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: 2016–2017

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Political Science	153.80	3.39	12,046	18.06%	9,701	80.53%	8,496	70.53%
Other	Any area not listed	148.40	3.21	4,401	6.60%	2,920	66.35%	2,434	55.31%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Psychology	152.59	3.35	3,669	5.50%	2,837	77.32%	2,448	66.72%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Criminal Justice	145.90	3.22	3,657	5.48%	2,320	63.44%	1,955	53.46%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	History	156.22	3.45	3,355	5.03%	2,844	84.77%	2,461	73.35%
Arts & Humanities	English	155.25	3.42	3,275	4.91%	2,683	81.92%	2,328	71.08%
Business & Management	Economics	158.93	3.47	2,696	4.04%	2,302	85.39%	1,995	74.00%
Arts & Humanities	Philosophy	157.53	3.43	2,154	3.23%	1,782	82.73%	1,536	71.31%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Sociology	150.71	3.29	1,972	2.96%	1,445	73.28%	1,259	63.84%
Arts & Humanities	Other Arts & Humanities	154.19	3.40	1,891	2.83%	1,468	77.63%	1,258	66.53%

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Arts & Humanities	Communications	151.20	3.32	1,821	2.73%	1,385	76.06%	1,204	66.12%
Business & Management	Business Administration	150.03	3.22	1,506	2.26%	1,034	68.66%	859	57.04%
Business & Management	Finance	154.76	3.36	1,405	2.11%	1,153	82.06%	980	69.75%
Arts & Humanities	Liberal Arts	151.81	3.25	1,166	1.75%	836	71.70%	717	61.49%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	International Relations	157.66	3.50	1,101	1.65%	922	83.74%	783	71.12%
Business & Management	Business Management	149.43	3.23	1,010	1.51%	708	70.10%	591	58.51%
Business & Management	Accounting	152.85	3.40	955	1.43%	740	77.49%	611	63.98%
Business & Management	Marketing	150.70	3.27	938	1.41%	724	77.19%	608	64.82%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Criminology	149.57	3.31	924	1.39%	699	75.65%	596	64.50%
Arts & Humanities	Spanish	153.91	3.49	900	1.35%	722	80.22%	622	69.11%

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Natural Sciences	Biology, General	154.74	3.19	760	1.14%	606	79.74%	509	66.97%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	International Studies	157.64	3.55	722	1.08%	608	84.21%	517	71.61%
Arts & Humanities	Journalism	153.89	3.42	686	1.03%	565	82.36%	472	68.80%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Prelaw	147.99	3.26	681	1.02%	477	70.04%	397	58.30%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Other Social Sciences	153.68	3.41	630	0.94%	465	73.81%	404	64.13%
Business & Management	Other Business & Management	151.23	3.32	543	0.81%	409	75.32%	341	62.80%
Arts & Humanities	Interdisciplinary Studies	154.90	3.45	538	0.81%	421	78.25%	343	63.75%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Anthropology	155.93	3.43	488	0.73%	401	82.17%	345	70.70%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Government/Service	157.37	3.44	477	0.72%	378	79.25%	326	68.34%
Natural Sciences	Environmental Sciences	156.69	3.42	429	0.64%	379	88.34%	329	76.69%

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Natural Sciences	Biology, Specialization	157.37	3.26	372	0.56%	319	85.75%	270	72.58%
Business & Management	International Business	151.19	3.28	365	0.55%	262	71.78%	219	60.00%
Business & Management	Business Management/Admin.	148.18	3.10	349	0.52%	219	62.75%	178	51.00%
Arts & Humanities	Foreign Languages	157.46	3.55	334	0.50%	276	82.63%	235	70.36%
Arts & Humanities	French	157.35	3.57	320	0.48%	267	83.44%	222	69.38%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Policy Studies	159.18	3.55	318	0.48%	268	84.28%	229	72.01%
Arts & Humanities	Music	157.40	3.58	313	0.47%	269	85.94%	227	72.52%
Arts & Humanities	Religion/Religious Studies	157.54	3.58	305	0.46%	249	81.64%	209	68.52%
Natural Sciences	Mathematics	161.46	3.54	296	0.44%	260	87.84%	218	73.65%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Social Work	147.79	3.37	269	0.40%	181	67.29%	156	57.99%

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Natural Sciences	Chemistry, General	156.21	3.27	250	0.37%	202	80.80%	169	67.60%
Arts & Humanities	Classics	160.17	3.57	242	0.36%	208	85.95%	180	74.38%
Health Professions	Other Health Professions	149.37	3.20	226	0.34%	141	62.39%	120	53.10%
Arts & Humanities	Art History	158.80	3.51	218	0.33%	187	85.78%	160	73.39%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Public Affairs/Services/Admin.	151.03	3.24	214	0.32%	145	67.76%	118	55.14%
Arts & Humanities	Literature	157.98	3.48	204	0.31%	174	85.29%	141	69.12%
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	156.47	3.24	201	0.30%	158	78.61%	119	59.20%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Women's Studies	156.14	3.52	186	0.28%	155	83.33%	132	70.97%
Arts & Humanities	Film Production	155.10	3.42	174	0.26%	142	81.61%	117	67.24%
Engineering	Electrical Engineering	156.37	3.24	173	0.26%	138	79.77%	104	60.12%

