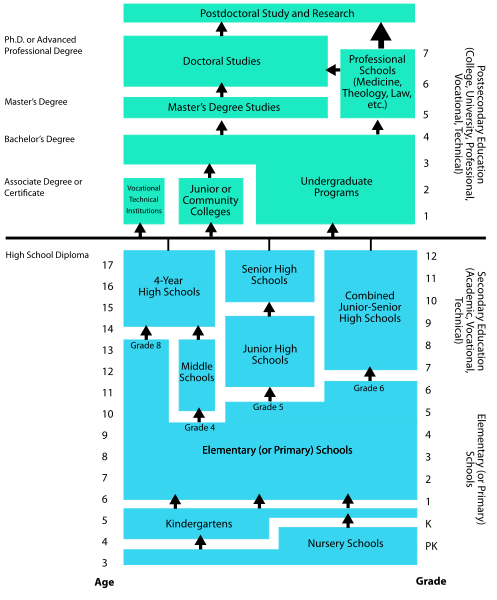
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**BA, JD, PhD (UCLA), California Bar Exam Licence**

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**Legal Practice in US**

In United States, The legal Practice can be divided in two times: Legal Education to become a lawyer and a Bar Admission to practice the profession.

# 1. Legal Education in the United States

The teenager goes first to a Junior High school (college) then a Senior High School (lycée).

1.1. College

In order to be accepted in a Law School, students must follow a basic four-year college or university degree. At the end of the College, the students obtain a BA, Bachelor of Arts, or a BS, Bachelor of sciences. The future lawyer generally chooses to get a BA degree.

During the four years of High School then of College, the student is successively named: Freshman (1st year), Sophomore (2nd year), Junior (3rd year) and Senior (4th year).

1.2. LSAT

After that, admission to practice as a lawyer requires completion of a degree program at one of the 175 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. In order to choose a Law School, the student must take the LSAT: Law School Admission Test. According to the number of points obtained with that test, they then are able to choose their Law School. At the end, they are JD, Juris Doctor.

1.3. Law schools

It normally takes three years of full-time work to receive a law degree.

In the first year, students generally are required to take broad introductory topics such as torts, contracts, criminal law and procedure, civil procedure, (real or personal) property and constitutional law.

The second and third years of law school allow students to concentrate on particular areas of the law such as business law, litigation, international or family law. In addition, those years often provide the student with the chance to get some legal experience through legal aid clinics and internships.

In addition to the studies, the best Law students usually write, in part, in law reviews or take part in Moot Court by recreating a trial before a panel of judges.

In the end of Legal Education, in order to legal practice, the students must be allowed to Bar. They have to sit for an exam: there is one exam for every state.

# 2. Bar Admissions

The general requirements for admission to the bar are similar throughout the fifty states. An applicant must have good moral character, be a resident or employed in the state, graduated from an accredited law school and pass a Bar examination and knowledge of professional ethics.

State Bar examinations generally consist of two parts. The first part is a Multi-state Bar Examination, which tests one’s knowledge in basic areas of the law. The second part is specifically focused on the law of the specific state.

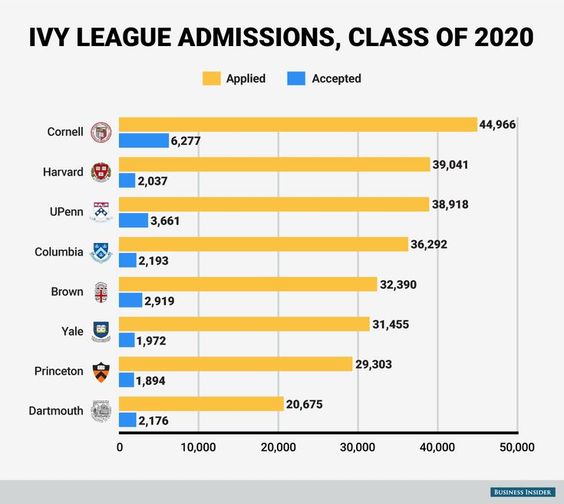
Upon admission to the bar an attorney normally must take an oath before the State Supreme Court declaring his or her obligations to the court, state, and country as an officer of the court, register with the court and receive a license to practice. A member of a bar of one state may be permitted to practice in another without further certification.

