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■ Introduction

Emory's location in Atlanta, a national business and legal center, gives law students the opportunity to take advanced classes from, and work with, some of the leading judges and lawyers in the United States. Atlanta also is one of America's most beautiful and culturally diverse cities.

The law school also benefits from being located on the campus of Emory University, which was founded in 1836. Emory University School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association, is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and has a chapter of the Order of the Coif.

■ Curriculum

The basic program of study involves three years of full-time study leading to the JD degree. The fall semester runs from late August to mid-December; the spring semester begins in early January and ends in mid-May.

The program of courses for the first year is prescribed. The program of courses for the second and third years primarily is elective. Students can sample a broad spectrum of courses or concentrate on a particular area of law.

All first-year courses and the basic second- and third-year courses are taught by full-time faculty members. A distinguished group of judges and practicing attorneys offer specialized courses.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Emory School of Law is located in Gambrell Hall, part of Emory's 630-acre campus in Druid Hills, six miles southeast of downtown Atlanta.

Gambrell Hall contains classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices, student-organization offices, and a 325-seat auditorium. The school provides wireless Internet access throughout its facilities. Gambrell Hall also houses a state-of-the-art courtroom with computer connections for judge, counsel, and jury; a document camera; a DVD player; videoconferencing; and a four-camera operation with feeds to remote locations.

The Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library sits adjacent to Gambrell Hall and is designed for easy student access. Students are trained on LexisNexis and Westlaw terminals and learn both the techniques of computer-assisted legal research and traditional research methods. Students also may use the library's computer labs that offer Apple and IBM-compatible computers.

■ Special Programs

Emory Law combines a practical and disciplined approach toward the study of law with a commitment to providing students experiential learning opportunities that engage them in the many roles the law plays in our community, our society, and the world. Our students engage the law through learning opportunities that create graduates who are ready to apply their knowledge to make an impact in real and significant ways, as lawyers and as citizens of the world. We teach the practice of law through our outstanding programs in trial techniques, intellectual property, child advocacy, and

environmental law, as well as through expanded emphasis on transactional skills. Our centers of excellence in law and religion, world law, feminism and legal theory, and transactional law are interdisciplinary, integrative, and international in approach.

Emory's Trial Techniques Program affords our students exposure to the challenges of conducting direct and cross-examination, developing a case theory and approach, and conducting opening and closing arguments. More than half of the students participate in Emory's field placement program, where students may earn academic credit clerking for a federal judge, researching intellectual property issues for major corporations such as the Coca-Cola Company, and representing clients on behalf of Atlanta Legal Aid.

Students also may gain practical experience in intellectual property and corporate/commercial law by participating in TI:GER (Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results), a program of technology and business law cosponsored by Emory's School of Law and Economics Department and Georgia Institute of Technology's Dupree School of Management. Students may participate in one of Emory's own clinics: the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic, working to promote and protect the well-being of neglected and abused children; the Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic, representing children charged with delinquent acts; the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, offering a practical clinical education to the aspiring environmental attorney; or the International Humanitarian Law Clinic, focusing on upholding the rule of law on behalf of detainees and on educating and training officials in war-torn countries on humanitarian law.

Emory offers a comprehensive international law program and is home to the World Law Institute. Emory Law capitalizes on the presence of other strong campus programs by combining coursework and programs to create unique and synergistic programs of study. The law school offers joint-degree programs with Emory's Goizueta School of Business, Candler School of Theology, School of Public Health, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

■ Admission

The law school accepts beginning students for the fall term only. Prior to enrollment, a student must have earned a bachelor's degree from an approved institution. Applications for admission must be received by Emory no later than March 1. Early applications are encouraged. Many factors are considered in making admission decisions. Of particular importance are academic accomplishments and LSAT scores. Extracurricular activities, work experience, level of quality and difficulty of undergraduate courses, performance in graduate school, and letters of recommendation are also considered. We encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups, and such applicants should provide the Dean of Admission with specific information about their background or accomplishments that would be of particular interest. Applicants are encouraged to visit the law school. Upon acceptance, applicants are required to submit a nonrefundable \$750 tuition deposit to reserve a space in the entering class.

■ Student Activities

A wide variety of organizations and activities are available to students. There are three law reviews at Emory—*Emory Law Journal*, *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*, and *Emory International Law Review*—and more than 30 percent of the second- and third-year students are involved in law review research, writing, and editing.

Students also participate in moot court and mock trial. Each first-year student prepares a brief and presents an oral argument. In addition, many second- and third-year students compete in intramural and national moot court competitions.

There are numerous special interest and social groups as well as a very active Student Bar Association.

■ Career Services

A full-time career services office assists students in obtaining permanent, summer, and part-time employment. It arranges interviews with employers from many parts of the country and maintains extensive files on a wide variety of professional opportunities across the United States. Many Emory graduates join private law firms after graduation. Others work as judicial clerks, enter government service, or work for banks, corporations, or legal aid agencies.

The majority of Emory’s students stay in the Southeast. Approximately 20 percent work in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Smaller percentages work in the Midwest, Southwest, and West.

The career services office provides extensive training on résumé writing, interview skills, and job-search techniques, as well as numerous opportunities to network with attorneys in a variety of practice areas and settings.

Applicant Profile

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LSAT Score	GPA								
	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
175–180	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
170–174	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
165–169	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
160–164	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Good Possibility	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
155–159	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
150–154	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
145–149	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
140–144	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
135–139	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
130–134	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
125–129	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
120–124	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible

Good Possibility
 Possible
 Unlikely

Note: This graph reflects admission decisions as of 6/1/08 and is to be used as a general guide to determining chances for admittance. It does not reflect actual decisions but should serve as a guideline.