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■ Introduction

Founded in 1925, the University of Baltimore is one of 13 institutions in the university system of Maryland. The School of Law has a distinguished history of offering high-quality legal education in a vibrant urban environment that provides a wide range of opportunities for students to put their legal knowledge into practice. In both day and evening divisions, the school offers a comprehensive curriculum that gives students core substantive and procedural classes, as well as excellent training in legal skills. A broad selection of elective courses completes the curriculum. The school's midtown location puts it only 18 blocks from Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, and the Baltimore Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium. Also nearby are state and federal courts, large law firms, and government offices. The School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The library's permanent collection contains approximately 317,000 books and bound volume equivalents. The collection includes the published reports of federal and state courts, statutes, administrative materials, and secondary materials such as treatises, legal encyclopedias, digests, citators, form books, looseleaf services, and law reviews. The library staff believes that technology should not be considered separate from the study and practice of law. To that end, professional reference librarians are available to students seven days a week. Legal research courses teach students how to use the computer-assisted legal systems, as well as how to access the library's many Web-based resources. The library's two computer labs are open to law students during library hours and provide access to word processing, LexisNexis, Westlaw, the Internet, online catalogs, and other resources.

■ Joint Degrees

The School of Law offers six joint degrees: JD with MBA, MPA, MS in Criminal Justice, MS in Negotiations and Conflict Management, LLM in Taxation, and the PhD in Policy Science.

■ Special Programs

Areas of Concentration—The School of Law has an innovative curriculum that allows students to develop an area of study focused on one or more areas of the law, while still providing them with the basic first-year curriculum and many electives. Students may take courses in one of 14 areas of concentration: Business Law, Criminal Practice, Electronic Commerce, Environmental Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, General Practice, Intellectual Property, International and Comparative Law, Litigation and Advocacy, Public and Governmental Service, Real Estate Practice, Tax Law, and Theories of the Law.

The Center for Families, Children, and the Courts—focuses on reforming state courts into more appropriate forums for the resolutions of family legal crises.

The Center for International and Comparative Law—promotes the study and understanding of international and comparative law and the political and economic institutions that support the international legal order. The center places special emphasis on environmental law, human rights, intellectual property, and international business transactions.

The Stephen L. Snyder Center for Litigation Skills—supports and enhances the acclaimed litigation skills training of the School of Law through a variety of programs and activities, including lectures by prominent lawyers and judges, special conferences, and litigation research.

Clinical, Advocacy, and Internship Programs—Professional development is fostered through clinics in which students represent individuals and organizations in litigation and transactional matters. Clinics include the **Appellate Practice Clinic**, which enables students to brief and argue a case in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals; the **Civil Advocacy Clinic**, which focuses on such issues as consumer protection, public benefits cases, and landlord-tenant disputes; the **Community Development Clinic**, which represents nonprofit community organizations in a variety of housing, economic, social, and cultural development areas; the **Criminal Practice Clinic**, in which students handle misdemeanor and felony matters in the district and circuit courts; the **Disability Law Clinic**, which provides representation to patients in involuntary commitment hearings; the **Family Law Clinic**, where students represent low-income clients seeking child custody, support, divorce, and protection from domestic violence; the **Family Mediation Clinic**, which permits students to co-mediate family law disputes and engage in projects designed to improve the practice of family mediation; and the **Tax Law Clinic**, which enables students to represent low-income clients before the Internal Revenue Service and the US Tax Court. **Internship Programs** give students experience clerking for academic credit in the public and private sector, including positions in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state and local governments.

Law Reviews, Journals, and Other Periodicals give students an opportunity to hone their skills in research, analysis, and writing. The *University of Baltimore Law Review*, *Journal of Environmental Law*, and *Intellectual Property Law Journal* offer in-depth analysis of issues of current concern to practitioners and judges alike. The *Law Forum* specializes in articles that trace developing trends in the law.

■ Admission

The School of Law has established an admission policy designed to obtain a diverse and well-qualified student body. In evaluating applicant files, the Admission Committee considers not only the cumulative undergraduate grade-point average and the LSAT score, but also nontraditional factors that may be relevant in determining an applicant's ability to succeed in law school. Applicants are encouraged to discuss fully in a personal statement any such factors they wish the committee to consider in evaluating their application.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

The university's Financial Aid Office administers federal, state, and institutional loan programs. First-year and transfer applicants are advised to apply for financial aid well in advance of the March 1 deadline. Law scholarships are awarded by the School of Law on the basis of the same traditional and nontraditional factors considered for admission. Financial need is not required for scholarships, although it is a factor.

■ Career Services

Six months after graduation, 94 percent of the class of 2005 was employed. (Note: The percentage is the total number employed of those seeking employment.) The Center for Professional Development is dedicated to assisting law students in articulating, developing, and attaining their professional goals. The Center for Professional Development provides career counseling, offers a broad array of programs and workshops, maintains an extensive resource library, and is online with both LexisNexis and Westlaw.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total	
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
175–180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170–174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
165–169	5	0	5	1	8	3	4	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	7
160–164	16	6	20	7	24	4	22	7	20	5	11	3	7	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	125	33
155–159	44	14	78	26	93	29	86	32	66	24	35	11	15	11	9	3	0	0	4	0	430	150
150–154	60	19	132	43	155	49	164	52	172	64	78	26	28	10	11	3	6	0	6	1	812	267
145–149	36	7	108	10	161	14	166	13	123	14	75	4	42	2	13	0	2	0	5	1	731	65
140–144	17	0	38	0	84	0	99	2	85	3	66	1	42	0	16	0	4	0	7	0	458	6
135–139	1	0	16	0	20	0	32	1	35	0	30	0	22	0	8	0	6	0	11	0	181	1
130–134	2	1	4	0	8	0	11	0	16	0	11	0	14	0	6	0	2	0	4	0	78	1
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	10	0
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Total	181	47	401	87	553	99	584	108	519	111	312	45	175	25	68	6	21	0	43	2	2857	530

Apps = Number of Applicants
 Adm = Number Admitted
 Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.