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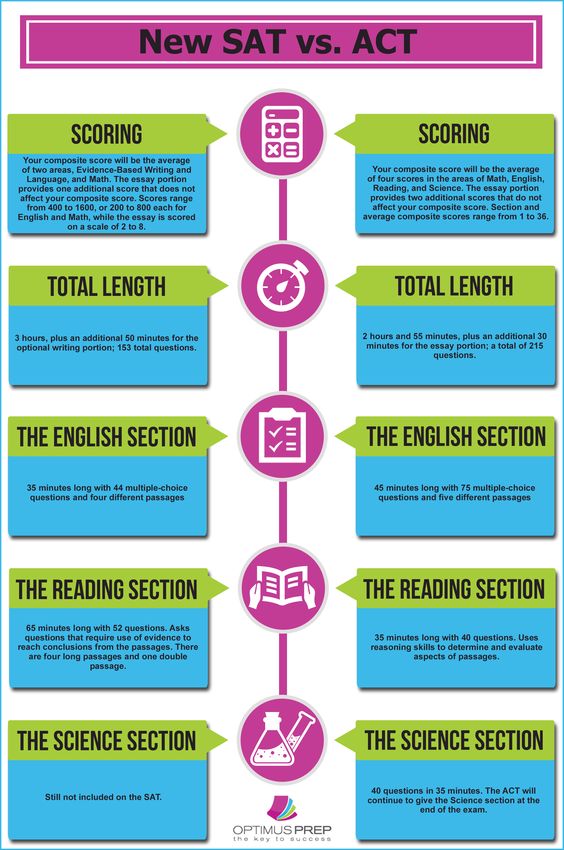
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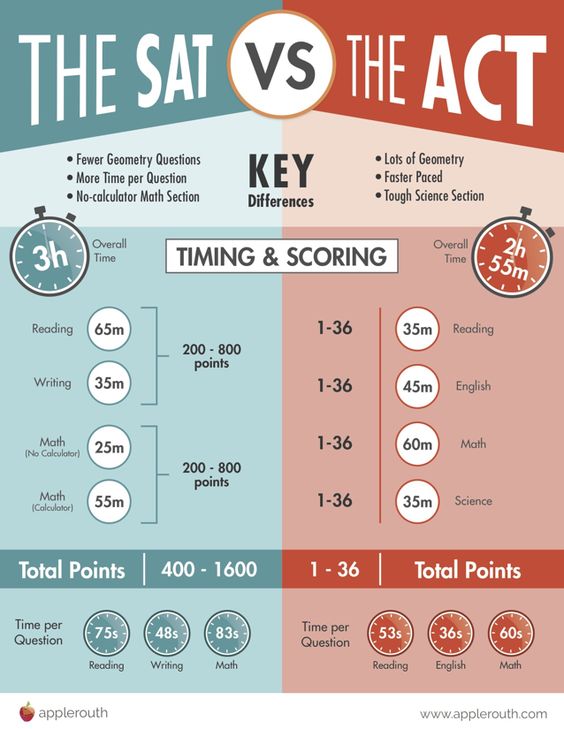
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| 2 | 2 | [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/massachusetts-institute-technology) | Cambridge | MA |
| 3 | 3 | [Yale University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/yale-university) | New Haven | CT |
| 4 | =7 | [Stanford University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/stanford-university) | Stanford | CA |
| =5 | =7 | [Brown University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/brown-university) | Providence | RI |
| =5 | 10 | [Duke University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/duke-university) | Durham | NC |
| =7 | =5 | [California Institute of Technology](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/california-institute-technology) | Pasadena | CA |
| =7 | =5 | [Princeton University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/princeton-university) | Princeton | NJ |
| 9 | 9 | [Cornell University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/cornell-university) | Ithaca | NY |
| 10 | 11 | [Northwestern University](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/northwestern-university) | Evanston | IL |
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RANKING THE LAW SCHOOLS

