

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

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Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	1240
Size of entering class:	188
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	101
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	21
In-state enrollment:	73%
Out-state enrollment:	27%
Foreign countries represented:	4

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?
1 entering student was considered based upon a GRE score. He did not have an LSAT. 3 students did not have standard reportable UGPA due to non-traditional grading or international transcripts.

Contact Information for Other Career Services Staff

Mary Walsh Fitzpatrick - Assistant Dean, Career and Professional Development Center; Joanne Casey - Director, Career and Professional Development Center; Colleen O'Byrne - Associate Director, Career and Professional Development Center; Meg Wager - Associate Director of Employer Partnerships and Outreach (OCI Contact), Career and Professional Development Center

Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	188	162	137	5	492
	Men	93	70	65	2	230
	Women	94	92	72	3	261
	Non-binary	1	0	0	0	1
Latinx	Men	5	7	3	0	15
Latinx	Women	12	5	7	0	24
Latinx	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
White	Men	74	52	54	1	181
White	Women	62	68	54	2	186
White	Non-binary	1	0	0	0	1
Black or African American	Men	2	2	4	0	8
Black or African American	Women	5	5	4	0	14
Black or African American	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	10	3	1	0	14
Asian	Women	11	8	0	0	19
Asian	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	5	2	1	0	8
2 or more races	Women	10	2	4	0	16
2 or more races	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Men	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
Persons with Disabilities	Women	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
Persons with Disabilities	Non-binary	UNK	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ	Men	9	UNK	UNK	UNK	9
LGBTQ	Women	10	UNK	UNK	UNK	10
LGBTQ	Non-binary	1	0	0	0	1
Non-Resident Alien	Men	4	1	0	0	5

Non-Resident Alien	Women	5	1	0	0	6
Non-Resident Alien	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Veteran	Men	4	2	4	1	11
Veteran	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Veteran	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	509
Evening:	1642
Part-Time:	27
Other:	28
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:	12

JD Programs:

Special Training and Certification Programs:

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Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

The Moot Court Board organizes four intraschool competitions: The Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Competition, the Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling Competition, the Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition, and the Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials. Additionally, the Board facilitates seven interschool competitions involving appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, client counseling, and negotiations. The Moot Court Board also sponsors and hosts the Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Competition. This year seventeen teams, representing law schools from across the United States, competed. First year students participate in the program in a variety of ways, but do not compete. 2L and 3L may participate and compete in all programs. Moot Court Board members are selected through a competitive election process by the outgoing board.

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:

In this system, faculty will calculate and submit letter grades. Students, after receiving their letter grades, will have the option to elect to receive the letter grade awarded in any or all classes as they were submitted by their professors. Students who do not elect to receive a letter grade will receive P/NC by default. No Credit will be given only for grades of "F." Uncoupling class rank and GPA: While students will get the benefit of improving their individual GPA by electing certain letter grades, Spring 2020 grades will not be used for purposes of class rank. Class rank will remain the same as at the end of Fall 2019.

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.769
Top 25%:	3.518
Top 33%:	3.468
Top 50%:	3.235
Top 75%:	3.056
Median GPA:	
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.25

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Starting in the Spring of 2013, students will be permitted to take 1 course (worth up to 4 credits) on a pass/fail basis. Students who exercise the pass/fail option will receive a P (pass) for earning a grade of C or higher. Those receiving a grade of C- or lower will be given an F (fail). A grade of P entitles the student to Credit toward the 87 credits needed for graduation, but will not affect the students' grade-point average. A failing grade is, however, included in the computation of the student's average.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? every semester (fall and spring)

Will the school verify student grades? No

School's Verification Policy

Grades are defined as follows: A: Excellent — demonstrating superior ability in the fulfillment of course requirements. B: Good — demonstrating skill and proficiency in the fulfillment of course requirements. C: Satisfactory — demonstrating basic competence in the fulfillment of course requirements. D: Poor — demonstrating minimal competence in the fulfillment of course requirements. F: Failure — failing to demonstrate competence in the fulfillment of Course requirements. FW: Failure — failing to take exam and failing to withdraw from course. Within each of the above categories (with the exception of "Failure") pluses or minuses may be added to differentiate levels of accomplishment Grade - Point Values: A+: 4.30 A: 4.00 A- :3.70 B+:3.30 B: 3.00 B- :2.70 C+: 2.30 C: 2.00 C-:1.70 D+:1.30 D: 1.00 D-:0.70 F: 0 FW: 0p>

