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■ Introduction

Fordham Law has been dedicated to preparing great lawyers and great leaders for more than a century. The School's unique approach to a complete legal education places strong focus on academic excellence, the craft of lawyering, and an unwavering focus on ethics and the obligation of public service. The commitment to these values, combined with the School's New York City location, means that Fordham Law graduates have the opportunity to pursue a broad spectrum of career choices. Today, Fordham ranks fifth among schools placing the greatest number of attorneys in the nation's 40 most successful law firms. Beyond that, the School's signature public service and human rights programs educate lawyers who work to create significant change in the world. A faculty distinguished by its commitment both to teaching and to scholarship creates an atmosphere in which students feel appreciated and valued as they prepare to become part of the next generation of leaders.

Fordham lawyers practice in 48 states, in the District of Columbia, and in 57 nations around the world. Among our 17,000 living alumni are partners and associates of leading law firms, CEOs of major corporations, academics, and individuals engaged in public service. Fordham's central Manhattan location provides convenient access to all New York City has to offer, enabling students to begin their careers at the center of the world's legal, financial, and entertainment capital. Such proximity puts students close to a broad range of professional opportunities at some of the largest law firms in the world, the busiest federal and state courts, the US Attorney General's Offices, a myriad of state and federal agencies, and Wall Street.

The Manhattan campus is within easy reach of New York's famous diversions. The campus is just two blocks away from Central Park. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is right across the street.

■ Curriculum

Fordham's faculty of scholar-teachers recognize the importance of welcoming students, being accessible, and encouraging them. The large faculty enables Fordham to offer a remarkable depth of courses that reinforce its traditional strengths in contracts, commercial law, corporate law, evidence, and international law, as well as enhance its significant scholarship in the fields of constitutional law and jurisprudence, international human rights, legal ethics, legal history, intellectual property, and clinical legal education.

Fordham also promotes the art and science of legal analysis and the cultivation of a vigorous ongoing dialogue between students and professor through the following nationally renowned academic centers:

Brendan Moore Advocacy Center fosters the teaching and study of lawyers as advocates, with special emphasis on client representation at the trial level.

Center for Corporate, Securities, and Financial Law serves as the focal point for the school's business law programs and includes roundtable discussions with business leaders, corporate law practitioners, and state and federal regulators.

The Leitner Center for International Law and Justice contributes to the promotion of social justice by encouraging knowledge of, and respect for, international law and human rights

standards. The Center furthers this goal by sponsoring education, scholarship, and human rights advocacy, and facilitating collaboration among law students, scholars, and human rights defenders in the United States and abroad. The Center oversees an annual fact-finding mission, providing law students the opportunity to participate in human rights work overseas.

Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics promotes the integration of ethical perspectives in legal practice, legal institutions, and the development of the law generally. The center also oversees the Stein Scholars Program, a program for students who demonstrate commitment to public service and who undertake specialized academic work in legal ethics.

The Feerick Center for Social Justice and Dispute Resolution brings together the major stakeholders responsible for solving our most difficult urban social issues. Uniquely combining the insights of a think tank, the urgency inherent in a mission to achieve social justice, the balance required of a mediation center, and the educational mission of a law school, the center works with all parties to frame concrete and achievable solutions to the endemic problems plaguing the urban poor. The Center also houses a clinic, providing hands-on social justice experience to students each year.

The Center on Law and Information Policy ("CLIP") will make significant contributions to the development of law and policy for the information economy and teach the next generation of leaders. CLIP focuses on five key areas of technology law and policy, regulation of information innovation and knowledge creation, privacy and security, technology and governance, and the protection of intellectual property and information.

■ Cocurricular Activities

There are six student-edited law journals at Fordham, as well as two intramural moot court competitions.

The school also participates in interschool competitions, fielding award-winning appellate moot court teams, trial advocacy teams, and alternative dispute resolution teams.