US NEWS REPORT LAW SCHOOL RANKINGS 2020

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| School Name | [Us News Ranking](http://schools.lawschoolnumbers.com/rankings/us-news-report-law-school-rankings?_=1603088292488&order=desc&sort=usnews_rank) | Acceptance Rate | Med.LSAT | Med.GPA | LSN Applications |
| [**Yale University**](http://yale.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 1 | 10% | 173 | 3.93 | 6838 |
| [**Harvard University**](http://harvard.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 2 | 18% | 173 | 3.86 | 13898 |
| [**Stanford University**](http://stanford.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 2 | 12% | 171 | 3.89 | 9475 |
| [**University of Chicago**](http://chicago.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 4 | 22% | 170 | 3.9 | 11802 |
| [**Columbia University**](http://columbia.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 4 | 22% | 171 | 3.7 | 16041 |
| [**New York University**](http://nyu.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 6 | 34% | 169 | 3.78 | 15433 |
| [**University of Pennsylvania**](http://penn.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 7 | 19% | 169 | 3.89 | 13734 |
| [**University of Michigan Ann Arbor**](http://michigan.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 8 | 28% | 168 | 3.76 | 14227 |
| [**University of Virginia**](http://uva.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 8 | 21% | 168 | 3.86 | 15067 |
| [**University of California Berkeley**](http://berkeley.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 8 | 22% | 166 | 3.78 | 13367 |
| [**Duke University**](http://duke.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 11 | 24% | 169 | 3.76 | 14329 |
| [**Northwestern University**](http://northwestern.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 12 | 23% | 168 | 3.77 | 10880 |
| [**Cornell University**](http://cornell.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 13 | 31% | 167 | 3.74 | 11618 |
| [**Georgetown University**](http://gulc.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 14 | 25% | 167 | 3.76 | 19915 |
| [**University of Texas Austin**](http://texas.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 15 | 22% | 167 | 3.73 | 9385 |
| [**Vanderbilt University**](http://vanderbilt.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 16 | 39% | 166 | 3.74 | 10015 |
| [**University of California Los Angeles**](http://ucla.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 17 | 30% | 166 | 3.74 | 12561 |
| [**Washington University in St Louis**](http://washu.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 18 | 28% | 167 | 3.67 | 8716 |
| [**University of Southern California**](http://usc.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 19 | 30% | 166 | 3.76 | 9564 |
| [**Boston University**](http://bu.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 20 | 38% | 163 | 3.67 | 10664 |

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| [**University of Iowa**](http://iowa.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 20 | 44% | 161 | 3.61 | 2682 |
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| [**Emory University**](http://emory.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 22 | 33% | 165 | 3.77 | 7878 |
| [**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**](http://minnesota.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 22 | 45% | 164 | 3.79 | 5143 |
| [**Indiana University Bloomington**](http://indiana.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 25 | 54% | 161 | 3.76 | 4308 |
| [**Arizona State University**](http://asu.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 25 | 44% | 161 | 3.63 | 3637 |
| [**George Washington University**](http://gw.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 25 | 40% | 165 | 3.71 | 13841 |
| [**University of Alabama**](http://alabama.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 28 | 37% | 163 | 3.76 | 2714 |
| [**University of California Irvine**](http://irvine.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 28 | 27% | 162 | 3.56 | 2134 |
| [**Ohio State University**](http://osu.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 30 | 50% | 159 | 3.61 | 3114 |
| [**Boston College**](http://bc.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 30 | 46% | 162 | 3.56 | 9601 |
| [**University of California Davis**](http://davis.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 30 | 32% | 163 | 3.51 | 4844 |
| [**University of Wisconsin Madison**](http://wisconsin.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 33 | 49% | 161 | 3.54 | 3472 |
| [**University of Washington**](http://washington.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 33 | 27% | 164 | 3.65 | 3903 |
| [**College of William and Mary**](http://wm.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 33 | 37% | 163 | 3.69 | 8181 |
| [**University of Georgia**](http://georgia.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 33 | 33% | 162 | 3.71 | 4083 |
| [**Fordham University**](http://fordham.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 37 | 36% | 163 | 3.53 | 8905 |
| [**Whittier Law School**](http://whittier.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 38 | 63% | 148 | 2.85 | 870 |
| [**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill**](http://unc.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 38 | 45% | 161 | 3.49 | 3777 |
| [**Washington and Lee University**](http://wl.lawschoolnumbers.com/) | 40 | 49% | 160 | 3.41 | 6201 |

