Good B- (2.67) Good C+ (2.33) Satisfactory C (2.00) Passing D (1.00) Conditional Failure F (0.00) Failure (No Credit) CR Credit NC No Creditp>

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### Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

### Graduation Honors

### Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	60
Business and industry	8
Government	16
Judicial clerkship	20
Military	7
Public interest organization	4
Academic	4
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	2.5
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	51.3
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	4.2
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	1.7
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	26.1
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0.8
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	2.5
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	2.5
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	7.6
Non-US	0.8

### Jurisdictions:

Pennsylvania New York California New Jersey DC Virginia Delaware Florida Georgia Maryland

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### OCI / Job Posting

#### OCI Reservations

OCI requests  
accepted by:

Mail - beginning  
date: 02/01/2021

Phone - beginning  
date: 02/01/2021

Email to - beginning  
date: 02/01/2021: [pslcareers@pennstatelaw.psu.edu](mailto:pslcareers@pennstatelaw.psu.edu)

Online, URL -  
beginning date: 02/01/2021:  
<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/form/recruitment-form-1>

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

We are now using 12Twenty. We are willing to accommodate early deadlines for submissions for interviewing not on campus, or by video, and are exploring remote interview days - if this is something that interests you, please contact us.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served

OCI Fee? 0

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 05/21/2021

If requested, our school will coordinate with:

Any requested point of contact.

Required Employer Forms:

Job Description, Qualification, Required Materials, Contact Person

#### OCI Dates:

OCI Interview Periods: January 19-22, 2021 August 2-6, 2021

Callback Period: At employer's discretion

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: We are able to accommodate Zoom, WebX, Skype, etc., with a preference for Zoom.

#### Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

OCI Drop date: 05/03/2021

Date student materials sent to employer: 07/07/2021

Date interview schedule sent to employer: 07/30/2021

Postage/express mail fee? 0

Comments: All application materials are available to be viewed in 12Twenty/Law Lion Careers or sent via email.

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

We are a member of the Greater Area Law Schools (GPALS) Consortium. We participate in the following job Fairs: GPALS Philadelphia (September) GPALS Public Interest Public Service (PIPS) (February)

#### Diversity Interview Programs

Capital Area Managing Partners (CAMP) Harrisburg, PA Chester County Diversity Program LCLD Philadelphia Diversity Law Group (PDLG) Delaware Area Minority Job Fair Allegheny County Bar Association Summer Clerkship Program (ACBA) All programs we receive are advertised to our students.

#### 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

We post our positions on 12Twenty. The posting tells how the employers wish to receive the materials. If there isn't a deadline given to the the posting we post for 30 days.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

#### First Year Students

First-year students can participate in Spring OCI. Job notices are posted when we receive them.

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### Diversity

<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/penn-state-law/student-life/diversity>

### Pro Bono

The Law School coordinates pro bono placements and is available to counsel students on other public interest opportunities available at the Law School. These programs include participation in homeless outreach projects, pro se custody clinics, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and service on local bar association committees.

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## Student Organizations

### Narrative

Penn State Law, located on Penn State's University Park campus in State College, Pennsylvania, offers all of the resources of a world-class, public research institution together with challenging and innovative classroom study and ample opportunities for learning by doing. From orientation day to commencement day, the Penn State Law faculty guides students as they learn the law, refine analytical, writing, and communication skills, and apply new knowledge in clinics, externships, and problem-based courses. **OUR LOCATION ON PENN STATE'S UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS** Penn State Law is deeply connected to the greater University Park campus and works together with the rest of the internationally ranked University to provide a vast array of interdisciplinary opportunities to prepare law students to contribute to solving real-world problems. The law school creates integrated learning opportunities by partnering on University-wide initiatives like Invent Penn State and the Happy Valley LaunchBox, a business startup accelerator program that includes Penn State Law's Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic and Intellectual Property Clinic. Penn State Law is also a prominent part of the University's new Center for Security Research and Education, the new Center for Energy Law and Policy, and Penn State's initiative to combat the opioid addiction epidemic. **SMALL CLASSES, BIG OPPORTUNITIES** Penn State Law students study in small classes, allowing them to build relationships with each other and with our faculty of prominent legal scholars, leading practitioners, and engaging educators. Students choose from among a variety of elective courses in traditional and emerging practice areas as part of our rigorous and practical curriculum, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to thrive in the legal profession. **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** Through Penn State Law's unique Externships Everywhere program, second- and third-year law students can step out of the classroom and spend a semester working in a legal office in practically any location around the world without interrupting their studies. Plus, they can earn up to three more credits through independent study or by participating in a class in University Park through the law school's advanced audiovisual technology. This allows our students to get the kind of experience they need and in the location where they want to launch their careers. Back on campus, students have the opportunity to gain experience while providing legal services to underserved populations through Penn State Law's nine legal clinics and practicum. Penn State Law also offers traditional externships with state and federal judges and public interest organizations. Students can also spend a semester in Washington, D.C., or extern in the University's administration in the Office of the General Counsel, Athletic Compliance, Student Legal Services, and more. **COMPREHENSIVE MENTORING** From the time they commit to Penn State Law, incoming students are matched with mentors in the legal field so they can immediately begin making professional connections and learning from successful practitioners—before they even begin their law school careers. Our Mentorship Program also matches mentors and mentees later in students' law school experience so they can connect with professionals working in the practice areas and cities where the students want to work. Our Minority Mentor Program matches students from groups that are typically underrepresented in law school and the legal practice with Penn State Law faculty and administrators as well as practicing attorneys to help the students achieve academic success and emotional well-being during law school and after entering the legal profession. **UNIVERSITY PARK RESOURCES** Our location on Penn State's University Park campus provides convenient access to graduate-level courses and joint degrees in Penn State's nationally ranked programs in business, education, information science and technology, agriculture, health care, international affairs, and many others. Penn State Law students can take part in dozens of active law student organizations and hundreds of University-wide student groups and activities. Our students study hard, but when they're ready for a break, they can take advantage of NCAA Division I and intramural sports, convenient fitness facilities, outdoor recreation activities, and a vibrant arts and cultural scene. Our hometown of State College, Pa., is a safe, welcoming, and diverse college town within a three- to four-hour drive from New York, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. With more than 45,000 Penn State students on campus, there are affinity groups, cultural activities, and social events for nearly every interest. **NETWORKING AND CAREER SERVICES** In addition to our flexible curriculum designed to help students accomplish their individual goals, our dedicated Career Services staff partners with students from day one to help them understand the legal profession, make connections, and build a professional network. The professionals in our Career Services Office have relationships with employers across the country, resulting in a robust on-campus interview program and the posting of more than 1,500 positions annually. They also help students participate in a variety of job fairs in several major markets, including special events for diverse students and those pursuing public interest careers. At commencement, Penn State Law graduates instantly join the powerful Penn State alumni network of more than 700,000 graduates worldwide. Penn State Law graduates enter the legal marketplace with knowledge of the law, highly developed critical thinking, communication, and legal practice skills, a built-in professional network, and the preparation and confidence to achieve their professional goals.

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