2014 NALP Directory of Law Schools

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I. DESCRIPTION OF LAW SCHOOL DEGREE PROGRAMS

A. Enrollment: 2013-2014 Academic Year

No. course hours required to graduate: 90
Comments:

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<tr>
<th>'13-'14 Year</th>
<th>Class Size</th>
<th>Men</th>
<th>Women</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st Yr.</td>
<td>162</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>2nd Yr.</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>96</td>
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<td>3rd Yr.</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>102</td>
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<td>4th Yr.</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>520</td>
<td>291</td>
<td>229</td>
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See comments online.
Do you offer LL.M. degrees? Y Is the LL.M. grading system equivalent to the JD system? Y
Do you offer joint degree programs? Y See online for complete listing of LL.M. and joint degree fields of study. Refer to “Explanation of grading system” section on next page for additional grading information.

B. Admissions Profile for Fall 2013 Entering Class (J.D. candidates only)

- 2614 Applications received
  - 162 Size of entering class
  - 107 No. undergraduate colleges represented
  - 24 No. states represented (incl. D.C.)
  - 6 In-state enrollments
  - 156 Out-of-state enrollments
  - 5 Foreign countries represented (incl. those in U.S. with both temporary and permanent visas)

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<tr>
<th>Grade Point Average</th>
<th>Law School Admission Test</th>
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<td>25%</td>
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<td>50%</td>
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<td>75%</td>
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<td>Overall</td>
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In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Y
If not, what percentage is not included and why? Students with accommodated LSAT scores or GPAs from foreign institutions were excluded in accordance with ABA reporting guidelines. Less than one percent was excluded from the LSAT calculation for accommodated scores. One percent was excluded for the GPA calculation.

C. J.D. Program 2014-2015 Academic Year (if dates are known; if not use 2013-2014 dates)

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<tr>
<th>Semester begin date</th>
<th>Semester end date</th>
<th>Date finals end</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>08/25/2014</td>
<td>12/09/2014</td>
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<td>12/20/2014</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>01/12/2015</td>
<td>04/28/2015</td>
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<td>05/12/2015</td>
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Semester break dates: from 10/18/2014 to 10/26/2014; Spring break dates: from 03/07/2015 to 03/15/2015

Clinical Courses/Programs Offered
- Economic Justice Clinic
- Community Development Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Notre Dame Law in Chicago program
- Seventh Circuit Practice Externship
- Public Defender Externship
- Intercollegiate Athletics Externship
- Appalachian Externship
- Advanced Criminal Defense Externship

Special training and certification programs:

Moot Court Program: Is moot court a required program? Y
Please describe program, including when students participate, how board members are selected, etc.
First year moot court appellate argument is required. Second and third year Moot Court teams are based on competition.

Law Journals/Reviews

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<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>No. of students</th>
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<tr>
<td>Notre Dame Law Review</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Journal of College &amp; University Law</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Journal of Legislation</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Journal of Law, Ethics &amp; Public Policy*</td>
<td>47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Journal of Int'l &amp; Comparative Law</td>
<td>34</td>
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Selection criteria
- Grades
- Write-on
- Interview
- Other

Y JLEPP requires a personal statement

See further description online.

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List student organizations (including minority/diversity organizations):

- Student Bar Association (SBA)
- St. Thomas More Society
- Federalist Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
- Military Law Students Association
- Married Law Students Association
- Public Interest Law Forum
- Jewish Law Students Society
- Asian Law Students Association (ALSA)
- Native American Law Students Association (NALSA)
- American Constitutional Society
- Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
- International Human Rights Law Society
- Law & Humanities Forum
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- International Law Society
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Christian Legal Society
- Legal Voices for Children & Youth
- Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA)
- ACLU
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Business Law Forum
- Sports, Communication & Entertainment Law Forum
- Health Law Society
- Innocence Project Club
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Sports, Communication & Entertainment Law Forum
- Christian Legal Society
- Women's Legal Forum
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D. Explanation of Grading System

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<th>Letter grades</th>
<th>Other grade system?</th>
<th>Numerical equivalents (e.g., A=4 or 90)</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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Minimum grade required to attain: 2.000

E. Academic Awards

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<tr>
<th>Graduation Honors</th>
<th>% of class receiving</th>
<th>GPA required (if calculated)</th>
<th># of students</th>
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<td>Order of the Coif</td>
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<tr>
<td>Summa cum laude</td>
<td>3.8</td>
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<td>Magna cum laude</td>
<td>3.6</td>
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<td>Cum laude</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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F. Areas of Practice and Employment for Most Recent Graduating Class

