

SMU Dedman School of Law - 2024 Standard 509 Information Report

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The Basics

Type of school	Private
Application deadline	April 1
Application fee	0
Financial aid deadline	October 1 and April 15

Academic Calendar

Term	Semesters
Months students may begin studying law	August only 1Ls; August, January, or May for transfer students
Months the Law School confers degrees	May, August, and December
# of credit hours required to earn the JD	87

Curricular Offerings 2023-2024

2023-2024

Average first-year section size, excluding Legal Research & Writing	65
Number of course titles, beyond the first year curriculum, offered last year	154
Number of upper division class room course sections with an enrollment:	
Under 25	107
25 to 49	32
50 to 74	13
75 to 99	7
100 +	3
Number of seats available in law clinics	222
Number of field placement positions filled	234
Number of seats available in simulation courses	562
Number of seminars	18
Number of co-curricular offerings	15

2024 First Year Class (Oct 6th 2023-Oct 5th 2024)

	2024		
Completed Applications	2540		
Offers of Admission	772		
Acceptance Rate (Percent)	30.39		
Enrollees from Applicant pool	223		
Enrollment rate from Completed Applications	8.78		
Enrollment rate from Offers of Admission	28.89		
Other first-year enrollees	4		
	All	Full Time	Part Time
Total in First-year class	227	227	0
LSAT	All	Full Time	Part Time
LSAT Admissions Enrollees	222	222	0
75th Percentile	166	166	0
50th Percentile	165	165	0
25th Percentile	161	161	0
UGPA	All	Full Time	Part Time
75th Percentile	3.93	3.93	0.00
50th Percentile	3.86	3.86	0.00
25th Percentile	3.60	3.60	0.00
# not included in UGPA calculation	4	4	0
GRE	All	Full Time	Part Time
GRE Admissions Enrollees	5	5	0

Under ABA Standard 503, law schools are required to use a valid and reliable admission test to help assess an applicant's preparedness for the study of law. Because schools may choose what admission tests they will consider for admission, this section may look different for individual law schools. Only law schools with a variance from Standard 503 allowing them to use JD Next are able to report JD Next scores. Test score data for first year enrollees is presented for each type of test accepted by the law school, with one exception: where the number of students who were accepted using a particular test is fewer than 10, score percentile data is collected but not published in order to protect student privacy. In all other cases, statistical data will be presented for each test that is accepted by the particular law school.

The UGPA data is aggregated across the law school's entire first year class, regardless of admission test.

J.D Enrollment as of October 5th 2024

	JD1					JD2					JD3					JD4					Total
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T
Hispanics of any race	26	9	17	0	0	25	16	9	0	0	25	7	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Asian	27	9	16	0	2	12	4	8	0	0	19	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Black or African American	9	1	8	0	0	12	3	9	0	0	10	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	7	3	4	0	0	6	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Total People of Color	69	22	45	0	2	55	26	29	0	0	65	20	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
White	150	56	94	0	0	132	62	70	0	0	154	74	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	436
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	8	4	4	0	0	7	4	3	0	0	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Total	227	82	143	0	2	194	92	102	0	0	228	99	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	649

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Faculty Resources 2023 - 2024

	Male	Female	Another Gender Identity	Prefer Not to Report	People of Color	Total
Full-time faculty members	28	33	0	0	12	61
Non-full-time faculty	89	36	0	0	23	125
Total	117	69	0	0	35	186
	Full Time		Part Time		Total	
Librarians	7		0		7	

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2023-2024

Hispanics of any race	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	19
Black or African American	17
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Two or More Races	14
Total People of Color	75
White	159
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	13
Total	247

1L Tuition and Fees 2024 - 2025

Per Annual:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$58,504	\$7,540	\$58,504	\$7,540	\$0	\$0
Part-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Per Credit:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Part-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Tuition Guarantee Program			N			

Living Expenses 2024-2025

Estimated Living Expenses for singles	
Living on Campus	\$22,638
Living Off Campus	\$14,888
Living At Home	\$7,478

Grants and Scholarships 2023-2024

	Total		Full Time		Part Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	655	100	655	100	0	0
Total # receiving grants	629	96	629	96	0	
Less than 1/2 tuition	461	70	461	70	0	
Half to full tuition	136	21	136	21	0	
Full tuition	0	0	0	0	0	
More than full tuition	32	5	32	5	0	
75th Percentile grant amount				\$32,000		\$0
50th Percentile grant amount				\$25,000		\$0
25th Percentile grant amount				\$20,000		\$0

The term "full tuition scholarships" refers to scholarships that cover tuition and mandatory fees. The term "more than full tuition" refers to scholarships that cover more than tuition and mandatory fees.

Conditional Scholarships 2023-2024

Students Matriculating in	# Entering with	# Reduced or Eliminated
2023-2024 Academic Year	6	1
2022-2023 Academic Year	6	0
2021-2022 Academic Year	5	0

Academic Attrition 2023-2024

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%
Hispanics of any race	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
Total People of Color	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
White	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Academic attrition refers to those students who discontinued their education at a time when they were not in good academic standing as defined by the Law School. It includes both students who have been dismissed because they did not satisfy the minimum standards of progress established by the Law School to continue their legal studies at that school, and students who discontinued their enrollment at the school at a time when their GPA was below that required for good academic standing as of the end of the first year.

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Other Attrition 2023-2024

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%
Hispanics of any race	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People of Color	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0

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Transfers 2023-2024

JD1 Transfers Out	4
Transfers In*	12
75th Percentile JD1 GPA	3.56
50th Percentile JD1 GPA	3.22
25th Percentile JD1 GPA	3.10

*GPA Percentiles provided if School has 12 or more transfers in. If more than 5 but less than 12 transfers in only 50th percentile will be provided.

Schools from which Students Transferred (for schools matriculating more than 5 transfer students)	# of Transfer Students
Arizona State University College of Law	1
Belmont University	1
Denver, University of	2
Oregon, University of	1
Seattle University	1
South Texas College of Law	2
St. Mary's University	3
Syracuse University	1