

University of Oklahoma College of Law

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■ Introduction

The University of Oklahoma College of Law is located on the main campus of the university in Norman, a city of approximately 100,000 adjacent to the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The college was founded in 1909 and joined the membership of the Association of American Law Schools in 1911. The law school has been accredited by the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar since that list was first published in 1923.

The College of Law is housed in beautiful Andrew M. Coats Hall, located on the south part of the university campus. A substantial addition to the existing building was completed in 2002. It has the most significant law library in Oklahoma and houses three courtrooms for training and enrichment purposes. The entering classes are limited to 175 students so that the first-year sections consist of not more than 45 students. Admission is very competitive. More than 95 percent of the students admitted will graduate. More than 95 percent will pass the bar exam on their first try, and more than 95 percent will have employment using their legal skills within three months of graduation.

The College of Law benefits from being part of a strong university community. The University of Oklahoma, the state's flagship university, is a major doctoral degree-granting research university. Founded in 1890, the university has 18 colleges.

■ Admission

The College of Law utilizes a rolling admission process. A faculty committee meets regularly throughout the academic year to review applications. Admission to the College of Law is highly competitive, and many factors are considered in the selection process. Although considerable weight is given to undergraduate grade-point average and performance on the LSAT, thoughtful attention is also given to an applicant's extracurricular activities, employment experience, graduate studies, military service, adjustments to personal difficulties, and other relevant factors.

In addition to the regular fall entering class, the College of Law conducts a special Early Admission Program each summer. Admission is offered to a select group of approximately 20 students whose statistical scores may not meet the current standards for regular admission, but who have demonstrated a probable capacity for success in the study and practice of law. Students in the program receive five hours of credit for the summer study and then join the fall class.

■ International Programs

For the 35th year, the College of Law will conduct a summer program at Oxford University for American law students. The program affords students an opportunity to live and study in stimulating and beautiful surroundings under the guidance of American and English legal educators. Other opportunities exist for foreign study abroad in almost any country in which a student wishes to study.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Andrew M. Coats Hall provides 170,000 square feet of instructional space for its programs. The modern facility provides wireless Internet access and multimedia technology in classrooms, the library, and student areas. The building features three courtrooms, one of which has seating for 250 persons and is equipped with the latest in technological innovations. The library offers access to electronic Web-based services and maintains over 350,000 volumes and equivalents and also contains one of the nation's largest Native People's collections.

■ Student Activities

The College of Law sponsors three major student-directed journals, the *Oklahoma Law Review*, the *American Indian Law Review*, and the recently created *Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology*, an online review, which focuses on intellectual property law.

Since 1948, the *Oklahoma Law Review* has been published quarterly to give expression to legal scholarship nationally and to serve the profession and the public with timely discussion of important legal issues.

The *American Indian Law Review*, published biannually, serves as a nationwide scholarly forum for the presentation of important developments in Indian law and affairs. The *Review* offers in-depth articles written by nationally recognized experts on a wide range of issues in the rapidly expanding field of Indian law.

The *Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology* is a Web-based collection of important articles on the various aspects of intellectual property. The student Board of Editors continually monitors and updates the articles and other material on the website.

The College of Law provides opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of extracurricular interscholastic appellate moot court, counseling and interviewing, negotiation, and trial advocacy competitions. The student Board of Advocates works closely with the students to facilitate participation in these competitions and provide intramural competitions for 1L and upper-level students.

All students at the College of Law may join a wide variety of organizations and participate in many kinds of extracurricular activities. The law school has an active Student Bar Association, affiliated with the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. The student-elected Board of Governors supervises student activities and works with the faculty and administration of the law school.

■ Career Services

The College of Law's Office of Professional and Career Development provides comprehensive professional planning and placement services to all students. The director, the associate director, and the assistant dean for external affairs work personally with students on the entire range of career development services, including offering workshops on interviewing and résumé and cover letter writing, using Web-based resources, scheduling on-campus interviews,

and providing individual counseling. The office works closely with law firms, government agencies, judges, and alumni around the country to expand employment opportunities for graduates.

Employment opportunities have continually expanded for University of Oklahoma law graduates, and the market placement has been very strong. In recent years, over 95 percent of graduates consistently are employed within nine months of graduation, placing the College of Law among the

upper echelon of schools nationally. Approximately two-thirds of the college's graduates practice in Oklahoma. The other one-third are found in all 50 states and 14 foreign countries, with concentrations in Texas; Washington, DC; and California. In addition to traditional legal careers as attorneys, prosecutors, and judges, University of Oklahoma law graduates work in areas such as corporate management, banking, journalism, public service, government, entrepreneurial enterprises, teaching, and academia.

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	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	
165–169	10	10	10	9	11	9	5	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	31		
160–164	37	32	22	15	24	17	24	11	9	2	8	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	134	77		
155–159	60	29	66	27	84	29	41	24	22	7	18	3	5	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	301	120		
150–154	62	28	87	26	78	12	55	10	29	0	8	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	333	77		
145–149	23	3	28	5	32	0	39	1	20	2	11	1	9	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	171	12		
140–144	5	0	10	1	14	0	14	0	17	0	6	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	77	1		
135–139	0	0	2	0	7	1	5	0	5	0	8	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	36	1		
130–134	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	16	0		
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0		
120–124	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Total	199	103	227	83	254	69	187	48	105	12	67	5	39	0	15	1	3	0	22	1	1118	322		

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