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■ Introduction

DePaul University is the largest private university in Illinois and enjoys the advantages of its vibrant urban setting. Its strong reputation for academic excellence is distinguished by its dedicated faculty, unrivaled professional skills training, and its genuine sense of community.

Located in the heart of Chicago's business and legal communities, the College of Law affords extensive contact with Chicago's legal community. It is within walking distance of the state and federal courts, government offices, and many law firms. DePaul law alumni include the mayor of Chicago, numerous state and federal judges, and managing partners of Chicago law firms. The college offers full-time, part-time, and summer programs. DePaul is fully accredited by the ABA, and is a member of AALS and the Order of the Coif.

■ Students

Founded in 1898 by Vincentian Fathers as a school for children of immigrants, DePaul University students represent a rich diversity in age, ethnicity, education, and career experiences. Because of the broad diversity of backgrounds and experiences of its law students, there is a connectedness within the institution that creates a genuine sense of community. Approximately 51 percent of full-time students in the entering class of 2008 were women, while 21 percent were minorities. More than half of the students in the 2008 entering full-time class were from out of state. The average age of full-time students is 24, while the average age of part-time students is 26.

■ Faculty

DePaul faculty members, including many who have earned advanced degrees, are recognized scholars who represent a variety of professional backgrounds and interests. Consistent with the university's Vincentian mission of service to the community, faculty members work tirelessly in service to the legal profession and to the community, and they have achieved national recognition in teaching, research, scholarly activities, and professional service. The faculty is extremely accessible, approachable, and deeply committed to its students.

■ Library, Research Centers, and Institutes

The three-story law library offers extensive resources for study and research. Its staff includes 7 professional librarians and 12 full-time support staff.

The College of Law also maintains 15 research centers and institutes:

- Health Law Institute
- International Aviation Law Institute
- International Human Rights Law Institute
- International Weapons Control Center
- Asian Legal Studies Institute
- Schiller, DuCanto, and Fleck Family Law Center
- Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology
- Center for Justice in Capital Cases

- Center for Animal Law
- Center for Public Interest Law
- Center for Dispute Resolution
- Center for Law and Science
- Center for Art, Museum, & Cultural Heritage Law
- Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies
- Center for Church-State Studies

■ Special Programs

Academic Support Program: DePaul is committed to ensuring that all students have the tools they need to attain academic success. Toward that end, DePaul has one of the premier academic support programs in the nation.

Legal Clinic: Students gain valuable hands-on experience in eight clinical concentrations: Asylum/Immigration, Civil Rights, Criminal Appeals, Death Penalty, Family Law, Misdemeanor, Special Education, and Technology/Intellectual Property.

Field Placement Program: Providing students with academic credit through supervised field work, externships are offered by federal and state judges, various municipal agencies, and a number of not-for-profit organizations.

Mediation Program: Students learn essential client counseling skills by working with mediators on cases referred by the County Domestic Relations Courts.

Skills Competitions: As a leader in the field of professional skills, DePaul has enjoyed considerable success in skills competitions. DePaul student teams regularly place among the top in both regional and national moot court competitions.

Certificate Programs: DePaul offers ten comprehensive certificate programs, including Criminal Law, Child and Family Law, Health Law, International and Comparative Law, Public Interest Law, Taxation, and four in Intellectual Property Law (General, Arts and Museum, Information Technology, and Patents).

University College Dublin (UCD) Student Exchange Program: DePaul and UCD have a student exchange program in which second-year students undertake legal studies abroad during their spring semester.

Asian Legal Studies Institute: Students receive academic credit for summer courses taken at Beijing Foreign Studies University in China. Students focus on legal principles and planning related to international transactions in the Asia-Pacific region. Lectures are presented by professors from DePaul and major Chinese law schools.

Joint-degree and Master of Laws (LLM) Programs: DePaul offers five joint-degree and four master of laws programs:

- JD/MBA in coordination with DePaul's nationally recognized Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.
- JD/MS in Public Service Management promotes effective management of government and nonprofit organizations.
- JD/MA in International Studies offers concentrations in International Political Economy and Global Culture and complements DePaul's strong international law offerings.
- JD/MA and JD/MS in Computer Science explore the intersections of law, computer science, telecommunications, and information systems.
- DePaul's master of laws (LLM) programs include Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law and Taxation.

Special First-year Legal Writing Sections: Students may apply for a seat in one of four special sections of Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication, focusing on child and family law, health law, intellectual property law, and public interest law.

■ Housing

Located in Chicago’s Loop just two blocks south of the law school, the University Center of Chicago (UCC) is a recently developed residence hall offering furnished apartments and suites. Amenities include a rooftop garden, multimedia rooms, a fitness center, food court, laundry facilities, shops on the lower level, 24-hour security, and keycard access to the building and elevators.

■ Admission

DePaul adheres to a policy of nondiscrimination and encourages applications from traditionally underrepresented

minority groups. Admission decisions are based on a variety of factors, and each file is reviewed thoroughly. Undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores are significant admission criteria. For the 2008–2009 academic year, 4,352 candidates applied for admission to the full-time division, while 816 applied to the part-time division. Admitted students are automatically considered for available merit-based scholarships.

■ Career Services

Alumni, faculty, and students contribute to an active and aggressive career services network. The teaching and publishing reputations of the faculty, as well as the largest alumni bench and bar network in the Chicago area, complement three full-time DePaul law career services officers.

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	
175–180	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
170–174	7	7	6	5	8	7	5	5	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
165–169	31	30	48	47	33	33	30	29	23	22	11	9	8	5	1	1	0	0	2	2	187	178	
160–164	152	145	211	204	195	169	138	115	81	67	52	30	19	10	9	5	2	1	8	6	867	752	
155–159	197	147	329	191	355	167	271	94	142	44	96	27	40	7	6	0	2	0	19	7	1457	684	
150–154	143	30	251	61	329	65	281	41	175	14	79	9	40	3	14	0	3	0	17	3	1332	226	
145–149	55	10	100	19	166	14	166	12	116	8	59	1	34	2	10	0	4	0	15	0	725	66	
120–144	26	0	57	1	64	0	99	3	94	1	69	0	52	0	28	0	6	0	27	0	522	5	
Total	612	370	1004	530	1153	458	992	301	634	158	368	77	196	30	69	6	17	1	88	18	5133	1949	

Apps = Number of Applicants
 Adm = Number Admitted
 Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.