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Areas of Practice</th>
<th>% of employed students with job in area</th>
<th>Employment locations</th>
<th>% of students who are in region</th>
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<tr>
<td>Private practice</td>
<td>58.5</td>
<td>New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)</td>
<td>5.0</td>
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<td>Business/Industry</td>
<td>11.3</td>
<td>Middle Atlantic (NJ, NY, PA)</td>
<td>10.1</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>12.6</td>
<td>East North Central (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)</td>
<td>34.6</td>
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<td>Judicial clerkship</td>
<td>11.3</td>
<td>West North Central (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)</td>
<td>3.1</td>
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<td>Military</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>South Atlantic (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)</td>
<td>18.9</td>
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<td>Public Interest Org.</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>East South Central (AL, KY, MS, TN)</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<td>Academic</td>
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<td>West South Central (AR, LA, OK, TX)</td>
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<td>Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)</td>
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<td>Include both legal and non-legal positions.</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>Pacific (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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Jurisdictions (states, cities, etc.) employing largest # of graduates (up to 10):
- Illinois, Indiana, California, Washington DC, New York

* Information in Section F is for the Class of 2013.
II. CAREER COUNSELING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A. On-Campus Interviews (OCI)

1. Reservations:

Week when invitations are mailed to employers: \textbf{January 2014}

OCI requests accepted by:

\begin{itemize}
  \item Mail beginning date: 01/20/2014
  \item Phone beginning date: 01/20/2014
  \item Email beginning date: 01/20/2014
  \item Online beginning date: 01/20/2014
\end{itemize}

OCI date assignment procedure:

\begin{itemize}
  \item first come, first served
  \item random
  \item early/late rotation
  \item out-of-state employer by geographic location
\end{itemize}

OCI fee? \textbf{No, $250 voluntary contribution requested for Public Interest Law Foundation.}

OCI date confirmation will be sent to employers upon acceptance of request.

If requested, our school will coordinate OCI dates with:

2. Required Employer Forms (please describe)

Employers must agree to our non-discrimination policy.

3. OCI Dates for

\begin{itemize}
  \item August from 08/11/2014 to 08/29/2014
  \item Fall from 09/02/2014 to 11/21/2014
  \item Spring from 01/19/2015 to 04/22/2015
\end{itemize}

Is video conferencing available? \textbf{Y}

Comments: \textit{Spring OCI are arranged by employer request without formal program dates. We offer partial or full interview schedules anytime via Polycom, Skype or any web-based program. Students in our London program participate in OCI via videoconference.}

4. Student Resume Selection Process

Are employers permitted to prescreen? \textbf{Y}

If no, explain system: \textit{Employers are permitted to pre-screen to fill 70% of the interview slots. We use a lottery system to fill the remaining 30% from the pool of qualifying bids.}

5. Pre-OCI Material Distribution

OCI drop date: \textbf{01/20/2014}

Date student materials sent to employer \textbf{01/20/2014}

Date interview schedule sent to employer \textbf{01/20/2014}

Postage/express mail fee? \textbf{N}

Comments: \textit{The OCI season is broken into phases, each containing its own schedule for student bidding and employer pre-screening. Schedules are published at least one week prior to interview dates. Employers have direct access to all materials through Symplicity.}

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? \textbf{Y}

Are all OCIs conducted in campus buildings? \textbf{Y}

All interviews are held in Biolchini Hall of Law.

B. Other Interview Programs

If you participate in cooperative/consortia/other interview programs, please provide information about participating schools, dates, locations, etc.

1. Cooperative/Consortia, Regional and Other Programs

This year, Notre Dame Law School will hold an off-campus interview program in New York City. Open only to Notre Dame students, employers interview students who are interested in and have traveled to New York City. There is no employer registration fee for participation.

Notre Dame is a member of The Law Consortium and will participate in off-campus interview programs in Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington DC with the TLC member schools.

Notre Dame is a part of the Chicago Area Law School Consortium and, as a member, helps plan and execute the annual Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference. Our students attend MPIILCC each year.


Notre Dame students also participate in a wide variety of diversity job fairs (see below).