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$69,433**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$68,962**(full-time)

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$70,042**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

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**$73,414**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**1,413**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$66,500**(in-state, full-time)

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**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

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**$56,858**(in-state, full-time)

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**TUITION AND FEES**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$71,608**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$69,650**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**769**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$69,280**(full-time)

**$47,006**(part-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**1,798**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$52,468**(in-state, full-time)

**$60,739**(out-of-state, full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**1,038**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$63,364**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**744**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$60,718**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**796**

**MEDIAN LSAT (FULL-TIME)**

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Austin, TX

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$36,429**(in-state, full-time)

**$54,096**(out-of-state, full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**998**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$64,284**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**544**

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**TUITION AND FEES**

**$70,998**(full-time)

**ENROLLMENT (FULL-TIME)**

**613**

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Five law schools repeated last year's results when they snagged the top spots in rankings released Tuesday by U.S. News & World Report.

No. 1 is Yale Law School, followed by Stanford Law School, Harvard Law School and, in a tie for fourth place, Columbia Law School and the University of Chicago Law School, according to U.S. News & World Report’s [2022 rankings](https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools?src=usn_pr).

The same schools took the top spots in the [2021 rankings](https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/little-movement-in-new-us-news-world-report-law-school-rankings), but there were some small changes in the top 14 list.

The University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School moved up from the No. 7 spot to No. 6, tying with the New York University School of Law. The Duke University School of Law moved up from the No. 12 spot to No. 10, tying with the University of Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor, which was tied for No. 9 last year with two other schools. And the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, tied at No. 9 last year, has dropped to No. 12.

There is a new change in methodology. For the first time, the rankings take into account the average debt incurred in obtaining a law degree and the percentage of law school graduates incurring law school debt. But the weight given to both factors in the rankings is small, at 0.03 and 0.02, respectively.

The schools’ debt numbers were calculated by comparing the schools’ average debt value with the median debt value for all schools. Schools whose values were farthest below the median scored the highest on each indicator, and schools that were most above the median scored the lowest.

But U.S. News & World Report scrapped a plan to release a stand-alone law school diversity ranking after deans from 162 law schools asked for a revision, report [Law.com](https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2021/03/25/us-news-makes-last-minute-changes-to-law-school-rankings-fueling-criticism-and-concern/) and [Reuters Legal](https://today.westlaw.com/Document/I2ea6be208dc711ebb3b7b5bc2f979fe9/View/FullText.html?transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)&firstPage=true).

The deans complained that students of more than one race were wrongly excluded from the calculation. U.S. News & World Report plans to publish the diversity ranking at a later, undetermined date, Bob Morse, chief data strategist for U.S. News & World Report, told Law.com in an email.