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Arts & Humanities	Drama/Theater Arts	156.12	3.44	168	0.25%	142	84.52%	122	72.62%
Natural Sciences	Other Natural Sciences	156.19	3.26	168	0.25%	142	84.52%	113	67.26%
Natural Sciences	Biochemistry	157.68	3.36	148	0.22%	119	80.41%	96	64.86%
Arts & Humanities	German	158.71	3.52	141	0.21%	123	87.23%	106	75.18%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	African American Studies	150.58	3.15	134	0.20%	98	73.13%	79	58.96%
Health Professions	Health/Kinesiology	151.75	3.13	131	0.20%	95	72.52%	83	63.36%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Family Relations/Child Development	148.81	3.24	128	0.19%	90	70.31%	83	64.84%
Arts & Humanities	Linguistics	160.24	3.57	123	0.18%	112	91.06%	97	78.86%
Health Professions	Nursing	147.09	3.24	123	0.18%	68	55.28%	52	42.28%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Education, General	150.14	3.32	116	0.17%	92	79.31%	81	69.83%

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Business & Management	Business & Commerce, General	152.39	3.22	115	0.17%	91	79.13%	77	66.96%
Engineering	Chemical Engineering	159.99	3.40	111	0.17%	97	87.39%	81	72.97%
Computer Science	Computer Science, General	157.87	3.34	109	0.16%	79	72.48%	59	54.13%
Health Professions	Premedical/Medicine	151.39	3.25	103	0.15%	75	72.82%	57	55.34%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Elementary Education	148.04	3.42	103	0.15%	74	71.84%	56	54.37%
Arts & Humanities	Art/Design	153.07	3.37	100	0.15%	73	73.00%	61	61.00%
Arts & Humanities	Russian	159.54	3.63	99	0.15%	85	85.86%	72	72.73%
Health Professions	Hospital/Health Care Admin.	146.46	3.19	99	0.15%	62	62.63%	56	56.57%
Natural Sciences	Physics, General	162.23	3.55	97	0.15%	79	81.44%	62	63.92%
Arts & Humanities	Performing Arts	155.95	3.49	96	0.14%	82	85.42%	71	73.96%

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Engineering	Civil Engineering	155.93	3.21	90	0.13%	74	82.22%	59	65.56%
Natural Sciences	Agriculture	152.27	3.36	87	0.13%	66	75.86%	59	67.82%
Business & Management	Hotel/Restaurant Management	150.04	3.16	85	0.13%	64	75.29%	52	61.18%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Secondary Education	153.39	3.44	84	0.13%	73	86.90%	63	75.00%
Engineering	Bio/Biomedical Engineering	160.67	3.37	83	0.12%	72	86.75%	63	75.90%
Arts & Humanities	Theology	155.99	3.55	80	0.12%	65	81.25%	51	63.75%
Natural Sciences	Geography	154.16	3.42	76	0.11%	55	72.37%	44	57.89%
Engineering	Other Engineering	157.29	3.17	72	0.11%	58	80.56%	50	69.44%
Computer Science	Computer Information Systems	143.92	3.07	68	0.10%	36	52.94%	29	42.65%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Urban Studies/Regional Planning	154.89	3.38	65	0.10%	54	83.08%	41	63.08%

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Arts & Humanities	Fine Arts	153.29	3.20	60	0.09%	45	75.00%	36	60.00%
Business & Management	Advertising	153.47	3.33	59	0.09%	45	76.27%	41	69.49%
Business & Management	Real Estate	152.45	3.25	59	0.09%	50	84.75%	39	66.10%
Business & Management	Industrial Relations	160.77	3.66	55	0.08%	43	78.18%	37	67.27%
Computer Science	Management Information Systems	149.81	3.23	55	0.08%	36	65.45%	27	49.09%
Natural Sciences	Geology/Earth Sciences	157.44	3.22	48	0.07%	39	81.25%	35	72.92%
Natural Sciences	Chemistry, Specialization	155.02	3.10	46	0.07%	39	84.78%	30	65.22%
Business & Management	Recreation Management	152.00	3.20	43	0.06%	37	86.05%	34	79.07%
Engineering	Computer Engineering	158.12	3.19	43	0.06%	31	72.09%	28	65.12%
Engineering	Industrial Engineering	153.13	3.18	40	0.06%	28	70.00%	26	65.00%

