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■ Introduction

The Louisiana State University (LSU) Law Center was originally established as the Louisiana State University Law School in 1906, pursuant to an authorization contained in the university charter. In 1979, the Law Center was renamed the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University. The Law Center holds membership in the AALS and is on the approved list of the ABA.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Law Center, completed in October 1969, added extensive facilities to the original Law Center building, dedicated in 1938. This complex provides classroom areas, seminar and discussion rooms, and meeting areas as well as a courtroom. Separate offices for student research and student activities such as the *Louisiana Law Review*, Moot Court Board, and Student Bar Association are included in the facility. The law library, housed in the complex, provides one of the most complete collections of Roman and modern civil law reports and materials in the country. Library resources include reading and discussion rooms, study carrels, computer labs, and audiovisual facilities. Students also have access to other campus facilities, including the Student Health Center, residential housing, and the Sports Recreational Complex.

■ Curriculum

The LSU Law Center has established a joint JD/BCL program through which all graduates receive the JD (Juris Doctor) degree and a BCL (Bachelor of Civil Law) degree. First-year students follow a prescribed curriculum and, thereafter, students choose from a wide variety of courses to complete their degrees. An orientation program and library tour introduce the first-year class to the study of law. The Law Center's dedication to the study of both the civil and the common law prepares its graduates to practice in any state and in many foreign countries. Seven semesters of resident study are required for the degree. In addition to its full-time law faculty, the LSU Law Center invites a number of distinguished lecturers, including practicing attorneys and legal scholars, to teach courses in their areas of specialty each semester. A number of faculty members have law degrees from foreign countries.

■ Summer Session Abroad

The Law Center conducts a six-week summer program in France. All classes are conducted in English and are designed to meet the requirements of the ABA and AALS.

■ Special Programs

A wide variety of courses affords each student the opportunity to participate in the preparation and trial of mock cases, both civil and criminal, and also to develop skills in legal negotiation and counseling. LSU sponsors and encourages student participation in national trial and appellate competitions throughout the school year.

In cooperation with the Center for Continuing Professional Development, the Law Center presents seminars, institutes, and conferences for practicing lawyers.

The LSU Law Center admits candidates for the degrees of Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Civil Law (MCL). These programs are highly selective and admit students with exceptional ability.

■ Admission

The Admissions Committee considers many factors in reaching admission decisions. While the quantitative predictors of success in law school (performance on the LSAT and the undergraduate GPA of applicants) are typically the most important factors in the admission decision, the Admissions Committee considers many other factors, such as the ability to analyze and write well, as demonstrated by the personal statement and the written portion of the LSAT; two letters of recommendation from teachers and others who can express an opinion on the applicant's aptitude for the study of law; the rigor of the undergraduate program of study and grade trends; extracurricular activities; work experience or military service; social and economic background; and other evidence of an applicant's aptitude for the study of law and likely contribution to academic and community life. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university is required for admission.

Applicants are advised to take the LSAT in October, and not later than December, prior to the year in which they seek admission to the Law Center. The Law Center admits students only in the fall and only for full-time study. There are no night courses offered. Transfer applications are considered.

Louisiana State University assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or veteran's status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in the programs and activities that the university operates.

■ Joint Programs

The LSU Law Center offers the JD/BCL-MPA and the JD/BCL-MBA joint-degree programs. Admission requirements for each program are listed in the LSU Graduate School Catalog and the Law Center Catalog. Students must apply separately for each program.

■ Student Activities

The *Louisiana Law Review* was established to encourage high-quality legal scholarship in the student body, to contribute to the development of the law by scholarly criticism and analysis, and to serve the bar of Louisiana by comments and discussion of current cases and legal problems. It is edited by a board of student editors with faculty cooperation.

The Louisiana Chapter of the Order of the Coif, a national honorary law fraternity, was established in the Law Center in 1942. Election to the Order of the Coif is recognized as the highest honor a law student may receive.

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Since a large number of graduates of the Law Center go directly into practice, the LSU Law Center has an extensive Trial Advocacy Program in which moot court training is offered both for trial work and in appellate argument.

All students in the Law Center are members of the Student Bar Association. This association promotes and coordinates student activities within the Law Center and serves as an instructional medium for postgraduate bar association activities.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

The Scholarship Committee automatically considers all admitted students for scholarship support. Most scholarships range in size from \$1,000 to full-tuition awards. Awards are offered to applicants who the committee believes will best contribute to the academic and social life of the Law Center.

A number of loan funds are available to help deserving students who need financial assistance to continue their

education. All such funds are subject to the policies and regulations authorized by the LSU Student Loan Fund Committee. Detailed information on all loan funds may be secured by contacting the Student Loan Section, LSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 202 Himes Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

■ Career Services

The Career Services Office of the Law Center is dedicated to enhancing the personal growth and professional opportunities for LSU law students and alumni. The office offers a series of workshops and individual counseling sessions to assist students as they search for summer and permanent employment opportunities. More than 165 legal employers visit the school each year to recruit our students.

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		
175–180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
170–174	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
165–169	8	8	5	5	4	3	2	2	2	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25	
160–164	19	19	18	17	14	14	17	17	12	10	10	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	81	
155–159	39	39	63	53	75	57	59	36	32	12	22	8	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	297	205	
150–154	63	36	84	29	119	34	98	25	49	3	24	3	20	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	461	132		
145–149	23	8	56	9	66	3	56	1	34	1	21	0	17	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	279	22		
140–144	8	0	19	0	32	1	31	0	25	0	12	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	138	1		
135–139	0	0	3	0	3	0	11	0	8	0	8	0	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	43	0		
130–134	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Total	163	113	251	115	316	115	277	82	166	30	108	20	59	3	15	0	2	0	8	0	1365	478		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.