2. Diversity Interview Programs

\begin{itemize}
  \item National BLSA Midwest Minority Job Fair
  \item Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair
  \item Minnesota Minority Job Fair
  \item DuPont Legal Minority Job Fair
  \item Latino Law Student Job Fair
  \item St. Louis Diversity Job Fair
  \item Northwest Minority Job Fair
  \item Virginia Bar Association Diversity Job Fair
  \item IMPACT Career Fair
  \item Vault/MCCA Legal Diversity Career Fair
  \item Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair
  \item Tri-State Diversity Recruitment Conference
  \item Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair
  \item Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair
  \item Boston Lawyers Group Job Fair
  \item Bay Area Diversity Career Fair
\end{itemize}

We maintain an evolving and updated list of events for all students, with registration information and links to each sponsoring organization, on our website.
C. Job Postings for Students/Alumni — please describe your job posting procedure for students and alumni:

Jobs are posted daily as received for students and alumni through Symplicity, to which all students and alumni have access via any computer with an Internet connection. Job postings may be entered directly into Symplicity through an employer account or sent to lawjobs@nd.edu. We also have a job posting request form on our website. Employer preferences are accommodated, including resume submission method, length of posting, etc. Employers have the option to receive application materials via email as they are submitted or they can request to have a packet with all materials sent together on the day they choose. This service is free of charge.

D. First-Year Students — describe any special regulations pertaining to the recruiting of first-year students in addition to the NALP guidelines. For example, are first-year students eligible for spring OCI? When are job notices posted during second semester?

First-year students are eligible to participate in Spring OCI. We post job opportunities in the fall semester and inform/remind students of the NALP guideline relating to employer contact on/after December 1.

E. Diversity & Professional Development Programs — please describe:

The CDO publicizes diversity scholarships, diversity fellowships and job fairs to students. Our Diversity Initiatives Advisor works with student affinity groups to help plan career-related programming. And we work with individual students to create tailored professional development plans.

F. Pro Bono Programs/Opportunities — please describe:

The Law School offers a variety of formal and informal pro bono opportunities. The unique GALILEE program provides first-year students with a unique opportunity to explore urban-poverty issues through a three or four day immersion program visiting public interest lawyers around the country. Following the first year of law school, law students may engage in direct representation of low-income clients through the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center and a growing externship program including placements in South Bend, Chicago, Indianapolis and Appalachia. The Law School has a formal Small Business Pro Bono project in partnership with the Mendoza School of Business and the St. Joseph County Bar Association through which students provide legal advice to area small businesses. The Law School also offers opportunities to prepare tax returns for low income wage earners through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

G. Non-discrimination Policy — please provide your school’s non-discrimination policy:

The Career Development Office complies with the American Bar Association and the AALS requirements that all employers to whom we provide assistance and facilities for interviewing and other placement functions observe the principles of equal opportunity to obtain employment without discrimination or segregation on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability or unlawful discrimination on the basis of religion.
Founded in 1869 and consistently ranked as one of the top law schools in the country, Notre Dame is proud of its rich tradition of scholarly excellence. It is the oldest Catholic law school in the country, as well as the third-oldest law school in continuous operation since its founding. It is accredited by the ABA and approved by the AALS.

The Notre Dame program aims to educate men and women to become lawyers of extraordinary professional competence who possess a partisanship for justice, the ability to respond to human need, and compassion for their clients and colleagues. Upon graduation, the Notre Dame lawyer is thoroughly trained in the law and, drawing on Notre Dame's rich heritage, is imbued with the moral and ethical value essential in the legal profession today.

Notre Dame is a highly competitive law school. Each Notre Dame law student is selected by a faculty committee, which carefully evaluates many factors including LSAT scores, undergraduate academic performance, extracurricular activities, work experience and community service. As a result of this personal attention to the admissions process, the student body consists of individuals with diverse talents and strong academic credentials.

Thirty-seven percent of the law school curriculum is required.

Notre Dame Law School has one of the highest bar-passage rates of any national law school and has had a number of graduates obtain clerkships with the United States Supreme Court.

J.D. candidates can enhance their legal education through a number of joint-degree programs including: the J.D./M.B.A. program; the J.D./M.A. in English program; and the J.D./M.A. in Peace Studies program. Through the Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame offers an LL.M. degree in international comparative law to practicing attorneys from common-law and civil-law countries.

Notre Dame's trial-advocacy program consistently places among the nation's top-ten programs. The Law School also offers Moot Court-Appellate, Moot Court-Trial, and Moot Court-International programs for second- and third-year students. The Law School's four student-edited legal publications include: the Notre Dame Law Review, the Journal of College and University Law, the Journal of Legislation, and the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy.