



Undergraduate Majors of Applicants to ABA-Approved Law Schools

- These data display **Academic Year**. Academic year reflects the law school enrollment year. For example, academic year 2016 or 2016–2017 would indicate the academic year beginning in fall 2016 and extending into spring 2017.
- These data summarize valid LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs for all applicants to one or more ABA-accredited law schools for the year noted.
- All applicants must have a valid LSAT score, GPA, and major listed to be included.
- Students are able to take the LSAT multiple times. Each student's highest LSAT score is used in computing the arithmetic average.
- All applicants with a single major are counted once, but double majors are counted twice. Column sums will not sum to the published numbers of applicants.
- All majors listed are undergraduate majors only, and graduate degrees or majors are excluded.
- Majors with fewer than 5 applicant counts have been excluded from these tables.

Please Note:

It is important to treat these data with caution. It would be a mistake to infer from them that any one major is better than another in preparing students for the LSAT or, indeed, for law school itself. It is not possible to know whether or not the students whose data are captured here would have performed equally well on the LSAT regardless of their selected major.

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Applicants by Major: 2017–2018

Major Category	Major	All Applicants: Mean Highest LSAT	All Applicants: Median UGPA	# of Applicants (A)	% of Total Applicants (B=A/SUM(A))	# of Admitted Applicants (C)	% of Applicants Admitted (D=C/A)	# of Applicants Enrolled (E)	% of Applicants Enrolled (F=E/A)
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Political Science	153.62	3.40	11,947	17.91%	9,612	80.46%	8,443	70.67%
Other	Any area not listed	148.41	3.23	4,537	6.80%	2,917	64.29%	2,469	54.42%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Psychology	152.53	3.36	3,736	5.60%	2,866	76.71%	2,493	66.73%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Criminal Justice	145.87	3.23	3,629	5.44%	2,220	61.17%	1,902	52.41%
Arts & Humanities	English	154.78	3.44	3,151	4.72%	2,564	81.37%	2,218	70.39%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	History	156.27	3.47	3,138	4.70%	2,657	84.67%	2,335	74.41%
Business & Management	Economics	158.99	3.49	2,757	4.13%	2,373	86.07%	2,026	73.49%
Arts & Humanities	Philosophy	157.21	3.44	2,238	3.36%	1,858	83.02%	1,643	73.41%
Arts & Humanities	Other Arts & Humanities	154.03	3.43	1,947	2.92%	1,496	76.84%	1,301	66.82%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Sociology	150.59	3.3	1,870	2.80%	1,327	70.96%	1,148	61.39%

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Arts & Humanities	Communications	150.83	3.34	1,838	2.76%	1,350	73.45%	1,156	62.89%
Business & Management	Business Administration	149.32	3.21	1,489	2.23%	980	65.82%	833	55.94%
Business & Management	Finance	154.96	3.39	1,471	2.21%	1,217	82.73%	1,045	71.04%
Arts & Humanities	Liberal Arts	151.68	3.27	1,173	1.76%	830	70.76%	709	60.44%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	International Relations	156.77	3.51	1,104	1.66%	915	82.88%	792	71.74%
Business & Management	Marketing	151.29	3.26	1,002	1.50%	767	76.55%	658	65.67%
Business & Management	Business Management	150.30	3.26	986	1.48%	689	69.88%	586	59.43%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Criminology	149.43	3.30	934	1.40%	689	73.77%	590	63.17%
Business & Management	Accounting	153.30	3.43	919	1.38%	719	78.24%	599	65.18%
Arts & Humanities	Spanish	154.03	3.52	874	1.31%	693	79.29%	601	68.76%

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Natural Sciences	Biology, General	154.25	3.20	746	1.12%	591	79.22%	514	68.90%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	International Studies	157.32	3.58	725	1.09%	622	85.79%	537	74.07%
Arts & Humanities	Journalism	153.72	3.47	713	1.07%	580	81.35%	492	69.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Prelaw	148.09	3.24	660	0.99%	429	65.00%	383	58.03%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Other Social Sciences	154.52	3.49	626	0.94%	474	75.72%	412	65.81%
Business & Management	Other Business and Management	151.49	3.33	517	0.78%	379	73.31%	338	65.38%
Arts & Humanities	Interdisciplinary Studies	155.72	3.49	489	0.73%	394	80.57%	324	66.26%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Government /Service	157.19	3.46	469	0.70%	374	79.74%	329	70.15%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Anthropology	156.04	3.45	432	0.65%	356	82.41%	312	72.22%
Natural Sciences	Environmental Sciences	156.35	3.39	420	0.63%	370	88.10%	319	75.95%

