

Texas Tech University School of Law

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■ Introduction

The school, which accepted its first class in 1967, is located on the main campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. It is fully accredited with the Supreme Court of Texas and the ABA and is a member of the AALS. Its graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in any state in the nation. In 1974, a chapter of the Order of the Coif was established, a distinction accorded to only one-third of American law schools. The faculty embraces an open-door policy, enabling students to engage in continuing dialogue beyond formal class hours.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The school is designed to meet the needs of a contemporary legal education. The law library supports the research and academic needs of the students and faculty as evinced by superb computer resources and wireless Internet access, complementing a substantial collection of printed materials. All students have 24/7 access to the library and assigned library carrels that serve as small office-like workspaces. All classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, and a new \$12 million addition will include a high-tech courtroom and new classrooms.

■ Curriculum

The program of study equips students to practice law as advocates, counselors, judges, or law teachers, and the school recognizes that legal education is also a stepping-stone to careers in government, politics, or business. The required curriculum provides a broad-based legal education. Elective courses afford students the opportunity to create an area of concentration, ranging from business law to emerging areas such as health law, natural resources law, and national security law. The School of Law offers an Academic Success Program to assist students in developing the skills to succeed in the study and practice of law.

■ Programs of Study

The school offers several joint-degree programs: the JD/MBA; the JD/MPA; the JD/MS in Agriculture and Applied Economics; the JD/MS in Accounting (Taxation); the JD/Master of Environmental Toxicology; the JD/Master of Biotechnology; the JD/MS in Crop and Soil Sciences; and the JD/MS in Personal Financial Planning, which qualifies students to sit for the Certified Financial Planning exam. Also, a Law and Science Certificate Program allows for specialization in areas including environmental law, oil and gas law, health law, intellectual property law, and biodefense law.

■ Admission

The school uses a rolling admission policy. The Admissions Committee admits applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. While an applicant's LSAT and GPA figure significantly in the admission process, the committee also considers other factors, including extracurricular activities, public interest service, previous

employment, and leadership qualities. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.

The school offers a binding Early Decision Program with an application deadline of November 1 and an LSDAS report deadline of November 10. The deadline for regular decision applicants is February 1. Some students may be admitted through a Summer Entry Program.

Written recommendations are required. Anyone filing an application after February 1 will be at a disadvantage. Those applicants accepted in the Early Decision Program will be required to pay a nonrefundable deposit of \$750, and those accepted in the regular admission process must pay a deposit of \$300 to hold their places.

■ Legal Publication and Research Opportunities

Texas Tech has several publications that allow students to hone their research and writing skills. The *Texas Tech Law Review* publishes articles written by students and leading jurists, practitioners, and academics.

The State Bar of Texas selected the school to publish the *Texas Tech Journal of Texas Administrative Law*. The *Texas Bank Lawyer* publishes articles about banking and commercial law.

The school is home to the Center for Water Law and Policy, the Center for Military Law and Policy, and the Center for BioDefense Law and Policy, which all provide research and scholarship opportunities.

Students take the lead in writing and producing the school's alumni magazine, the *Texas Tech Lawyer*.

■ Clinical Program

The school boasts a newly remodeled clinic facility that includes a state-of-the-art multimedia teleconference room. Students have the opportunity to represent clients and participate in real cases through several clinical courses taught by full-time tenure-track faculty. Students enrolled in the Civil Litigation Clinic represent clients in a wide range of civil matters. The Criminal Justice Clinic provides a unique opportunity for third-year law students to represent actual clients in state and federal criminal courts. In the Tax Clinic, students represent taxpayers in disputes with the IRS. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic focuses on resolving legal issues without litigation. The school also offers an Innocence Project Clinic that considers claims by prisoners of actual innocence, and a wide array of externship opportunities.

■ Advocacy Program

Students gain advocacy experience in simulated practice settings and through intraschool and interscholastic competitions. The school has an excellent reputation in various competitions. The school boasts 11 national and global titles and numerous top finishes in competitions, including the school's first World Championship in International Negotiation in Dublin, Ireland, in 2005, and the 2003 John Marshall Moot Court National Championship. The school is also in the process of constructing a state-of-the-art courtroom for advocacy training.

■ Student Activities

The Student Bar Association is the focal point for many student activities. The school has approximately 40 student organizations and 3 legal fraternities. Transitional groups are designed to assist students in their adjustment to law school.

■ Semester Abroad Programs

Texas Tech is a consortium partner in the Summer Law Institute, a cooperative teaching program with the historic University of Guanajuato, Mexico. The Summer Law Institute offers an introduction to Mexican law, international law, and legal subjects of interest to both US and Mexican lawyers, such as NAFTA. See www.law.ttu.edu for additional information.

French- or Spanish-fluent students are offered legal study for credit through cooperative programs with the Universidad de Pablo Olavide in Seville, Spain, and the University of Lyon in France. Another cooperative exchange program was recently concluded with La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

The School of Law offers numerous scholarships to entering students. In-state Tuition Scholarships are awarded to many nonresident applicants. Additional scholarships are available for second- and third-year students.

Long-term educational loan funds are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid, and short-term loans are available through the Law School Foundation.

■ Housing

Information about campus housing may be obtained from the Housing Office, www.housing.ttu.edu.

■ Career Services

The school is a member of NALP. The school participates in on- and off-campus interviewing programs. Ninety-eight percent of 2004 graduates were employed within six months of graduation.

Please contact www.law.ttu.edu, or 806.742.3990, ext. 273, for applications or additional information.

Applicant Profile

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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		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total		
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170-174	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
165-169	7	7	3	2	8	8	4	4	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	26
160-164	17	17	30	29	31	30	29	24	15	7	12	4	5	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	145	114	
155-159	47	46	71	68	74	60	80	40	57	15	27	3	10	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	370	234	
150-154	56	50	91	64	130	51	85	15	78	4	58	3	23	0	7	0	1	0	2	1	531	188	
145-149	40	20	75	16	105	12	84	3	64	2	43	1	20	0	6	0	1	0	3	0	441	54	
140-144	12	3	32	4	43	4	43	2	32	1	24	0	15	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	208	14	
135-139	2	0	5	0	13	0	18	0	11	0	9	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	68	0	
130-134	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	
125-129	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	183	144	309	183	409	166	345	88	260	31	179	13	77	3	36	1	6	0	9	3	1813	632	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.