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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	52.55
Business and industry	10.95
Government	21.17
Judicial clerkship	5.11
Military	1.46
Public interest organization	8.76
Academic	0
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	2.22
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	95.56
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	0
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	0
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	2.22
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	0
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	0
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

New York State New Jersey District of Columbia

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 01/01/2020
Phone - beginning date: 01/01/2020
Email to - beginning date: 01/01/2020: careers@albanylaw.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 01/01/2020: <https://law-albany-csm.symplicity.com/employers>

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

We are planning to host a Virtual Interview Program for July/August 2021. The Career and Professional Development Center arranges the interview schedules and works with our employer partners to host the interviews via ZOOM. Employers are also able to conduct the virtual interviews using another platform.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served

OCI Fee? No

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
Any law school in close proximity.

Required Employer Forms:

OCI Dates:

August 2020 Virtual Interview Program: 8/10 - 8/14
September 2020 Virtual Interview Program: 9/11 - 9/18
OCI Interview Periods: January 2021 Virtual Interview Program: 1/27 - 1/29 February 2021 Virtual Interview Program: 2/22 - 2/24

Callback Period:

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments:

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 07/20/2020
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/23/20
Date interview schedule sent to employer:
Postage/express mail fee? Yes

Comments: Applications are available electronically approx. 2-3 weeks prior to the OCI interview date; employers are requested to make on-line interviewee selections approx. 1-2 weeks prior to the on-campus interview date.

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? No

Other Interview Programs

Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Patent Law Interview Program.

Diversity Interview Programs

Albany County Bar Association - Diversity Internship Program; Barclay Damon Legal Diversity 1L Summer Clerk Program (Albany, NY Office); New York Bar Foundation - Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship; NYS Bar Association - Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program; Rochester Legal Diversity Clerkship 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 post their jobs for students and graduates on ALBANYLAW LINK (Symplicity) at: <https://law-albany-csm.symplicity.com/employers/>. There is no fee.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

First-year students are eligible to participate in the Winter Virtual Interview Program. Job notices are posted on a daily basis.

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Pro Bono

Albany Law School's Public Interest & Pro Bono Programs are central to the mission of the School and touch all aspects of the student experience. Robust faculty and staff support for students seeking public interest law careers includes the following: Career and Professional Development Center – students learn about career pathways, including the pathway in Public Interest Law, and prepare for semester-time and summer internships, and post-graduate opportunities. Excellent resources available, including the Public Interest Careers Handbook. Financial Aid – administers the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), a forgivable loan program to reduce the student loan repayment burden on graduates pursuing public interest careers. Government Law Center – the School's premier think tank focused on the law and government. Provides brief legal advice to rural entrepreneurs through the Rural Law Initiative. Law Clinic and Justice Center – law students (after completing the first year program) serve live clients in one of four in-house clinics, several hybrid clinics, and 150+ field placement opportunities. The Law Clinic and Justice Center coordinates the Pro Bono Scholars program, where students in their final semester spend 12 weeks in a public interest/ pro bono field placement, take a seminar on campus, and are eligible to sit for the February bar (instead of July). Pro Bono Society – student run organization, offers pro bono opportunities, exposing students to different practice areas. Pro bono projects have included the following: Appeals; Elder Law; Family Court Help Desk; Immigration; Int'l Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP); Kinship Care; Labor Law & Workers' Rights; LawHelp; LGBT Rights; Matrimonial & Family Law; Prisoners' Rights; Student Animal Legal Defense Fund; Tenants' Rights; Veterans' Rights; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA); and Young Advocates (Education). Semester/ Summer in Practice – intense semester- or summer-long full-time placements in judicial, governmental, public interest, and select private law offices Student Affairs – resources available for summer funding opportunities through internal and external sources.

Student Organizations

Narrative

Albany Law School is a small, private school located in the heart of New York state's capital that has educated leaders since 1851. The Law School offers students an innovative, rigorous curriculum taught by a committed faculty. It has an affiliation agreement with University at Albany that includes shared programs, and access for students and faculty to learn from one another. The magazines "preLaw" and "National Jurist" have named Albany Law #1 in the country for preparing students for government law, #6 nationally for prosecution and public defense, and a top 20 law school for innovation. Students have access to New York's highest court, federal courts, the executive branch and the state legislature. With approximately 10,400 alumni practicing across the country and several continents, Albany Law's graduates serve as a vital community and resource for the school and its students. Visit www.albanylaw.edu.

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