



Undergraduate Majors of Applicants to ABA-Approved Law Schools

- These data display **Academic Year**. Academic year reflects the law school enrollment year. For example, academic year 2016 or 2016–2017 would indicate the academic year beginning in fall 2016 and extending into spring 2017.
- These data summarize valid LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs for all applicants to one or more ABA-accredited law schools for the year noted.
- All applicants must have a valid LSAT score, GPA, and major listed to be included.
- All applicants with a single major are counted once, but double majors are counted twice. Column sums will not sum to the published numbers of applicants.
- All majors listed are undergraduate majors only, and graduate degrees or majors are excluded.
- Majors with fewer than 5 applicant counts have been excluded from these tables.

Please Note:

It is important to treat these data with caution. It would be a mistake to infer from them that any one major is better than another in preparing students for the LSAT or, indeed, for law school itself. It is not possible to know whether or not the students whose data are captured here would have performed equally well on the LSAT regardless of their selected major.

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Applicants by Major: 2015–2016

Major Category	Major	All Applicants: Median GPA	All Applicants: Mean Highest LSAT	# of Applicants (A)	% of Total Applicants (B=A/SUM(A))	# of Admitted Applicants (C)	% of Applicants Admitted (D=C/A)	# of Applicants Enrolled (E)	% of Applicants Enrolled (F=E/A)
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	POLITICAL SCIENCE	3.35	153.39	12,693	18.12%	10,332	81.40%	9,030	71.14%
Other	ANY AREA NOT LISTED - OTHER	3.17	147.44	5,159	7.36%	3,310	64.16%	2,757	53.44%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3.20	145.80	3,857	5.51%	2,518	65.28%	2,106	54.60%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PSYCHOLOGY	3.32	152.46	3,778	5.39%	2,960	78.35%	2,564	67.87%
Arts & Humanities	ENGLISH	3.40	154.36	3,549	5.07%	2,839	79.99%	2,437	68.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	HISTORY	3.42	156.07	3,472	4.96%	2,942	84.74%	2,561	73.76%
Business & Management	ECONOMICS	3.47	158.84	2,717	3.88%	2,322	85.46%	1,943	71.51%
Arts & Humanities	PHILOSOPHY	3.41	157.97	2,294	3.27%	1,982	86.40%	1,736	75.68%
Arts & Humanities	ARTS & HUMANITIES - OTHER	3.40	153.43	2,135	3.05%	1,715	80.33%	1,444	67.63%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIOLOGY	3.23	150.24	2,055	2.93%	1,491	72.55%	1,266	61.61%

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Arts & Humanities	COMMUNICATIONS	3.31	151.02	1,809	2.58%	1,426	78.83%	1,195	66.06%
Business & Management	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	3.17	148.72	1,554	2.22%	1,047	67.37%	850	54.70%
Business & Management	FINANCE	3.35	154.01	1,468	2.10%	1,171	79.77%	980	66.76%
Arts & Humanities	LIBERAL ARTS	3.21	150.99	1,311	1.87%	936	71.40%	775	59.12%
Business & Management	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	3.18	149.14	1,085	1.55%	750	69.12%	624	57.51%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3.44	157.04	1,026	1.46%	878	85.58%	754	73.49%
Business & Management	ACCOUNTING	3.35	151.51	962	1.37%	705	73.28%	561	58.32%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ANY AREA NOT LISTED - OTHER	3.19	147.51	942	1.34%	642	68.15%	542	57.54%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	CRIMINOLOGY	3.26	149.07	931	1.33%	682	73.25%	562	60.37%
Arts & Humanities	SPANISH	3.50	154.32	906	1.29%	763	84.22%	659	72.74%

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Business & Management	MARKETING	3.18	151.11	902	1.29%	695	77.05%	591	65.52%
Natural Sciences	BIOLOGY, GENERAL	3.17	153.76	744	1.06%	604	81.18%	497	66.80%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	3.52	157.19	712	1.02%	592	83.15%	518	72.75%
Arts & Humanities	JOURNALISM	3.37	153.11	657	0.94%	520	79.15%	439	66.82%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIAL SCIENCES - OTHER	3.40	152.89	631	0.90%	481	76.23%	410	64.98%
Business & Management	BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT - OTHER	3.30	150.51	585	0.84%	431	73.68%	373	63.76%
Arts & Humanities	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3.44	154.52	538	0.77%	419	77.88%	340	63.20%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	GOVERNMENT/ SERVICE	3.39	156.06	513	0.73%	417	81.29%	361	70.37%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ANTHROPOLOGY	3.41	155.95	433	0.62%	356	82.22%	299	69.05%
Business & Management	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT/ ADMINISTRATION	3.19	147.98	394	0.56%	253	64.21%	190	48.22%

