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■ Introduction

The University of North Carolina, the first state university chartered in the United States, has offered degrees in law since 1845. The School of Law has been a member of the American Association of Law Schools since 1920 and has been an approved school since the American Bar Association began its accreditation activities in 1923. The School of Law is one of the outstanding institutions in the United States, and the University of North Carolina is recognized as being among the nation's leaders in graduate and professional education. The programs at the School of Law reflect a powerful, active commitment to the goals of teaching, scholarship, and public service. The town of Chapel Hill, a university community, is close to the Research Triangle Park, the metropolitan and industrial centers of Greensboro and Durham, and the state capital, Raleigh. The immediate area offers an attractive blend of a strong academic atmosphere in a multicultural, cosmopolitan setting.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Housed on five floors within the law school, the library provides critical support to the school's academic program and to lawyers and members of the public throughout the state. Its collection, which totals over 488,000 volumes, includes court reports for American and English appellate courts, current codes and session laws for all states, and other primary legal materials. Within the library, a university computer lab provides Internet access, electronic mail, and word processing capabilities and is easily accessible to law students. Additionally, students can bring their own laptop computers and connect to the university's network in many of the high technology classrooms, library study carrels, and other areas in the building.

The School of Law aims to provide a quality legal education that will prepare students to practice successfully in any jurisdiction. The three-year Juris Doctor program begins with a first-year core curriculum designed to provide a theoretical and analytical foundation for law students. The second-year curriculum provides an important bridge between the core instruction of the first year and the culminating electives, seminars, and skills-oriented instruction of the third year. Finally in the third year, the curriculum is designed to provide a capstone for students' legal education and begins the transition into practice.

■ Joint-degree Programs/Certificate Programs

Ten formal joint JD and master's degree programs are available: JD/MPP (in conjunction with Duke University), JD/MBA, JD/MPA, JD/MPH, JD/MRP, JD/MSW, JD/MASA, JD/MAMC, JD/MSLS, or MSIS.

The Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Program prepares graduate students for leadership roles in North Carolina's rapidly growing nonprofit sector. The program provides an in-depth examination of leadership issues within human services, education, the arts, and other nonprofit organizations.

■ International Study Opportunities

In addition to the regularly taught courses in international business and human rights and the *International Law Journal*, students interested in international law can enhance their legal experience further with foreign study during the spring semester in France, the Netherlands, Mexico, England, and Scotland. Additionally, after the first year, students may also participate in the school's Summer Law Programs in Sydney, Australia; Augsburg, Germany; or Nice, France.

■ Centers and Initiatives

Carolina boasts nationally recognized centers in banking and financial services law, civil rights, and our new Center on Poverty, Work, and Opportunity. All are key areas tied to our history and the unique opportunities unfolding in North Carolina and the South. These centers and initiatives expand and enliven our curriculum, push the frontiers of teaching and research, and open new channels of scholarship for students.

■ Student Activities

Out of the classroom, student organizations provide a forum for the enormous talent and energy characteristic of Carolina Law students. Students can write for five prominent student publications—the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*, the *North Carolina Banking Institute Journal*, the *First Amendment Law Review*, and the *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology*. The Student Bar Association sponsors a full range of professional, athletic, and social events; a speakers program; minority recruitment events; a legal research service for practicing lawyers; and participation in school governance. The Moot Court Program is student operated and fields a number of successful teams in regional, national, and international competitions. Over 50 student organizations are active in the School of Law, including the Black Law Students Association, Child Action, the Federalist Society, the Hispanic/Latino Law Students Association, the Native American Law Students Association, Second Careers in Law, Women in Law, and our nationally recognized Pro Bono Program.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Full-time tuition and fees—North Carolina resident, \$12,947.08; nonresident, \$25,356.08. Estimated additional expenses—\$16,032. Chancellors' Scholars Program scholarships are available, as well as other merit-based scholarships. Need-based assistance is awarded on the basis of FAFSA information. Students must submit parental information to FAFSA to be considered for need-based grants.

Admitted applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$12,500. Scholarship offers are made beginning in February.

■ Housing

There are graduate dormitories near the law school for single students. University student family housing and private

apartments are available. Information may be obtained from the University Housing Office, Carr Building CB 5500, Chapel Hill, NC 27399-5580; 919.962.5401.

■ Career Services Office

The Career Services Office staff assists students and alumni with summer and permanent positions. Each year, approximately 200 employers from across the nation interview at the School of Law. Of those 2005 graduates reporting to the

Career Services Office, 99 percent had accepted employment or were in graduate school within nine months of graduation. Of those 2005 graduates who entered into the practice arena, 59 percent entered private practice; 32 percent entered public sector work, including public interest; 13 percent accepted judicial clerkships; approximately 13 percent entered government practice (district attorneys'/public defenders' offices, government, and military); 6 percent entered legal services/nonprofit; 7 percent entered business/corporate related practice; and 2 percent entered academia.

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	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	
170–174	21	18	18	14	20	8	8	0	6	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	40		
165–169	99	87	100	26	84	24	39	3	23	1	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	356	142		
160–164	240	87	294	63	223	43	108	14	55	6	21	3	11	0	4	0	0	0	6	0	962	216		
155–159	214	29	337	25	256	27	129	9	65	3	22	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	1040	93		
150–154	82	13	134	10	156	15	101	2	57	1	24	1	10	1	3	0	2	0	7	0	576	43		
145–149	19	0	50	2	48	1	50	1	28	0	24	0	13	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	240	5		
140–144	12	0	18	0	23	0	26	0	19	0	19	0	8	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	131	0		
135–139	2	0	5	0	12	0	13	0	10	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	59	0		
130–134	0	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	21	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	689	234	960	141	825	118	481	29	268	11	135	5	57	2	17	0	7	0	34	0	3473	540		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.