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Arts & Humanities	Visual Arts/Graphics	155.42	3.29	39	0.06%	28	71.79%	24	61.54%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	American Civilization	160.63	3.58	38	0.06%	32	84.21%	26	68.42%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Mexican American Studies	152.32	3.31	38	0.06%	28	73.68%	21	55.26%
Health Professions	Dietetics/Nutritional Science	151.15	3.27	35	0.05%	28	80.00%	24	68.57%
Computer Science	Other Computer Science	149.88	3.16	34	0.05%	22	64.71%	17	50.00%
Business & Management	Insurance & Risk Management	153.31	3.27	29	0.04%	25	86.21%	23	79.31%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Special Ed./Disabilities/ Handicapped	150.76	3.41	28	0.04%	22	78.57%	19	67.86%
Arts & Humanities	Architecture/ Environmental Design	155.96	3.38	26	0.04%	21	80.77%	19	73.08%
Arts & Humanities	Speech	151.54	3.11	26	0.04%	18	69.23%	13	50.00%
Engineering	Aerospace & Aeronautical	157.16	3.22	26	0.04%	17	65.38%	15	57.69%

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Engineering	Petroleum Engineering	152.19	3.21	26	0.04%	21	80.77%	13	50.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Law Enforcement	143.92	3.01	26	0.04%	17	65.38%	15	57.69%
Computer Science	Information Sciences	152.76	3.42	25	0.04%	17	68.00%	12	48.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Asian American Studies	155.36	3.34	25	0.04%	16	64.00%	13	52.00%
Health Professions	Speech Pathology/Audiology	148.87	3.46	24	0.04%	17	70.83%	16	66.67%
Natural Sciences	Statistics	162.96	3.56	24	0.04%	19	79.17%	15	62.50%
Business & Management	Industrial Management	147.33	2.89	23	0.03%	13	56.52%	12	52.17%
Natural Sciences	Physics, Specialization	162.57	3.40	21	0.03%	20	95.24%	16	76.19%
Business & Management	Sales/Retail	151.65	3.23	20	0.03%	14	70.00%	14	70.00%
Engineering	Environmental Engineering	159.06	3.03	20	0.03%	14	70.00%	12	60.00%

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Arts & Humanities	Library Studies	145.00	3.04	19	0.03%	11	57.89%	10	52.63%
Computer Science	Computer Programming	147.94	3.07	19	0.03%	11	57.89%	8	42.11%
Natural Sciences	Marine Studies	154.72	3.28	18	0.03%	16	88.89%	12	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Recreation & Leisure Services	145.53	2.88	18	0.03%	12	66.67%	11	61.11%
Business & Management	Business Education	146.80	3.19	16	0.02%	11	68.75%	10	62.50%
Business & Management	Transportation & Commerce	152.47	3.32	15	0.02%	13	86.67%	9	60.00%
Health Professions	Animal Sciences/Veterinary Med.	149.80	3.34	15	0.02%	13	86.67%	11	73.33%
Health Professions	Pharmacy	150.00	3.24	15	0.02%	9	60.00%	6	40.00%
Natural Sciences	Zoology	152.14	3.22	14	0.02%	10	71.43%	6	42.86%
Engineering	Engineering Technologies/Design	147.69	2.66	13	0.02%	5	38.46%	5	38.46%

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Health Professions	Physical Therapy	144.54	3.15	13	0.02%	8	61.54%	7	53.85%
Business & Management	Personnel Management	145.40	2.98	11	0.02%	5	45.45%	5	45.45%
Arts & Humanities	Home Economics	143.80	2.83	10	0.01%	4	40.00%	4	40.00%
Engineering	Nuclear Engineering	158.80	3.50	10	0.01%	9	90.00%	7	70.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Inter-American Relations	159.30	3.49	10	0.01%	9	90.00%	7	70.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Military Science	147.00	2.99	10	0.01%	7	70.00%	2	20.00%
Engineering	Construction Engineering	153.67	3.06	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	5	55.56%
Engineering	Electronic Engineering	154.78	3.04	9	0.01%	8	88.89%	6	66.67%
Engineering	Systems Control Engineering	157.78	3.25	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	5	55.56%
Health Professions	Medical Lab. Tech./Radiology	147.44	3.18	9	0.01%	6	66.67%	4	44.44%

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Natural Sciences	Forestry	160.33	3.22	9	0.01%	9	100.00%	8	88.89%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Archaeology	152.25	3.31	8	0.01%	6	75.00%	6	75.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Indian Studies	143.17	2.96	7	0.01%	3	42.86%	2	28.57%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Police Administration	144.29	3.03	7	0.01%	3	42.86%	2	28.57%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Education/ Administration	147.17	2.87	6	0.01%	3	50.00%	3	50.00%
Engineering	Mining Engineering	151.00	2.70	5	0.01%	1	20.00%	1	20.00%
Health Professions	Occupational Therapy	148.60	3.12	5	0.01%	4	80.00%	3	60.00%
Natural Sciences	Biophysics	163.00	3.69	5	0.01%	5	100.00%	5	100.00%
Natural Sciences	Physical Sciences	158.60	3.48	5	0.01%	5	100.00%	4	80.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Physical Education	146.20	3.48	5	0.01%	2	40.00%	2	40.00%