■ Worldwide Significance

Long before "globalism" was mainstream, Fordham was devoting resources to programs that, today, are internationally known, including:

- the nation's preeminent Center on European Union Law;
- the school's Stein Center for Law and Ethics (see Curriculum section);
- an International Antitrust Law and Policy Conference, now in its 36th year;
- an annual International Intellectual Property Law Conference, now in its 17th year;
- the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice (see Curriculum section);
- a Belfast/Dublin summer program, which offers two weeks of study in each city with a special emphasis on international alternative dispute resolution;
- a summer program in Seoul, Korea, at Sungkyunkwan University College of Law (SKKU); taught by Fordham law school professors and by distinguished practitioners, the program offers courses in international and comparative

law as well as internships at local law firms, companies, and governmental offices;

- semester study-abroad programs offered in Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Korea, and the PR China; and
- four graduate degree programs—the LLM in International Business and Trade Law; the LLM in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law; the LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law; and the LLM in International Law and Justice—that have created a network of Fordham alumni in more than 80 countries.
- a Ghana summer law program, building on our long and successful history of partnership with Ghanaian legal institutions, offers students the opportunity to study Ghanaian and international law, as well as internships in Ghana.

■ Experiential Programs

Fordham’s clinical program encourages students to integrate legal analysis with lawyering theory and skills by assuming lawyering roles or performing lawyering functions in problem-solving settings. With 18 full-time faculty and two full-time social workers, Fordham Law’s clinical program—one of the largest in the nation—engages more than 300 students in live-client clinics and simulation courses in 17 practice areas, including an innovative interdisciplinary Child and Family Litigation Clinic, where students are placed on teams supervised by law, social work, and psychology faculty. Fordham also offers one of the widest ranges of externship placements in American legal education—more than 250 opportunities at nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations and in state and federal courts.

■ Career Services and Placement

Fordham’s career services office assists students and alumni in planning their careers. For the past several years, between 97 and 100 percent of our graduates obtained employment within nine months of graduation. The program features:

- an on-campus interview program that brings more than 250 potential employers to campus to conduct more than 6,000 individual student interviews;
- a searchable, proprietary, online database of job listings; and
- individualized student counseling, mock videotaped interviews with optional critiques, seminars on interviewing

skills and networking, and assistance with résumé preparation, including 24-hour turnaround time for edits.

■ Public Service

Fordham believes that the development of a lifelong commitment to public service is an integral part of a legal education. Last year, Fordham law students volunteered more than 100,000 hours of public service, and more than half of the graduating class devoted 50 or more hours of their time through the school’s nationally recognized Public Interest Resource Center. The PIRC’s 21 student-run organizations address issues concerning the environment, housing for the poor, domestic violence, unemployment, police brutality, the death penalty, immigration, and community service. Fordham also has created a Loan Forgiveness Program as well as a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) to assist those who pursue public service careers. Today, Fordham continues to set the standard for law schools nationwide by assisting and inspiring those students who, regardless of their ultimate career choice, are committed to the spirit of *pro bono publico*—work for the public good.

■ Living at Lincoln Center

Approximately 80 spaces are set aside for entering students in McMahon Hall, the university’s Lincoln Center residence. Students live in two- or three-bedroom apartments, each of which contains private bedrooms, a living room, full kitchen, and bath. Preference is given to those students who live beyond a commutable distance from the law school. Inquiries regarding housing should be directed to the law school admission office.

■ Applicant Profile

Fordham’s Admissions Committee—comprised of full-time faculty members and assistant deans—evaluates each complete application received. While the best available evidence suggests that LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs should be accorded significant weight in evaluating most applicants, the Admissions Committee believes that securing the most interesting, diverse, and exciting class involves the evaluation of other qualitative factors as well. The combination of academic excellence and experiences is considered in evaluating applicants’ potential contributions to the success of their Fordham and professional experiences.

Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA													
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		Below 3.00		No GPA		Totals	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
170–180	112	104	157	146	105	85	54	31	33	10	13	9	474	385
165–169	334	315	502	389	336	180	192	75	96	11	39	12	1499	982
160–164	548	190	710	121	529	78	306	38	186	9	65	7	2344	443
155–159	263	25	452	34	412	36	303	22	200	3	56	3	1686	123
120–154	155	4	330	6	364	7	377	8	532	1	80	3	1838	29
Total	1412	638	2151	696	1746	386	1232	174	1047	34	253	34	7841	1962

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted