

## DePaul University College of Law

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### ■ Introduction

DePaul University is the largest private university in Illinois and enjoys the advantages of its vibrant urban setting. Its strong reputation for academic excellence is distinguished by its dedicated faculty, unrivaled professional skills training, and its genuine sense of community.

Located in the heart of Chicago's business and legal communities, the College of Law affords extensive contact with Chicago's legal community. It is within walking distance of the state and federal courts, government offices, and many law firms. DePaul law alumni include the mayor of Chicago, numerous state and federal judges, and managing partners of Chicago law firms. The college offers full-time, part-time, and summer programs. DePaul is fully accredited by the ABA, and is a member of AALS and Order of the Coif.

### ■ Students

Founded in 1898 by Vincentian Fathers as a school for children of immigrants, DePaul University students represent a rich diversity in age, ethnicity, education, and career experiences. Because of the broad diversity of backgrounds and experiences of its law students, there is a connectedness within the institution that creates a genuine sense of community. Approximately 50 percent of full-time students in the entering class of 2005 were women, while 20 percent were minorities. More than half of the 2005 entering full-time class were from out of state. The average age of full-time students is 24, while the average age of part-time students is 26.

### ■ Faculty

DePaul faculty members, including many who have earned advanced degrees, are recognized scholars who represent a variety of professional backgrounds and interests. Consistent with the university's Vincentian mission of service to the community, faculty members work tirelessly in service to the profession and to the community, and they have achieved national recognition in teaching, research, scholarly activities, and professional service. The faculty is extremely accessible, approachable, and deeply committed to its students.

### ■ Library, Research Centers, and Institutes

The three-story law library offers extensive resources for study and research. Its staff includes 8 professional librarians and 11 full-time support staff.

The College of Law also maintains nine research centers and institutes:

- Health Law Institute;
- International Aviation Law Institute;
- International Human Rights Law Institute;
- Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck Family Law Center;
- Center for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology;
- Center for Justice in Capital Cases;
- Center for Law and Science;
- Center for Rural and Urban Community Development; and
- Center for the Study of Race and Bioethics

### ■ Special Programs

**Academic Support Program:** DePaul is committed to ensuring that all students have the tools they need to attain academic success. Toward that end, DePaul has one of the premier academic support programs in the nation.

**Legal Clinic:** Students gain valuable hands-on experience in five clinical concentrations: asylum/immigration, community development, criminal appeals, death penalty, and technology/intellectual property.

**Field Placement Program:** Providing students with academic credit through supervised field work, externships are offered by federal and state judges, various municipal agencies, and a number of not-for-profit organizations.

**Mediation Program:** Students learn essential client counseling skills by working with mediators on cases referred by the County Domestic Relations Courts.

**Skills Competitions:** As a leader in the field of professional skills, DePaul has enjoyed considerable success in skills competitions. DePaul student teams regularly place among the top in both regional and national moot court competitions.

**Certificate Programs:** DePaul offers 10 comprehensive certificate programs, including criminal law, family law, health law, international and comparative law, public interest law, tax law, and 4 in intellectual property law (general, arts and museum, information technology, and patents).

**University College Dublin (UCD) Student Exchange Program:** DePaul and UCD have a student exchange program in which second-year students undertake legal studies abroad during their spring semester.

**Asian Legal Studies Institute:** Students receive academic credit for summer courses taken at Beijing Foreign Studies University in China. Students focus on legal principles and planning related to international transactions in the Asia-Pacific region. Lectures are presented by professors from DePaul and major Chinese law schools.

**Joint-Degree and Master of Laws (LLM) Programs:** DePaul offers five joint-degree and three master of laws programs:

- JD/MBA in coordination with DePaul's nationally-recognized Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.
- JD/MS in Public Service Management promotes effective management of government and nonprofit organizations.
- JD/MA in International Studies offers concentrations in political economy and global culture and complements DePaul's strong international law offerings.
- JD/MA and JD/MS in Computer Science explore the intersections of law, computer science, telecommunications, and information systems.
- DePaul's Master of Laws (LLM) Programs include health law, intellectual property law, and taxation.

**Special First-Year Legal Writing Sections:** Students may apply for a seat in one of four special sections of Legal Analysis, Research, and Communications, focusing on family law, health law, intellectual property law, and public interest law.

### ■ Housing

Located in Chicago's Loop just two blocks south of the law school, the University Center of Chicago (UCC) is a new

residence hall offering furnished apartments and suites. Amenities include a rooftop garden, multimedia rooms, a fitness center, food court, laundry facilities, shops on the lower level, 24-hour security, and keycard access to the building and elevators.

## ■ Admission

DePaul adheres to a policy of nondiscrimination and encourages applications from traditionally underrepresented minority groups. Admission decisions are based on a variety of factors, and each file is reviewed thoroughly. Undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores are significant admission criteria. For the 2005–2006 academic year, 4,198 candidates applied for

admission to the full-time division, while 830 applied to the part-time division. Admitted students are automatically considered for available merit-based scholarships.

## ■ Career Services

Alumni, faculty, and students contribute to an active and aggressive career services network. The teaching and publishing reputations of the faculty, as well as the largest alumni bench and bar network in the Chicago area, complement three full-time DePaul law career services officers.

## Applicant Profile

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LSAT Score	GPA																				Total			
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm		
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm		
175-180	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
170-174	3	3	12	12	7	7	5	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	29
165-169	20	20	30	30	33	30	32	30	13	13	10	8	10	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	138
160-164	95	95	127	124	152	147	124	119	87	74	34	26	23	12	4	1	1	0	2	2	2	649	600	
155-159	140	98	261	120	312	104	273	81	156	35	97	16	29	2	12	1	2	0	6	3	1288	460		
150-154	137	28	269	40	354	41	338	32	232	9	112	4	47	1	19	1	0	0	14	2	1522	158		
145-149	59	4	121	5	197	6	195	9	117	2	80	0	38	0	19	0	4	0	14	0	844	26		
120-144	21	0	55	1	76	0	130	0	95	0	91	0	59	0	27	0	11	0	24	0	589	1		
Total	475	248	876	333	1132	336	1097	276	702	134	425	54	207	20	85	6	18	0	60	7	5077	1414		

Apps = Number of Applicants  
Adm = Number Admitted  
Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.

The information in this grid represents admission data for applicants to both the full-time and part-time programs and should be used only as a gauge of the likelihood of admission and not as a guarantee.