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Business & Management	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	3.29	151.73	380	0.54%	281	73.95%	234	61.58%
Natural Sciences	BIOLOGY, SPECIALIZATION	3.30	157.84	371	0.53%	301	81.13%	254	68.46%
Natural Sciences	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	3.37	156.47	366	0.52%	326	89.07%	276	75.41%
Arts & Humanities	RELIGION/RELIGIOUS STUDIES	3.47	156.85	352	0.50%	302	85.80%	252	71.59%
Arts & Humanities	FOREIGN LANGUAGES	3.53	156.82	349	0.50%	300	85.96%	244	69.91%
Arts & Humanities	FRENCH	3.56	156.99	343	0.49%	298	86.88%	258	75.22%
Arts & Humanities	MUSIC	3.51	155.45	322	0.46%	257	79.81%	220	68.32%
Arts & Humanities	CLASSICS	3.63	160.87	286	0.41%	259	90.56%	229	80.07%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	POLICY STUDIES	3.51	159.27	275	0.39%	241	87.64%	210	76.36%
Natural Sciences	MATHEMATICS	3.60	161.97	271	0.39%	230	84.87%	182	67.16%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIAL WORK	3.30	146.62	266	0.38%	157	59.02%	130	48.87%
Natural Sciences	CHEMISTRY, GENERAL	3.30	155.18	264	0.38%	202	76.52%	170	64.39%
Arts & Humanities	ART HISTORY	3.46	156.46	253	0.36%	212	83.79%	179	70.75%
Arts & Humanities	LITERATURE	3.49	156.91	240	0.34%	211	87.92%	185	77.08%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PUBLIC AFFAIRS/ SERVICES/ADMIN	3.22	149.92	219	0.31%	151	68.95%	133	60.73%
Health Professions	HEALTH PROFESSIONS - OTHER	3.08	148.35	211	0.30%	137	64.93%	111	52.61%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	WOMENS STUDIES	3.48	155.32	210	0.30%	176	83.81%	155	73.81%
Arts & Humanities	DRAMA/THEATRE ARTS	3.42	154.96	198	0.28%	154	77.78%	131	66.16%
Engineering	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	3.24	157.27	192	0.27%	159	82.81%	132	68.75%
Engineering	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	3.24	155.45	186	0.27%	146	78.49%	110	59.14%

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Natural Sciences	NATURAL SCIENCES - OTHER	3.26	153.49	171	0.24%	140	81.87%	108	63.16%
Arts & Humanities	FILM PRODUCTION	3.33	154.49	167	0.24%	130	77.84%	105	62.87%
Natural Sciences	BIOCHEMISTRY	3.46	157.82	151	0.22%	118	78.15%	99	65.56%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATION, GENERAL	3.32	150.55	149	0.21%	111	74.50%	89	59.73%
Health Professions	HEALTH/ KINESIOLOGY	3.12	150.64	145	0.21%	114	78.62%	85	58.62%
Business & Management	BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, GENERAL	3.22	152.14	129	0.18%	94	72.87%	78	60.47%
Computer Science	COMPUTER SCIENCE, GENERAL	3.31	156.02	126	0.18%	93	73.81%	75	59.52%
Arts & Humanities	GERMAN	3.57	157.59	125	0.18%	100	80.00%	86	68.80%
Arts & Humanities	LINGUISTICS	3.56	159.98	120	0.17%	105	87.50%	84	70.00%
Health Professions	NURSING	3.09	145.53	113	0.16%	69	61.06%	50	44.25%

