

Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington

211 S Indiana Avenue, Law Building, Room 230

Bloomington, IN 47405-7001

Phone: 812.855.4765; Fax: 812.855.0555

E-mail: lawadmis@indiana.edu; Website: www.law.indiana.edu

■ Introduction

The Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington provides the highest quality legal education in a relaxed, collegial setting. Founded in 1842, the law school is located on the beautifully wooded campus of one of the nation's largest teaching and research universities. The presence of the university, including its world famous School of Music, offers students cultural opportunities available in few urban areas, while retaining the advantages of a small university town. With a student body of fewer than 675 students, drawn from more than 200 undergraduate schools in the United States and abroad, the law school is small enough to retain its distinctive sense of community and collegiality, while large enough to facilitate a stimulating, cosmopolitan environment. The school is a charter member of the AALS and is approved by the ABA.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

With nearly 750,000 volumes, the law library is one of the 20 largest law libraries in the US, the largest in the state of Indiana, and was recently named best law school library in the nation by a national law school magazine. Law-trained librarians give instruction in research techniques and provide reference assistance. While continuing its commitment to a high quality print collection, the library is a national leader in computer applications in legal education. Through Internet access (from the School of Law or their homes) students can utilize systems specific to law, such as LexisNexis and Westlaw, or access the rapidly expanding array of global information sources. All students are required to possess a laptop computer and may connect with the library, the Indiana University network, and the Internet through the School of Law's wireless network, which is available throughout the law school building. Network connection is also available via Ethernet cable connections throughout the library. Students may write their examinations using their laptops, but are not required to do so.

■ Curriculum

The curriculum offers traditional courses as well as specialized courses, such as intellectual property, communications and Internet law, law and biomedical advances, immigration law, international business transactions, and environmental law. The school offers intensive training in litigation and dispute resolution. Students may participate in clinics that enable them to deal with client problems and, in some cases, represent clients in local courts, all under close faculty supervision. The law school divides first-year law students into small, informal groups of five to seven, which are mentored by second- and/or third-year students. These groups are supervised by faculty and provide both academic and peer support.

■ Joint-degree Programs

Formal joint-degree programs combine award of a JD degree and a master's degree in business, accounting, public affairs, environmental science, journalism, telecommunications, or library science. The duration of most joint-degree programs is four years. However, the School of Law and the Kelley School

of Business have recently established an intensive three-year JD/MBA program. Informal concurrent-degree programs with other disciplines, pursuing a JD and a master's or doctoral degree, are frequently designed to meet students' learning and career goals.

■ Opportunities to Study Abroad

The School of Law provides students with a wide variety of opportunities to study abroad. A limited number of second- and third-year students can take advantage of the unique opportunity to study in and immerse themselves in the legal education system and culture of another country. Semester-long opportunities are available through the London Law Consortium and exchange programs with Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) Law School; ESADE Law School in Barcelona, Spain; Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany; China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing (CUPL); the Law School at the University of Hong Kong (HKU); Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena, Germany; Warsaw University in Warsaw, Poland; and the University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand. All classes, with the exception of those taken at Bucerius and HKU, are taught in the schools' respective native language. Finally, the law school offers all students the opportunity to participate in summer study-abroad programs hosted by the Institute on International and Comparative Law in England, France, Ireland, Italy, Russia, and Spain. All courses are taught in English.

■ Early Start Program

An early start program is offered for students who wish to begin their legal studies in the summer session. This program allows students to take one 4-credit-hour class in the summer in a small, intimate environment as they make the transition into the law school.

■ Admission

Generally, the quality and size of the applicant pool forces the Admissions Committee to rely heavily on the undergraduate grade-point average and the LSAT score. However, numerical indicators are not the only considerations used in evaluating applications. The committee considers the quality of the applicant's undergraduate institution, level and rigor of coursework, letters of recommendation (particularly those from faculty), graduate work, employment during and after college, extracurricular activities, potential for service to the profession, educational/geographic/socioeconomic diversity, and the applicant's personal statement. Applicants are encouraged to explain matters that may have adversely affected their undergraduate performance. Applicants who feel they have been disadvantaged because of economic, educational, racial, or cultural factors are urged to bring this to the attention of the Admissions Committee. Printable and online applications are available at www.law.indiana.edu.

■ Housing

The Bloomington area offers a variety of housing options for students. There are numerous apartments and houses available as off-campus rentals as well as on-campus housing. Information regarding off-campus housing options is available on the law school's website, www.law.indiana.edu. For information concerning on-campus housing, contact Indiana University Halls of Residence, www.rps.indiana.edu.

■ Student Activities

A variety of student organizations present opportunities for involvement in groups focused on specialized areas of the law and public service. Some of the most active groups include the Black Law Student Association, Women's Law Caucus, Public Interest Law Foundation, Hispanic Law Student Association, and the Environmental Law Society. Students may also obtain practical experience in a number of clinical opportunities, including the Community Legal Clinic, Family and Children Mediation Clinic, Conservation Law Clinic, Elder Law Clinic, Inmate Legal Assistance Project, Tenant Assistance Project,

Public Interest Internship Program, Federal Courts Clinic, Entrepreneurship Clinic, and Protective Order Project. Second- and third-year students are offered the opportunity to gain valuable writing, editing, and advocacy skills through participation in the Moot Court Competition and/or one of our three journals. The *Indiana Law Journal* publishes articles by legal scholars, practitioners, jurists, and IU law students. The *Federal Communications Law Journal* is the nation's oldest and largest circulation communications law journal. The *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* is a multidisciplinary journal that specializes in international and comparative law articles.

■ Career Services

The Career Services Office actively provides career planning and employment assistance to law students and alumni. Both on- and off-campus interviews are coordinated to facilitate contact between students and employers. In recent years, more than 97 percent of the graduates have secured employment within the first nine months after graduation. Over one half locate outside the state of Indiana. Graduates are found in all 50 states and 31 foreign countries.

Applicant Profile

Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington

This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																	
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		Below 2.50		No GPA		Total	
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
175-180	4	4	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
170-174	24	22	24	23	9	9	11	10	8	8	4	4	2	1	0	0	82	77
165-169	56	54	73	70	39	39	53	52	27	26	21	20	11	9	2	2	282	272
160-164	123	100	143	111	137	84	82	47	53	33	38	20	13	7	4	2	593	404
155-159	98	24	125	25	130	11	105	5	33	2	17	0	8	0	3	1	519	68
150-154	73	26	96	18	136	19	130	4	39	0	24	0	11	0	7	0	516	67
145-149	24	4	44	7	44	1	62	1	27	0	21	0	16	0	7	0	245	13
140-144	8	3	15	1	15	0	20	0	12	0	11	0	7	0	3	0	91	4
Below 140	2	0	1	0	10	0	13	0	5	0	12	0	6	0	2	0	51	0
Total	412	237	525	259	520	163	478	121	204	69	148	44	74	17	28	5	2389	915

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.