The top 14 law schools, along with the average indebtedness of their 2020 JD graduates who incurred law school debt, are:

1) Yale University, $135,680

2) Stanford University, $146,235

3) Harvard University, $170,866

4) Columbia University (tie), $190,141

4) University of Chicago (tie), $191,117

6) New York University (tie), $174,780

6) University of Pennsylvania (tie), $163,383

8) University of Virginia, $165,911

9) University of California at Berkeley, $139,251

10) Duke University (tie), $153,276

10) University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (tie), $129,791

12) Northwestern University, 154,844

13) Cornell University, $150,089

14) University of California at Los Angeles, $125,167

Some law schools had considerably lower average indebtedness, including these schools coming in below $70,000:

• University of Alabama, ranked No. 25, at $64,271

• Brigham Young University, ranked No. 29, at $51,048

• University of Arizona, ranked No. 46, at $67,014

• Florida State University, ranked No. 48, at $63,773

• Pennsylvania State University, ranked No. 60, at $54,503

• Wayne State University, ranked No. 72, at $67,832

• University of Cincinnati, ranked No. 81, at $66,163

• Rutgers University, ranked No. 91, at $62,210

• University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, ranked No. 96, at $68,877

• Texas Tech University, ranked No. 102, at $56,898

• University of South Dakota, ranked No. 134, at $53,253

• University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ranked No. 141, at $69,143

• Florida A&M University, unranked, at $61,500

*Corrected April 2 at 11:05 a.m. to accurately state the weight given to indebtedness.*

# BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Boston College Law School, known colloquially as BC Law, is one of the six professional graduate schools at Boston College. Located approximately 1.5 miles from the main Boston College campus in Chestnut Hill, Boston College Law School is situated on a 40-acre wooded campus in Newton, Massachusetts. With approximately 800 students and 125 faculty members, the Law School is the largest of BC's seven graduate and professional schools. Admission to BC Law is among the most selective in the United States, with approximately 7,000 applicants for the 275 places in the first year class in 2005. Reflecting its Jesuit heritage, BC Law has established programs in human rights, social justice and public interest law. Its faculty has played a significant national role arguing for the repeal of the Solomon Amendment, presenting oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court in Rumsfeld v. FAIR.



### Quick Facts

* **Founded:1929**
* **ABA Accredited:Yes**
* **AALS Member:Yes**

### Rankings

* **US News Week:29**
* **Vault Top 25:N/A**
* [More Law School Rankings](http://schools.lawschoolnumbers.com/rankings)
* **Median LSAT:162**
* **Median GPA:3.56**
* **Acceptance Rate:46%**

## BC LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

BC Law School is considered a **Competitive** law school, which accepts only **46%** of its applicants. Comparatively, **Bc** is **Significantly Higher** than the average cost for law school.

|  | **Applications** | **Offers** | **Matriculated** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Class of 2025** | 3631 | 1645 (45.30%) | 234 (6.4%) |
|  | **25%** | **Median** | **75%** |
| **GPA** | 3.39 | 3.56 | 3.65 |
| **LSAT** | 158 | 162 | 163 |

### Tuition And Financial Aid

|  | **In-State Resident** | **Non-Resident** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Full Time** | $48,820 | $48,820 |
| **Part Time** | N/A | N/A |

#### Living Expenses

* **Living on-campus:N/A**
* **Living off-campus:$19,360**
* **Living at home:N/A**

### Important Dates

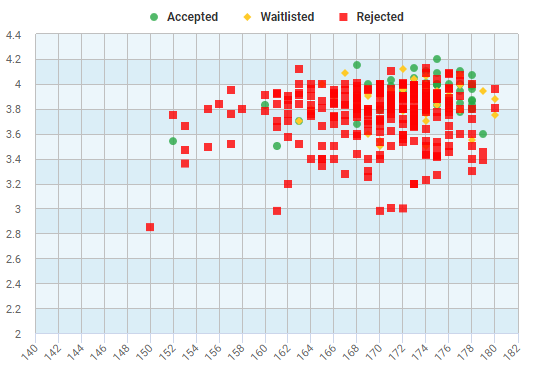
* **Early Decision 1:N/A**
* **Early Decision 2:N/A**
* **Regular Decision:03/31**
* **Application Fee:$70**

## BC LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREDICTOR TOOL

What are your chances for admission to **BC Law School**? Register now to find out!

