

West Virginia University College of Law

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■ Introduction

The College of Law, established in 1878, is the oldest professional school at West Virginia University. The university is located in Morgantown, West Virginia. Within a 500-mile radius of Morgantown is half of the population of the United States and one third of the population of Canada. The College of Law has been a member of the AALS since 1914 and was fully accredited by the ABA in 1923. The college has had a chapter of the Order of the Coif since 1925.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The College of Law facility measures 131,966 square feet and provides a spacious learning community for law students. The law center is home to six classrooms, two courtrooms, a distance learning center, financial aid, career services, and a law bookstore. Ample parking at the law center is available by permit for all law students.

The George R. Farmer Jr. Law Library, a three-story, 32,476-square-foot facility with 40,386 feet of shelving space, is home to the largest law library in the state of West Virginia. The law library is comprehensive in scope with a collection of over 300,000 volumes and equivalents. The library provides access to 42 networked computers, including the Carlin Computer Lab, a 16-computer teaching lab.

The Student Recreation Center is a \$34 million, 177,000-square-foot facility complete with two swimming pools and a massive 50-foot climbing wall that stretches up through the center of the three-story building. The center also houses a wellness center, a resource library, a study area, a food-service operation, a small classroom, a meeting/conference room, and socialization areas.

■ Curriculum

Subject to modification, 91 hours are required for graduation. The 31-hour first-year curriculum is specified. The second- and third-year programs offer a number of course options and possibilities for concentration.

Students have the option, after being admitted, to request enrollment in the part-time program that offers daytime courses congruently with the full-time program. There is not a separate nighttime track.

■ Student Activities

West Virginia University College of Law has over 30 student organizations. The Student Bar Association is the student government of the school. The *West Virginia Law Review* is the fourth oldest student-governed law review in the nation and selects members on the basis of performance during their first year in law school and a writing competition. An active Moot Court Program is conducted at the law school.

■ Opportunities for Minority Students

The College of Law is committed to maintaining a diverse student body by welcoming students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession.

The Meredith Career Services Center assists minority students with securing summer employment through a Minority Clerkship Program. The College of Law also participates in the Southeast Minority Job Fair in Atlanta, a regional job fair that brings together employers and minority students. Student organizations, such as the Black Law Students Association, provide additional opportunities for minority students.

■ Career Services

The Career Services office provides career counseling, professional development workshops, interview programs, and job-search strategy sessions as part of a comprehensive career services program. Our graduates work in diverse settings throughout the United States and abroad, including law firms, courts, government agencies, public service organizations, corporations, and colleges and universities. The goals of the Career Services office are to educate students about possible careers in the law, encourage them to identify and set career goals, and assist them in achieving those goals. Please visit http://law.wvu.edu/career_services for more information.

■ Admission

The College of Law admits first-year students only in the first (fall) semester. No specific prelaw curriculum is required for admission. The college subscribes to the suggestions on prelaw study in this book and stresses the value of college courses that require extensive analytic skills and writing assignments.

Students are admitted to the College of Law on the basis of previous academic performance, scores on the Law School Admission Test, personal statements, letters of recommendation, and such other factors that bear upon the potential professional qualifications of the applicant as determined by the College of Law.

Applications are accepted beginning September 1 of each year for the class to be admitted to begin their studies the following August. Those accepted are required to make a seat deposit within a designated period, but not before April 1. The required seat deposit amount for residents is \$200 and \$400 for nonresidents, which is credited toward your tuition and fees for the fall semester.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Although WVU's reasonable tuition and fees are an excellent value, the College of Law recognizes that many students may not be able to afford the full cost of a legal education without financial assistance. Limited funds in the form of tuition waivers, scholarships, and college work-study are available each year through the university. Even if the student has not been accepted to the College of Law, he or she should apply for financial aid by March 1. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed in order to receive any financial assistance, including all need-based scholarships. Students must complete the FAFSA each year in order to be considered for financial aid.

More information may be obtained by contacting Eric Meadows, Financial Aid Counselor, PO Box 6130, Morgantown, WV 26506-6130; phone: 304.293.5302; e-mail: eric.meadows@mail.wvu.edu.

■ Housing

The majority of our students live off campus in private housing. The university's Student Life office assists students by providing information about off-campus housing options. You may contact them at 304.293.5611 or visit their website at www.studentlife.wvu.edu.

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	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
165-169	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	
160-164	14	12	3	2	2	1	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	27	
155-159	17	15	19	19	24	21	19	13	16	8	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	78	
150-154	37	31	52	39	61	31	54	24	36	10	5	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	252	137		
145-149	36	16	43	15	66	12	48	4	35	1	22	2	13	1	3	2	2	0	3	0	271	53		
140-144	8	0	26	2	27	4	30	3	21	1	15	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	141	11		
135-139	1	0	7	1	9	0	9	0	12	1	6	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	56	2		
130-134	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	11	0		
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0		
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	120	78	150	78	190	69	165	47	126	25	58	9	32	4	10	2	4	0	16	0	871	312		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.