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Information on Law School Applicants, Applications, Admissions, and Matriculations by Virginia Tech Students and Alumni/ae

This handout provides information on how many Virginia Tech students and alumni/ae have applied to law schools over the past ten years, how many have been accepted by one or more law schools, where Virginia Tech degree holders have enrolled in law school, and related data. This summary and the accompanying tables are based on annual reports provided by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) to the University Pre-Law Advisors at Virginia Tech. This summary is based primarily on reports covering applications during the 2014-2015 academic year, for admission to law schools beginning in the fall of 2015. Information on applicants, applications, and acceptances during the 2015-2016 academic year is expected to be available in 2017.

Please keep in mind when reviewing this information that standards for admission to law schools vary, both across schools and from year to year. In addition, admission rates are based on where individuals choose to apply, not only on applicants' credentials. If one seeks admission to one or more law schools, it is important to apply to an appropriate range.

During the academic year 2014-2015, approximately 81% of Virginia Tech students and alumni/ae who had taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) but who had not previously enrolled in law school applied to one or more law schools. During that academic year, 70 Virginia Tech seniors and 86 Virginia Tech alumni/ae *applied* to a total of 170 law schools. Of these 156 Virginia Tech degree holders, 131 (84.0%) were *admitted* to 129 different law schools within 42 states and the District of Columbia. (64 of the seniors, or 91.4%, were admitted to one or more law schools.) Of the 131 Virginia Tech degree holders admitted to one or more law schools during the 2014-2015 academic year, 114 (58 seniors) *matriculated* in the fall of 2015 at 58 different law schools within 25 states and the District of Columbia. The average grade point average (GPA) of those who applied to law school from Virginia Tech during the 2014-2015 academic year was 3.27; and the average highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) for those applying to law schools that year was 154.8.

Table 1 summarizes some of these data, along with comparable data from prior years. In addition, table 2 shows the first majors of those from Virginia Tech who disclosed this information.

The Pre-Law Advisors have complete lists of the law schools to which Virginia Tech students and alumni/ae applied, where they were admitted, and where they matriculated during the past ten years. Briefly, during the academic year 2014-2015, Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to all eight of the accredited law schools in Virginia, and in the fall of 2015 enrolled in all eight of them: Appalachian School of Law, George Mason University School of Law, Liberty University School of Law, Regent University School of Law, University of Richmond School of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, and William and Mary Law School. Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to four law schools in Washington, D.C., and enrolled in all four of them: American University Washington College of Law, Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law, George Washington University Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center. In the fall of 2015, Virginia Tech degree holders also enrolled in law school at: Arizona State University – Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Barry University – Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Brooklyn Law School, Campbell University – Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Charleston School of Law, Charlotte School of Law, City

University of New York School of Law, Duke University School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Elon University School of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Mississippi College School of Law, New York Law School, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Suffolk University Law School, Syracuse University College of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Tulane University Law School, University of Arizona – James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Chicago Law School, University of Colorado Law School, University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, University of Florida – Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law, University of Maryland – Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Memphis – Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, University of Wyoming College of Law, Vanderbilt Law School, Washington University School of Law, West Virginia University College of Law, and William Mitchell College of Law.

During the academic year 2014-2015, individuals from Virginia Tech were accepted by seventy-one additional law schools but chose not to enroll at them in the fall of 2015. Those schools include: Baylor University School of Law, Boston University School of Law, California Western School of Law, Cornell Law School, Florida State University College of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington, John Marshall Law School, Lewis and Clark Law School, Louisiana State University – Paul M. Hebert Law Center, New York University School of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Notre Dame Law School, Pace University – Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Penn State University – Penn State Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law, Rutgers University School of Law-Camden, Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, Seattle University School of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law, Touro College – Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, UCLA School of Law, University of Akron School of Law, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, University of California Irvine School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, University of Idaho College of Law, University of Illinois College of Law, University of Iowa College of Law, University of Maine School of Law, University of Massachusetts School of Law-Dartmouth, University of Miami School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, University of Minnesota Law School, University of Mississippi School of Law, University of Missouri School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas – William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law, University of San Diego School of Law, University of South Dakota School of Law, University of Southern California – Gould School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Vermont Law School, Wake Forest University School of Law, Western New England University School of Law, and Widener University School of Law, among others. For a more complete listing, you may contact the University Pre-Law Advisors at prelaw@vt.edu.