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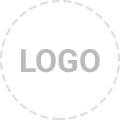
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#### BC Law School



**See how BC Law School compares to other schools.**

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**Select another school to compare to BC Law School.**

### Suggested Schools

* [UGA Law School](http://georgia.lawschoolnumbers.com/)
* [GW Law School](http://gw.lawschoolnumbers.com/)
* [ASU Law School](http://asu.lawschoolnumbers.com/)
* [WLU Law School](http://wl.lawschoolnumbers.com/)
* [Fordham Law School](http://fordham.lawschoolnumbers.com/)
* [UC Davis Law School](http://davis.lawschoolnumbers.com/)

## BC LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

BC Law School is considered to have a **Favorable** student to faculty ratio. The average class size for 1L sections is approximately **Above Average** compared to other law schools. Student diversity at Bc is **Below Average**.

### Student Body

Student GenderMenWomen46.1%53.9%

| **Sex** | **Count** |
| --- | --- |
| Men | 374 |
| Women | 320 |

Student EthnicityHispanicsAmerican IndianAsianAfrican AmericanOthersCaucasian8.8%10.6%4.5%2.9%73.1%

| **Race** | **Count** |
| --- | --- |
| Hispanics | 55 |
| American Indian | 1 |
| Asian | 66 |
| African American | 28 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 |
| Others | 18 |
| Caucasian | 457 |

### Faculty Statistics

* **Full Time:49**
* **Part Time:42**

### Faculty

* **# Female Faculty:43**
* **# Minority Faculty:14**

### Ratio

#### 14.2 Students

#### 1 Faculty

### Housing Options

* **On Campus Housing:Yes**
* **Graduate Housing:Yes**
* **Law Specific Housing:Yes**

## BC LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The size of 1L sections affects the quality and consistency of teaching in law schools. Generally with smaller 1L section sizes, students receive more individualized attention.**BC Law School** 1L section size is **8% larger than** law schools in **Massachusetts** and**20% larger than** all **PRIVATE** law schools.

### 1L Section Size Comparison

**BC Law School: 183**

**Massachusetts Average: 168**

**PRIVATE School Average: 146**

#### Positions Available in Advanced Courses

* **Simulation Courses:560**
* **Faculty Supervised Clinics:144**

#### Students Involved in Advanced Activities

* **Field Placements:182**
* **Law Journals:171**
* **Moot Court/Mock Trials:0**

### Attrition Rates

* **First Year:5.7%**
* **Second Year:1.3%**
* **Third Year:1.3%**
* **Fourth Year:0.0%**

## BC LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Deciding to attend law school requires a large financial investment with the goal of securing employment upon graduation. The **BC Law School** class of **2020** had an employment rate of **92%** with **1%** pursuing an additional degree.

### Employment Comparison

School EmploymentEmployedAdditional DegreesUnemployed0102030405060708090100Highcharts.com

In **2020**, 71.0%% of students reported their employment status 9-months after graduation.

### Type Of Employment

* **Law Firms:54.0%**
* **Business:13.0%**
* **Government:13.0%**
* **Public Interest:8.0%**
* **Academia:1.0%**
* **Massachusetts:50%**
* **New York:13%**
* **Florida:5%**

### Bar Passage Rates

* **Reporting:71.0%**
* **First Time Takers:262**
* **Average School:90.9%**
* **Average State:83.2%**
* **Pass Difference:7.7%**

### Top Bar Jurisdiction

* **Massachusetts:83.2%**
* **Passed:169 of 186 (90.9%)**
* **State Average:83.2%**
* **Difference:7.7%**

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Law of Torts : la responsabilité civile délictuelle

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