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Arts & Humanities	ART/DESIGN	3.24	150.77	111	0.16%	84	75.68%	72	64.86%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	FAMILY RELATIONS/ CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3.31	150.60	109	0.16%	74	67.89%	64	58.72%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.09	147.11	107	0.15%	63	58.88%	48	44.86%
Engineering	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	3.36	159.51	106	0.15%	88	83.02%	72	67.92%
Natural Sciences	GEOGRAPHY	3.35	154.50	102	0.15%	84	82.35%	73	71.57%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	3.37	148.71	98	0.14%	69	70.41%	54	55.10%
Natural Sciences	PHYSICS, GENERAL	3.42	160.49	97	0.14%	81	83.51%	63	64.95%
Engineering	BIO/BIOMEDICAL	3.43	160.80	94	0.13%	81	86.17%	69	73.40%
Health Professions	PREMEDICAL/ MEDICINE	3.20	152.59	94	0.13%	72	76.60%	58	61.70%
Natural Sciences	AGRICULTURE	3.21	151.44	89	0.13%	74	83.15%	61	68.54%

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Computer Science	COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3.08	145.51	87	0.12%	42	48.28%	32	36.78%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SECONDARY EDUCATION	3.39	151.50	87	0.12%	73	83.91%	61	70.11%
Arts & Humanities	RUSSIAN	3.63	159.43	85	0.12%	73	85.88%	58	68.24%
Engineering	CIVIL ENGINEERING	3.05	154.81	85	0.12%	66	77.65%	53	62.35%
Health Professions	HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION	3.19	148.50	85	0.12%	65	76.47%	57	67.06%
Arts & Humanities	THEOLOGY	3.57	157.01	84	0.12%	73	86.90%	56	66.67%
Business & Management	HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT	3.29	150.77	78	0.11%	58	74.36%	47	60.26%
Arts & Humanities	PERFORMING ARTS	3.44	153.57	77	0.11%	58	75.32%	54	70.13%
Business & Management	ADVERTISING	3.30	151.34	74	0.11%	60	81.08%	53	71.62%
Engineering	ENGINEERING - OTHER	3.13	157.35	72	0.10%	61	84.72%	51	70.83%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	URBAN STUDIES/ REGIONAL PLANNING	3.47	153.85	70	0.10%	52	74.29%	40	57.14%
Arts & Humanities	FINE ARTS	3.28	151.79	64	0.09%	49	76.56%	36	56.25%
Computer Science	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3.25	152.06	53	0.08%	36	67.92%	24	45.28%
Natural Sciences	GEOLOGY/EARTH SCIENCES	3.34	155.18	52	0.07%	39	75.00%	36	69.23%
Business & Management	REAL ESTATE	3.07	150.52	48	0.07%	33	68.75%	27	56.25%
Business & Management	RECREATION MANAGEMENT	3.24	150.42	45	0.06%	39	86.67%	31	68.89%
Engineering	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	3.07	154.91	45	0.06%	30	66.67%	21	46.67%
Arts & Humanities	SPEECH	3.46	148.93	42	0.06%	33	78.57%	25	59.52%
Business & Management	INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT	3.36	155.56	42	0.06%	37	88.10%	31	73.81%
Health Professions	PHARMACY	3.10	149.29	41	0.06%	29	70.73%	22	53.66%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	AMERICAN CIVILIZATION	3.45	159.05	41	0.06%	35	85.37%	32	78.05%
Business & Management	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	3.64	159.44	40	0.06%	35	87.50%	26	65.00%
Engineering	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	3.12	155.59	37	0.05%	29	78.38%	24	64.86%
Natural Sciences	CHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZATION	3.14	153.17	37	0.05%	30	81.08%	28	75.68%
Arts & Humanities	VISUAL ARTS/ GRAPHICS	3.25	151.46	35	0.05%	23	65.71%	18	51.43%
Engineering	AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICAL	3.18	156.42	34	0.05%	23	67.65%	16	47.06%
Computer Science	COMPUTER SCIENCE - OTHER	3.25	147.88	32	0.05%	18	56.25%	14	43.75%
Arts & Humanities	ARCHITECTURE/ ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	3.34	155.14	29	0.04%	23	79.31%	18	62.07%
Health Professions	DIETETICS/ NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE	3.12	149.76	29	0.04%	19	65.52%	15	51.72%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.23	151.97	29	0.04%	25	86.21%	22	75.86%

