

## Wake Forest University School of Law

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### ■ Introduction

Wake Forest University School of Law, established in 1894, is located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. It is a member of the AALS and is ABA approved. In 1998, the law school was awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif, a national honorary society.

Wake Forest offers students a solid and personalized legal education. Class sizes are smaller than virtually any other law school in the nation, with approximately 40 students in each first-year section and about 20 students in first-year legal writing sections.

Faculty members are nationally renowned teachers and scholars. The director of trial advocacy was awarded the Roscoe Pound Foundation's Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy, and recently Wake Forest received the prestigious Emil Gumpert Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers for its outstanding trial advocacy program. Faculty chairs are held by six of the nation's most respected authorities in the areas of administrative law, commercial law, sports and entertainment law, constitutional law, torts and product liability, and health care law and policy.

Wake Forest law school embraces seven principal commitments: (1) to maintain a school of the right size that begins with a first-year class of approximately 160 students composed of four sections of about 40 students each; (2) to develop and retain a faculty strong in teaching, experience, and current scholarly writing; (3) to assure that students are taught substantive law and how to research through the maximum use of leading edge technology; (4) to continue the school's emphasis on dispute resolution and litigation skills through instruction, competition, and clinical practice; (5) to build a bridge between law and management communities by an enhanced curriculum, the sharing of resources, and collaborative instruction; (6) to seek to provide career opportunities for our students and graduates that match their potential; and (7) to teach the transcendence of ethics and to inculcate in graduates the importance of doing good while doing well throughout their professional lives.

### ■ Admission

Requirements: Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university, application with dean's certification and academic recommendation, LSAT and LSDAS, application fee—\$60, application deadline—March 1. First-year students are admitted only in the fall semester for full-time study. The law school has a rolling admission policy. Completed files are individually reviewed to select a diverse group of students who are likely to succeed in law school and contribute to the legal profession. The LSAT and undergraduate GPA, as well as a number of subjective factors—including personal talents, work experience, community service, leadership potential, graduate study, and a history of overcoming social or economic hardship—indicating intellectual capacity, character, motivation, and maturity are considered. For multiple LSAT scores, the average of the test scores will be used. Applicants should explain disparate scores.

A \$300 nonrefundable deposit is due by April 15, and a tuition deposit must be paid by June 15. (Both fees are applicable toward tuition.) Personal interviews are not required; however, we encourage all applicants to visit the law school.

Transfer students meeting the admission requirements are accepted on a space-available basis after the successful completion of one year at an AALS or ABA-approved law school.

### ■ Expenses and Financial Aid

Tuition/fees—\$27,900; estimated living expenses—\$10,000–\$15,000.

Merit, need-based, and diversity scholarships are available. The FAFSA is due April 1.

### ■ Clinical Programs

Two exceptional clinical programs allow students to gain hands-on legal experience. In the Litigation Clinic, students are placed in offices such as the US Attorney's Office, the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, legal aid, the National Labor Relations Board, private law firms, and corporate counsel. While receiving classroom instruction and skills training in interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and discovery, students represent clients under the supervision of an experienced attorney.

The Elder Law Clinic is an in-house clinic representing low-to moderate-income clients over the age of 60. Located at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, the classroom component is jointly taught by members of the law and medical school faculties. Students draft essential documents, such as wills, and handle administrative representation and state court litigation with a clinic professor/attorney.

### ■ Technology

Wake Forest prepares students to embrace the rapidly changing technological environment of the legal profession. Classrooms have been upgraded to multimedia theaters allowing technology to augment classroom teaching. Many professors routinely use web pages to distribute essential course information and provide online discussion forums outside of the classroom.

Each student is required to have a laptop. The law school wireless network gives students instant access to e-mail, essential legal research systems, the Internet, and a variety of other resources. A university-wide network allows students to register for courses, receive grades, obtain transcripts, and interact with university offices.

### ■ Joint-degree Programs

The law school offers a joint JD/MBA program with the Babcock Graduate School of Management. Admission and scholarship decisions are made independently at each school. The law school also offers an LLM in American Law for graduates of foreign law schools. A separate (LLM) application is required and may be obtained at

LLM-admissions@Law.wfu.edu or by writing the director of the LLM program.

## ■ Foreign Study

Students in good standing may participate in a four-week program offered each summer at the Worrell House, the university's residential center near Regent's Park in London, England; in Venice, Italy at Casa Artom on the Grand Canal; and at the University of Vienna in Vienna, Austria. Students participating in the programs can earn up to six hours of academic credit.

## ■ Career Services

The Career Services Office aggressively seeks opportunities for students in both summer and permanent legal positions. Knowledgeable staff members personally counsel students to assist them in developing solid career portfolios. The office also conducts workshops in résumé preparation, interviewing, and career planning. Faculty and staff expand career opportunities by visiting law firms, corporations, and agencies throughout the country to acquaint them with the exceptional Wake Forest program. A large number of employers interview students on campus each year or request that résumés be forwarded by the Career Services Office. Wake Forest law graduates are located throughout the country.

## Applicant Profile

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

LSAT Score	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	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
170-174	4	4	6	5	8	6	7	5	4	4	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	25
165-169	44	42	48	46	57	50	60	51	19	9	12	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	252	203	
160-164	128	61	170	83	216	78	128	35	64	11	14	1	8	0	1	0	0	3	1	732	270		
155-159	108	3	178	8	189	8	129	5	50	0	19	0	4	0	5	0	1	0	3	0	686	24	
150-154	54	2	64	7	112	6	80	6	44	3	18	0	11	0	4	0	0	3	0	390	24		
145-149	13	2	27	0	44	2	42	0	16	0	20	0	7	0	1	0	0	2	0	172	4		
140-144	3	0	13	0	15	0	17	0	10	0	5	0	5	0	6	0	0	1	0	75	0		
135-139	0	0	2	0	7	0	11	0	11	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	42	0		
130-134	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	13	0		
125-129	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0		
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	355	114	511	151	649	151	476	102	221	27	99	4	51	2	20	0	4	0	17	2	2403	553	

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.