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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 table are based on annual reports provided by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). This summary is based on reports covering applications during the 2022-2023 academic year, for admission to law schools beginning in the fall of 2023. Information on applicants, applications, and acceptances during the 2023-2024 academic year is expected to be available in 2025.

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 2022-2023, approximately 70% 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, 60 Virginia Tech seniors and 85 Virginia Tech alumni/ae *applied* to a total of 150 law schools within 42 states and the District of Columbia. Of these 145 Virginia Tech degree holders, 109 (75.2%) were *admitted* to 124 different law schools within 42 states and the District of Columbia. (51 of the seniors, or 85%, were admitted to one or more law schools.) Of the 109 Virginia Tech degree holders admitted to one or more law schools during the 2022-2023 academic year, 98 (45 seniors) *matriculated* in the fall of 2023 at 53 different law schools within 27 states and the District of Columbia. The mean undergraduate grade point average (GPA) for Virginia Tech seniors and graduates who applied to law schools during the 2022-2023 academic year was 3.48, compared to a national average of 3.44 for all applicants. For applicants with a Virginia Tech undergraduate degree, their highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) averaged 157.5, compared to a national average of 155.5 for all applicants.

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.

Based on information provided by LSAC, we have compiled 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 2022-2023, Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to all eight of the accredited law schools in Virginia, and in the fall of 2023 enrolled in six of them: George Mason University – Antonin Scalia Law School, 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 & Mary Law School. Virginia Tech degree holders were also admitted to all six of the accredited law schools in Washington, D.C., and enrolled in five of them: American University – Washington College of Law, Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law, George Washington University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, and University of the District of Columbia – David A. Clarke School of Law. In the fall of 2023, Virginia Tech degree holders also enrolled in law school at: Barry University –

Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Boston College Law School, Boston University School of Law, Brooklyn Law School, Campbell University – Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Charleston School of Law, Drexel University – Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Duquesne University – Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Elon University School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Mercer University School of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, New England Law – Boston, Notre Dame Law School, Pennsylvania State University – Penn State Law, Roger Williams University, Rutgers Law School, Southern University Law Center, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, University of Florida – Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Houston Law Center, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, University of Kentucky – Rosenberg College of Law, University of Maryland – Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth, University of Michigan Law School, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law, University of New Hampshire – Franklin Pierce School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, Washington University School of Law, West Virginia University College of Law, and Widener University Delaware Law School.

During the academic year 2022-2023, individuals from Virginia Tech were accepted by 71 additional law schools but chose not to enroll at those schools. They include: Albany Law School, Appalachian School of Law, Baylor University School of Law, Benjamin N Cardozo School of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law – Illinois Institute of Technology, Cornell Law School, DePaul University College of Law, Emory University School of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, Hofstra University – Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Howard University School of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, Liberty University School of Law, Loyola Law School – Loyola Marymount University, Mississippi College School of Law, New York Law School, Northeastern University School of Law, Ohio State University – Moritz College of Law, Pace University – Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pennsylvania State University – Dickinson Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, St. Thomas University College of Law, Syracuse University College of Law, Temple University – James E. Beasley School of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law, Tulane University Law School, University of Arizona – James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, University of California Davis School of Law, University of California San Francisco (formerly Hastings) College of the Law, University of Colorado Law School, University of Dayton School of Law, University of Illinois College of Law, University of Iowa College of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, University of Louisville – Brandeis School of Law, University of Maine School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, University of Minnesota Law School, University of Mississippi School of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, University of San Diego School of Law, University of Southern California – Gould School of Law, University of Washington School of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, Vanderbilt Law School, Vermont Law School, and Villanova University – Charles Widger School of Law. For a more complete listing, you may contact Wayne Moore at prelaw@vt.edu.

This report has been prepared by Wayne Moore, with assistance from Phoebe Peterson, based on data provided by the Law School Admission Council. For additional information on pre-law studies at Virginia Tech, please see the following website: <http://www.prelaw.psci.vt.edu>.

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>
2013-2014	122	103	85	84.4%	78.0%
2014-2015	156	131	114	84.0%	77.6%
2015-2016	138	109	89	79.0%	75.8%
2016-2017	104	89	73	85.6%	74.9%
2017-2018	130	110	98	84.6%	72.6%
2018-2019	136	112	100	82.4%	70.2%
2019-2020	144	120	104	83.3%	69.6%
2020-2021	167	129	117	77.2%	68.3%
2021-2022	153	111	95	72.5%	69.7%
2022-2023	145	109	98	75.2%	69.9%

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>
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%
2015-2016	47	43	35	91.5%	85.8%
2016-2017	43	40	34	93.0%	84.6%
2017-2018	49	42	39	85.7%	85.7%
2018-2019	59	53	48	89.8%	83.1%
2019-2020	65	58	55	89.2%	80.2%
2020-2021	75	62	58	82.7%	78.4%
2021-2022	60	47	42	78.3%	78.9%
2022-2023	60	51	45	85.0%	80.6%

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

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

<u>College/Department of Reported First Major</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>	<u>2013-2023</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>
Agriculture and Life Sciences (all majors)	0/0	19/15
Architecture, Arts, and Design (all majors)	4/3	16/15
Pamplin College of Business (all majors)	12/8	114/89
Engineering (all majors)	7/4	84/69
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences		
Communication	4/4	52/46
English	3/2	67/54
History	4/4	53/46
Human Development	1/0	6/5
International Studies	6/6	53/47
Modern & Classical Languages & Lits.	1/0	12/9
Philosophy	5/5	24/21
Political Science	34/25	337/283
Religion and Culture	0/0	2/2
Sociology	12/7	74/53
other/not specified	12/9	74/59
Natural Resources and Environment (all majors)	3/1	28/23
Science		
Biological Sciences	2/2	41/33
Chemistry	2/2	9/9
Economics	2/2	50/43
Psychology	10/8	66/51
other/not specified	0/0	15/12
Other/not specified	6/3	51/35

*Based on annual *Action Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council, updated to reflect reorganizations, changes in names of colleges, and the like. For the application year 2022-2023, these data cover the 130 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 145 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools that year. Similarly, for the ten-year period 2013-2023, these data cover the 1249 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 1395 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools during this ten-year period.