For additional information on Pre-Law Studies at Virginia Tech, along with additional information on the Pre-Law Advisors, see the following web site: <http://www.prelaw.psci.vt.edu>.

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Table 1
Selected Data on Applicants/Applications to Law School from Virginia Tech*

Table 1A: Information on All Virginia Tech Applicants (Alumni/ae and Seniors)

<u>Year of Application</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>	<u>Number Accepted</u>	<u>Number Matriculated</u>	<u>Percent Admitted</u>	<u>National Average</u>
2005-2006	218	139	112	63.8%	63.2%
2006-2007	206	143	116	69.4%	66.1%
2007-2008	231	159	137	68.8%	66.6%
2008-2009	219	160	129	73.1%	67.4%
2009-2010	226	167	139	73.9%	68.7%
2010-2011	212	171	141	80.7%	71.0%
2011-2012	189	163	126	86.2%	74.6%
2012-2013	170	144	128	84.7%	77.0%
2013-2014	122	103	85	84.4%	78.0%
2014-2015	156	131	114	84.0%	77.6%

Table 1B: Information on Applications by Virginia Tech Seniors Only (in the year of application)

<u>Year of Application</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>	<u>Number Accepted</u>	<u>Number Matriculated</u>	<u>Percent Admitted</u>	<u>National Average</u>
2005-2006	68	54	41	79.4%	71.5%
2006-2007	85	69	57	81.2%	75.3%
2007-2008	79	62	59	78.5%	75.7%
2008-2009	72	58	52	80.6%	77.3%
2009-2010	87	72	66	82.8%	77.7%
2010-2011	84	72	60	85.7%	80.2%
2011-2012	86	78	61	90.7%	83.7%
2012-2013	63	57	51	90.5%	85.7%
2013-2014	44	40	36	90.9%	86.4%
2014-2015	70	64	56	91.4%	85.8%

*Based on annual *Summary Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council.

Table 2
Reported Virginia Tech Undergraduate Majors of Applicants to Law Schools*

Reported Major	<u>2014-2015</u> Applicants/Admissions	<u>2005-2015</u> Applicants/Admissions
Agriculture and Life Sciences (all majors)	1/1	12/11
Architecture and Urban Studies (all majors)	5/5	29/21
Pamplin College of Business (all majors)	14/11	194/144
Engineering		
Computer Science	0/0	16/12
Other majors	11/9	118/95
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences		
Communication	8/8	78/64
English	16/16	102/87
Foreign Languages and Literatures	1/0	10/8
History	4/3	88/77
Human Development	1/1	3/3
International Studies	4/3	45/37
Music	0/0	1/1
Philosophy	3/3	24/20
Political Science	36/34	328/267
Religion and Culture	0/0	8/6
Sociology	4/2	29/23
Other/Not Specified	8/4	75/58
Natural Resources and Environment (all majors)	1/1	11/10
Science		
Biochemistry	1/1	11/9
Biological Sciences	4/4	60/46
Chemistry	2/2	7/6
Economics	3/2	44/39
Mathematics	0/0	5/5
Physics	0/0	7/6
Psychology	10/8	82/64
Other/Not Specified	3/2	55/35

*Based on annual *Action Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council. For the application year 2014-2015, these data cover the 140 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 156 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools that year. Similarly, for the ten-year period 2005-2015, these data cover the 1442 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 1949 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools during this ten-year period.