

# North Carolina Central University School of Law

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## ■ Introduction

The North Carolina Central University School of Law was established in 1939 and is located in Durham, North Carolina. It is one of the 16 constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina system.

The School of Law has been accredited by the North Carolina State Bar Council and the ABA since 1950. Today, NCCU School of Law is one of the most affordable and diverse in the country. The School of Law offers two programs leading to the Juris Doctor degree: a full-time day program and the oldest ABA-accredited part-time evening program between Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, DC. The School of Law participates in an interinstitutional agreement with Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, that permits students to enroll in electives at any member law school without an increase in tuition.

## ■ Facilities, Library, and Technology

The Albert L. Turner Law School building is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the law school community with an attractive, comfortable, and technology-friendly environment in which to work and study.

The School of Law provides a seamless integration of technology throughout the facility. The entire building is wireless and provides software for students who use laptops to take exams. There are two computer labs for student use. All classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia resources, including smart boards, video and teleconferencing capabilities, and lectern computers with Internet access.

The School of Law has several group-study rooms, a moot courtroom, and a Great Hall. The Great Hall is used for receptions, meetings, and conferences, and is equipped with the same multimedia resources found in the classrooms.

The law library, with more than 378,233 volumes and volume equivalents, provides the resources needed to support the Juris Doctor program, the JD/MLS and JD/MBA dual-degree programs, and the legal community. There are eight public access terminals in the law library that provide access to the library and electronic resources, the Internet, and e-mail. The law library is a selective North Carolina and United States government depository and has a special collection in civil rights law.

## ■ Special Academic Programs

- **Joint-degree Options**—There are two joint-degree programs available to Day Program students. The joint-degree JD/MBA Program allows students who are interested in a career in law and business to receive both degrees in four years. The joint-degree JD/MLS Program allows students who are interested in a career in law librarianship to simultaneously pursue both degrees. Students must apply and be accepted to each program separately.
- **Evening Program**—The Evening Program is a four-year, year-round program that offers a unique opportunity for motivated professionals to pursue a legal education while maintaining their current daytime work commitments.
- **Academic Support Program**—The Academic Support Program is available to assist students with the rigors of

law school. The support program consists of a first-year, noncredit writing lab; tutorials; academic success workshops; and individual counseling and guidance sessions. In addition, a skills enhancement clinic is offered to second-year and third-year students and workshops on bar preparation are offered to third-year students.

- **Faculty Advising Program**—Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who is available to discuss questions or problems related to the School of Law experience, career choices, and personal problems that might affect academic performance. They also advise students on taking appropriate classes and monitor their progress.
- **Clinical Program**—The award-winning Clinical Program operates year-round from a state-of-the-art model law office. The clinical experiences currently offered at the School of Law are Alternative Dispute Resolution, Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, a Domestic Violence Clinic, Family Law, Small Business Planning and Development, Juvenile Justice, a General Externship Program, and a Pro Bono Program, making it the most comprehensive program of any law school in the state. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, clinical students represent real clients with real legal issues.
- **Invest in Success Program**—This bar passage enhancement program includes two parts: Part I focuses on studying for the bar examination and includes topics like devising a realistic study schedule; the most efficient use of bar study materials; and reading, analyzing, and answering bar examination essay questions. Part II focuses on the North Carolina bar examination. This effort contributed to our school's 86 percent bar passage rate in July 2006.
- **Institutes**—There are two institutes: The Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute and the Dispute Resolution Institute.

## ■ Admission

Admission to the School of Law is competitive, with more than 3,000 applications competing for approximately 180–190 seats in the Day Program and 40–45 seats in the Evening Program. Students are admitted for the fall semester only on a rolling admission basis. Applicants are evaluated for admission based on a range of attributes, including academic achievement, performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), personal and professional experiences, intelligence and reasoning ability, individuality of thought and creativity, initiative and motivation, judgment and maturity, oral and written communication skills, integrity, leadership ability, and their potential contribution to the legal profession.