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Business & Management	International Business	151.89	3.36	369	0.55%	269	72.90%	227	61.52%
Natural Sciences	Biology, Specialization	157.80	3.35	355	0.53%	300	84.51%	255	71.83%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Policy Studies	158.99	3.55	339	0.51%	305	89.97%	260	76.70%
Business & Management	Business Management/ Admin.	148.33	3.22	331	0.50%	209	63.14%	178	53.78%
Arts & Humanities	Religion/Religious Studies	155.95	3.52	330	0.49%	277	83.94%	239	72.42%
Arts & Humanities	Foreign Languages	157.32	3.57	327	0.49%	279	85.32%	241	73.70%
Arts & Humanities	French	156.73	3.59	325	0.49%	275	84.62%	230	70.77%
Arts & Humanities	Music	155.66	3.54	314	0.47%	249	79.30%	209	66.56%
Natural Sciences	Mathematics	162.80	3.64	293	0.44%	254	86.69%	214	73.04%
Health Professions	Other Health Professions	149.26	3.21	276	0.41%	178	64.49%	147	53.26%

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Arts & Humanities	Classics	160.38	3.64	264	0.40%	229	86.74%	205	77.65%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Social Work	147.68	3.36	261	0.39%	168	64.37%	142	54.41%
Natural Sciences	Chemistry, General	156.02	3.38	246	0.37%	200	81.30%	171	69.51%
Arts & Humanities	Art History	157.39	3.51	245	0.37%	196	80.00%	171	69.80%
Arts & Humanities	Literature	157.26	3.56	220	0.33%	180	81.82%	156	70.91%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Women's Studies	155.65	3.515	209	0.31%	169	80.86%	143	68.42%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Public Affairs/Services/ Admin.	151.95	3.38	205	0.31%	142	69.27%	126	61.46%
Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	157.95	3.38	197	0.30%	154	78.17%	120	60.91%
Arts & Humanities	Film Production	154.59	3.38	183	0.27%	135	73.77%	108	59.02%
Natural Sciences	Other Natural Sciences	155.92	3.30	180	0.27%	157	87.22%	134	74.44%

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Engineering	Electrical Engineering	158.82	3.23	177	0.27%	144	81.36%	111	62.71%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Education, General	150.37	3.37	161	0.24%	113	70.19%	79	49.07%
Arts & Humanities	Drama/Theatre Arts	154.34	3.45	158	0.24%	123	77.85%	96	60.76%
Health Professions	Health/ Kinesiology	151.83	3.16	149	0.22%	113	75.84%	93	62.42%
Computer Science	Computer Science, General	161.24	3.49	136	0.20%	108	79.41%	91	66.91%
Engineering	Chemical Engineering	160.19	3.36	135	0.20%	122	90.37%	102	75.56%
Arts & Humanities	German	158.39	3.58	131	0.20%	111	84.73%	98	74.81%
Arts & Humanities	Linguistics	159.40	3.55	130	0.19%	109	83.85%	94	72.31%
Business & Management	Business and Commerce, General	152.68	3.29	125	0.19%	92	73.60%	77	61.60%
Natural Sciences	Biochemistry	158.66	3.35	123	0.18%	107	86.99%	88	71.54%

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Natural Sciences	Physics, General	161.58	3.46	122	0.18%	102	83.61%	87	71.31%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	African American Studies	149.18	3.23	119	0.18%	82	68.91%	63	52.94%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Family Relations/Child Devel.	149.56	3.31	117	0.18%	87	74.36%	78	66.67%
Arts & Humanities	Art/Design	152.74	3.38	116	0.17%	90	77.59%	75	64.66%
Arts & Humanities	Performing Arts	155.36	3.48	111	0.17%	91	81.98%	78	70.27%
Health Professions	Nursing	145.80	3.24	106	0.16%	53	50.00%	38	35.85%
Health Professions	Hospital/Health Care Admin.	148.55	3.18	95	0.14%	59	62.11%	50	52.63%
Engineering	Civil Engineering	154.71	3.17	92	0.14%	66	71.74%	55	59.78%
Engineering	Bio/Biomedical Engineering	160.45	3.28	90	0.13%	78	86.67%	61	67.78%
Natural Sciences	Geography	155.38	3.43	89	0.13%	70	78.65%	60	67.42%

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Business & Management	Hotel/Restaurant Management	149.36	3.24	88	0.13%	65	73.86%	56	63.64%
Health Professions	Premedical/Medicine	152.70	3.21	80	0.12%	56	70.00%	45	56.25%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Elementary Education	148.65	3.46	80	0.12%	56	70.00%	41	51.25%
Arts & Humanities	Russian	159.41	3.64	79	0.12%	71	89.87%	63	79.75%
Arts & Humanities	Theology	155.56	3.56	79	0.12%	61	77.22%	50	63.29%
Natural Sciences	Agriculture	150.70	3.33	78	0.12%	60	76.92%	51	65.38%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Secondary Education	153.55	3.48	75	0.11%	66	88.00%	58	77.33%
Engineering	Other Engineering	157.57	3.22	72	0.11%	58	80.56%	47	65.28%
Natural Sciences	Geology/Earth Sciences	155.78	3.31	68	0.10%	60	88.24%	55	80.88%
Arts & Humanities	Fine Arts	152.43	3.41	66	0.10%	49	74.24%	43	65.15%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Urban Studies/Regional Planning	155.89	3.47	64	0.10%	58	90.63%	52	81.25%
Business & Management	Real Estate	153.67	3.39	62	0.09%	46	74.19%	39	62.90%
Computer Science	Computer Information Systems	145.54	3.03	61	0.09%	28	45.90%	22	36.07%
Computer Science	Management Information Systems	153.19	3.30	61	0.09%	50	81.97%	41	67.21%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	American Civilization	157.64	3.54	59	0.09%	51	86.44%	42	71.19%
Business & Management	Industrial Relations	160.02	3.71	50	0.07%	43	86.00%	38	76.00%
Business & Management	Recreation Management	154.18	3.47	47	0.07%	35	74.47%	28	59.57%
Natural Sciences	Chemistry, Specialization	154.33	3.20	47	0.07%	41	87.23%	33	70.21%
Business & Management	Advertising	152.48	3.23	45	0.07%	33	73.33%	31	68.89%
Engineering	Industrial Engineering	156.11	3.28	45	0.07%	37	82.22%	33	73.33%