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Computer Science	INFORMATION SCIENCES	3.20	146.30	27	0.04%	15	55.56%	11	40.74%
Business & Management	TRANSPORTATION AND COMMERCE	3.15	155.27	26	0.04%	22	84.62%	17	65.38%
Natural Sciences	STATISTICS	3.73	164.18	25	0.04%	19	76.00%	14	56.00%
Business & Management	BUSINESS EDUCATION	3.27	150.21	24	0.03%	18	75.00%	14	58.33%
Business & Management	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	2.90	141.50	24	0.03%	11	45.83%	9	37.50%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.62	156.33	24	0.03%	19	79.17%	18	75.00%
Natural Sciences	ZOOLOGY	2.98	152.77	22	0.03%	17	77.27%	12	54.55%
Arts & Humanities	LIBRARY STUDIES	3.00	145.28	20	0.03%	14	70.00%	12	60.00%
Engineering	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	3.09	155.28	19	0.03%	16	84.21%	10	52.63%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SPECIAL ED/ DISABILITIES/ HANDICAPPED	3.44	150.53	19	0.03%	15	78.95%	14	73.68%

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Engineering	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	2.98	148.33	18	0.03%	11	61.11%	9	50.00%
Health Professions	SPEECH PATHOLOGY/AUDIOLOGY	3.45	150.06	18	0.03%	14	77.78%	14	77.78%
Engineering	ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/DESIGN	2.87	144.81	17	0.02%	5	29.41%	4	23.53%
Natural Sciences	PHYSICS, SPECIALIZATION	3.32	161.25	17	0.02%	13	76.47%	8	47.06%
Computer Science	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	3.15	148.75	16	0.02%	11	68.75%	7	43.75%
Health Professions	ANIMAL SCIENCES/VETERINARY MEDICINE	3.32	152.27	15	0.02%	12	80.00%	10	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	3.31	149.50	15	0.02%	9	60.00%	9	60.00%
Engineering	NUCLEAR ENGINEERING	3.41	161.57	14	0.02%	13	92.86%	11	78.57%
Natural Sciences	MARINE STUDIES	3.21	159.14	14	0.02%	13	92.86%	10	71.43%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INDIAN STUDIES	3.05	150.69	14	0.02%	9	64.29%	7	50.00%

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Business & Management	INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT	2.52	142.58	13	0.02%	4	30.77%	3	23.08%
Business & Management	SALES/RETAIL	3.14	153.18	12	0.02%	9	75.00%	7	58.33%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	MILITARY SCIENCE	3.02	153.64	12	0.02%	9	75.00%	3	25.00%
Health Professions	MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGY/RADIOLOGY	3.05	144.18	11	0.02%	6	54.55%	5	45.45%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	3.08	143.91	11	0.02%	7	63.64%	3	27.27%
Arts & Humanities	HOME ECONOMICS	3.13	146.30	10	0.01%	5	50.00%	3	30.00%
Health Professions	PHYSICAL THERAPY	2.89	148.00	10	0.01%	7	70.00%	6	60.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ARCHEOLOGY	3.58	156.40	10	0.01%	8	80.00%	6	60.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION	3.10	146.40	10	0.01%	7	70.00%	5	50.00%
Engineering	ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	3.32	146.00	9	0.01%	3	33.33%	2	22.22%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	POLICE ADMINISTRATION	3.18	146.63	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	5	55.56%
Engineering	ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING	2.90	149.75	8	0.01%	6	75.00%	4	50.00%
Engineering	PETROLEUM ENGINEERING	3.06	152.00	8	0.01%	6	75.00%	5	62.50%
Engineering	SYSTEMS CONTROL ENGINEERING	3.12	158.75	8	0.01%	7	87.50%	5	62.50%
Natural Sciences	AVIATION SCIENCE	3.27	150.38	8	0.01%	7	87.50%	5	62.50%
Natural Sciences	FORESTRY	2.77	154.13	8	0.01%	7	87.50%	7	87.50%
Natural Sciences	PHYSICAL SCIENCES	2.95	152.25	8	0.01%	6	75.00%	2	25.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.63	154.43	8	0.01%	6	75.00%	6	75.00%
Arts & Humanities	PRACTICAL ARTS	3.07	149.71	7	0.01%	6	85.71%	4	57.14%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	GUIDANCE/ COUNSELING	2.78	139.71	7	0.01%	2	28.57%	1	14.29%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTER AMERICAN RELATIONS	3.49	154.57	7	0.01%	7	100.00%	5	71.43%
Health Professions	PREDENTISTRY/ DENTISTRY	2.89	139.20	5	0.01%	2	40.00%	1	20.00%
Natural Sciences	ASTRONOMY	3.79	161.80	5	0.01%	3	60.00%	3	60.00%
Natural Sciences	BOTANY	2.88	151.00	5	0.01%	3	60.00%	3	60.00%