Because it is presumed that Evening Program students will have full-time employment, the Admissions Committee places greater weight on the quantifiable performance predictors for applicants to the Evening Program. Electronic applications for admission are accepted from October 1 through March 31 via our website at [www.nccu.edu/law](http://www.nccu.edu/law) or the Law School Admission Council's website at [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org).

Please note: Prospective applicants should view the School of Law website at [www.nccu.edu/law](http://www.nccu.edu/law) for information regarding the School of Law.

## ■ Performance-based Admission Program (PBAP)

As part of its commitment to the school's mission, North Carolina Central offers prospective students opportunities to gain admission through its Performance-based Admissions Program (PBAP). The PBAP enables applicants whose numerical predictors fall below the presumptively admissible range to demonstrate their ability through a rigorous two-week, noncredit program in the spring. The Office of Admissions selects PBAP participants based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to: a history of below-average standardized test scores followed by academic achievement, work experience, a significant time lapse between the undergraduate degree and law school application, and students who come from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. Students who successfully complete PBAP are then offered admission to NCCU's Day or Evening Program.

## ■ Student Organizations

The *North Carolina Central Law Review* is devoted to a broad range of legal topics submitted by legal scholars, attorneys, and law students. Students are selected for membership based upon GPA and performance in the annual Law Review Writing Competition. The School of Law also has a student-run *Journal of Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law*.

The Moot Court Board consists of upper-class students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in appellate skills.

The Trial Advocacy Board consists of student teams who participate in mock jury trial competitions. The board has gained regional and national recognition for its excellence in trial advocacy.

Other student organizations include the Black Law Students Association, Christian Legal Society, Environmental Law Society, Hispanic Law Student Association, Innocence Project, Intellectual Property Society and Trademark Moot Court,

Native American Law Student Association, OutLaw Alliance, Public Interest Law Organization, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Women's Caucus, and legal fraternities.

## ■ Career Services

The Office of Career Services offers a range of career planning and development services, including career counseling, résumé and cover letter workshops, interview preparation including mock interviews, on-campus interviews and résumé collections, job postings and information sessions, and panel discussions on legal careers. Graduates find employment in law firms, corporations, state and federal government agencies, public interest organizations, the judiciary, and the military.

## ■ Financial Aid

For information about financial aid, please visit our website at [www.nccu.edu/law/admissions/financial.html](http://www.nccu.edu/law/admissions/financial.html).

## ■ Tuition and Expenses

NCCU School of Law provides one of the most cost effective legal educations in the country. For information on tuition, fees, and expenses, please visit our website at [www.nccu.edu/law/admissions/expenses.html](http://www.nccu.edu/law/admissions/expenses.html) or contact Student Accounting at 919.530.5071.

## ■ Housing

Limited on-campus housing is available for single law students. Write the Department of Residential Life, North Carolina Central University, PO Box 19382, Durham, NC 27707, or call 919.530.6227.

## Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	GPA																				Totals		
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170–174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
165–169	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3
160–164	5	2	11	5	9	1	11	4	7	4	6	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	56	22	
155–159	13	8	24	14	22	9	34	9	29	7	16	3	6	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	153	50	
150–154	20	10	48	22	69	29	72	30	56	9	32	4	16	1	7	1	1	0	3	1	324	107	
145–149	17	6	72	29	118	48	123	41	105	17	86	6	43	1	23	0	5	0	4	0	596	148	
140–144	19	11	47	16	113	27	128	35	117	10	97	7	50	2	27	1	8	0	18	1	624	110	
135–139	8	1	24	7	52	7	51	4	82	2	47	2	33	0	11	0	4	0	18	2	330	25	
130–134	5	0	2	0	14	0	20	1	16	0	17	0	16	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	102	1	
125–129	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0	4	0	6	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total	89	39	230	94	402	122	445	124	418	49	307	26	170	5	86	2	19	0	52	5	2218	466	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.

This chart is to be used as a general guide only. Nonnumerical factors are strongly considered for all applicants.