

Frequently Asked Questions

How many applications do you receive?

2,700 applications were received for admission to first year in 2011.

How many first year places are there?

175

What is a competitive candidate?

A candidate in the General Category will have at least a 3-year undergraduate degree (although most of our admitted class has a 4-year degree) an A- (82%-84%) average (GPA 3.7), preferably overall, but particularly for the last two full years of undergraduate study and an LSAT score above the 80th percentile.

How are grades and the LSAT weighed?

Both are considered equally.

Do you consider all undergraduate marks?

Yes but we will focus more on the last two full years of an undergraduate program. Graduate grades are reviewed separately.

How do you treat multiple LSAT scores?

The Admissions Committee reviews all scores but will focus more on the highest score, together with any documented special circumstances respecting any significant difference in scores.

Do you consider letters of reference, extra curricular activities and/or work experience?

While emphasis is on marks and the LSAT score, the Admissions Committee will review non-academic activities and/or work experience and take these into consideration when making a decision. Two reference letters (one academic reference is required) are required in the General category. Academic and other letters of reference are considered in our discretionary categories.

When can I expect to hear whether I have been admitted?

Offers of admission start to be made in early January and usually continue until the middle of the summer. Some decisions have to be deferred until the results of the current academic year are available.

When will I know if I have been awarded an entrance scholarship?

Most entrance scholarships are awarded with the offer of admission. However, some will be awarded in the August.

What financial assistance is available to me?

It is recommended that you first apply for government funding. Bursaries, which are non-repayable, are available to law students who demonstrate financial need.

Can I defer an acceptance for a year?

Written requests for deferments, outlining reasons, are considered on an individual basis after applicants have been admitted. There are a limited number of deferments granted each year.

Do you accept older applicants?

Yes. The age range at Western Law is normally 22 to mid-40's. The average age is 24.

What are the median LSAT score and average grades for the admitted class?

LSAT 163 (88th percentile), Average 83%, A-, (3.7 GPA)