

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:

No. J.D. Students Enrolled	
Full-time	520
Evening	0
Part-time	0
Other	0
TOTAL	520

Composition of Enrollment (please enter numbers, not percentages)															
'13-'14 Year	Class Size	Men	Women	Black		Asian/Pacific Islander		Hispanic		Amer. Ind/Alaskan		Disabled		Openly GLBT	
				Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1st Yr.	162	93	69	6	1	5	7	9	9	0	1	0	1	0	0
2nd Yr.	180	96	84	6	3	3	3	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Yr.	178	102	76	5	9	4	7	11	11	3	0	0	0	0	0
4th Yr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	520	291	229	17	13	12	17	28	28	3	1	0	1	0	0

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

	Grade Point Average			Law School Admission Test			
	25%	50%	75%	25%	50%	75%	
Full-time	3.39	3.60	3.75	Full-time	160	163	165
Part-time				Part-time			
Overall	3.39	3.60	3.75	Overall	160	163	165

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? **N**

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)

	Semester begin date	Semester end date	Date finals end
Fall	08/25/2014	12/09/2014	12/20/2014
Spring	01/12/2015	04/28/2015	05/12/2015

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	Enrollment Based On
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 Appalachia Externship Advanced Criminal Defense Externship	For complete information on clinical programs and experiential learning, please visit our website. Simply go to https://law.nd.edu/academics/ and click on Clinics and Experiential Learning.

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	No. of students	Selection criteria			
		Grades	Write-on	Interview	Other
Notre Dame Law Review	50	Y	Y		
Journal of College & University Law	45	N	Y		
Journal of Legislation	44	N	Y		
Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*	47	N	Y		Y
Journal of Int'l & Comparative Law	34	N	Y		
* JLEPP requires a personal statement					

See further description online.

List student organizations (including minority/diversity organizations):

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| 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 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
Social Justice Forum
Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity
Legal Voices for Children & Youth
Jus Vitae
Women's Legal Forum
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA)
ACLU
Business Law Forum
Intellectual Property Law Society
Sports, Communication & Entertainment Law Forum
Health Law Society
Innocence Project Club |
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D. Explanation of Grading System

Letter grades	Other grade system?	Numerical equivalents (e.g., A=4 or 90)	Comment
A+	N/A		
A		4.0	
A-		3.667	
B+		3.333	
B		3.000	
B-		2.667	
C+		2.333	
C		2.000	
C-		1.667	
D		1.000	
F		0	

Minimum grade required to attain*:					Median GPA*	Minimum grade required for graduation*
Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 33%	Top 50%	Top 75%		
						2.000

* based on May 2013 graduation class

Do you have a pass/fail option? **Y** If so, please describe:

Offered at professor's discretion; students are allowed only 2 pass/fail courses over duration of law degree program.

Are students ranked in their class? **N** If so, how often?

Will the school verify student grades? **N** Please describe school's policy:

Employers may request an official or unofficial transcript from students directly.

E. Academic Awards

Graduation Honors:	% of class receiving	GPA required (if calculated)	# of students
Order of the Coif		N/A	
Summa cum laude		3.8	
Magna cum laude		3.6	
Cum laude		3.4	
Other			

Pre-Graduation Academic Awards (including Dean's List)

Name of award	Number awarded	Selection process
Dean's Award (in course name)	1 / course	Awarded for highest grade in course
Col. William J. Hoynes	1	GPA, leadership
Dean O'Meara	1	GPA, leadership
Farabaugh Prize	1	GPA, leadership
Legal Writing	1	Excellence in legal writing
Trial Advocacy	1 / class	Several different awards for excellence
Dean Link Award	1	Outstanding service in Social Justice
Dean Konop Award	1	Outstanding service in Legal Aid & Defense
ABA Negotiation Award	1	Excellence in the art of negotiation
Dean William O. McLean	1	Outstanding service to the law school
Nathan Burke Memorial Award	1	Best paper in copyright law
Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Award	1	Best paper in legal ethics
Indiana Bar Foundation	1	Students intending to practice in Indiana
Notre Dame Client Counseling Award	2	Competition
ABA Award in Health Law	1	Excellence in Health Law
Joseph Ciruolo Award	1	Personal achievement through adversity
Award in Law Ethics & Public Policy	1	Excellence in Law, Ethics & Public Policy
Award in Intellectual Property	1	Excellence in Intellectual Property
Award in Business	1	Excellence in Business
Award in Criminal Law	1	Excellence in Criminal Law
Dean's Circle		GPA

F. Areas of Practice and Employment for Most Recent Graduating Class

Areas of Practice	% of employed students with job in area	Employment locations	% of students who are in region
Private practice	58.5	New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)	5.0
Business/Industry	11.3	Middle Atlantic (NJ, NY, PA)	10.1
Government	12.6	East North Central (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)	34.6
Judicial clerkship	11.3	West North Central (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)	3.1
Military	3.1	South Atlantic (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)	18.9
Public Interest Org.	2.5	East South Central (AL, KY, MS, TN)	1.9
Academic	0.6	West South Central (AR, LA, OK, TX)	8.2
Job category not identified	0	Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)	8.2
Include both legal and non-legal positions.		Pacific (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)	9.4
		Non-US	0.6

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: January 2014

OCI requests accepted by:

- Mail beginning date 01/20/2014
 Phone beginning date 01/20/2014
 Email beginning date 01/20/2014 to awruble@nd.edu
 Online beginning date 01/20/2014 URL http://law.nd.edu/careers/employers/

Please specify any changes to OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during FALL 2014: **On-campus interviewing will begin August 11, 2014. Employers will be permitted to pre-screen 70% of the interview slots, with a lottery system filling the remaining 30%.**

OCI date assignment procedure:

- first come, first served random
 early/late rotation out-of-state employer by geographic location

Comments:

OCI fee? 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

August from 08/11/2014 to 08/29/2014
Fall from 09/02/2014 to 11/21/2014
Spring from 01/19/2015 to 04/22/2015

"Flyback" dates _____

Is video conferencing available? Y

Comments: **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? Y

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

5. Pre-OCI Material Distribution

OCI drop date: _____

Date student materials sent to employer _____

Date interview schedule sent to employer _____

Postage/express mail fee? _____

Comments: **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? Y

Are all OCIs conducted in campus buildings? Y If no, describe alternatives and reservation procedure:

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 MPILCC each year.

Notre Dame students participate in the Loyola Patent Law Interview Program and the Equal Justice Works Public Interest Career Conference.

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

2. Diversity Interview Programs

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

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.

H. Narrative

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.

I. Other Notes