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Arts & Humanities	Visual Arts/Graphics	152.86	3.26	39	0.06%	26	66.67%	21	53.85%
Engineering	Computer Engineering	157.51	3.48	37	0.06%	30	81.08%	22	59.46%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Mexican American Studies	148.23	3.08	36	0.05%	26	72.22%	24	66.67%
Computer Science	Information Sciences	149.91	3.14	34	0.05%	21	61.76%	17	50.00%
Computer Science	Other Computer Science	150.60	3.17	33	0.05%	22	66.67%	16	48.48%
Arts & Humanities	Architecture/Environmental Design	155.52	3.39	31	0.05%	19	61.29%	15	48.39%
Natural Sciences	Zoology	156.83	3.21	31	0.05%	28	90.32%	25	80.65%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Law Enforcement	146.00	3.36	29	0.04%	17	58.62%	16	55.17%
Business & Management	Transportation and Commerce	151.88	3.51	28	0.04%	24	85.71%	20	71.43%
Engineering	Aerospace and Aeronautical	158.14	2.92	28	0.04%	21	75.00%	17	60.71%

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Engineering	Environmental Engineering	160.32	3.39	28	0.04%	22	78.57%	18	64.29%
Health Professions	Speech Pathology/Audiology	147.96	3.13	25	0.04%	14	56.00%	10	40.00%
Business & Management	Insurance & Risk Management	152.74	3.46	24	0.04%	20	83.33%	17	70.83%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Asian American Studies	157.00	3.48	23	0.03%	21	91.30%	19	82.61%
Health Professions	Pharmacy	148.25	3.24	21	0.03%	12	57.14%	10	47.62%
Natural Sciences	Statistics	164.14	3.56	21	0.03%	20	95.24%	15	71.43%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Special Ed./Disabilities/Handicapped	149.21	3.465	21	0.03%	15	71.43%	10	47.62%
Business & Management	Sales/Retail	149.35	3.23	20	0.03%	15	75.00%	12	60.00%
Business & Management	Business Education	148.53	3.05	19	0.03%	10	52.63%	9	47.37%
Engineering	Petroleum Engineering	157.47	3.16	19	0.03%	17	89.47%	12	63.16%

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Health Professions	Dietetics/ Nutritional Science	154.05	2.91	19	0.03%	16	84.21%	13	68.42%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Recreation and Leisure Services	148.59	2.99	18	0.03%	12	66.67%	10	55.56%
Arts & Humanities	Speech	149.44	3.11	16	0.02%	12	75.00%	10	62.50%
Computer Science	Computer Programming	150.87	3.12	16	0.02%	11	68.75%	11	68.75%
Arts & Humanities	Library Studies	150.93	2.97	15	0.02%	13	86.67%	11	73.33%
Natural Sciences	Forestry	152.07	2.97	15	0.02%	10	66.67%	7	46.67%
Engineering	Engineering Technologies/ Design	148.36	2.78	14	0.02%	9	64.29%	9	64.29%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Guidance/ Counseling	141.23	3.25	14	0.02%	7	50.00%	6	42.86%
Engineering	Construction Engineering	151.00	3.03	13	0.02%	9	69.23%	4	30.77%
Arts & Humanities	Home Economics	144.67	2.76	12	0.02%	5	41.67%	3	25.00%

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Business & Management	Industrial Management	151.10	3.36	12	0.02%	10	83.33%	7	58.33%
Health Professions	Physical Therapy	145.83	3.12	12	0.02%	6	50.00%	5	41.67%
Natural Sciences	Marine Studies	154.50	3.28	12	0.02%	11	91.67%	7	58.33%
Natural Sciences	Physics, Specialization	161.00	3.17	11	0.02%	11	100.00%	8	72.73%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Archaeology	156.27	3.50	11	0.02%	9	81.82%	9	81.82%
Engineering	Nuclear Engineering	161.20	3.57	10	0.01%	8	80.00%	7	70.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Education Psychology	152.90	3.34	10	0.01%	6	60.00%	6	60.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Physical Education	148.89	3.21	10	0.01%	8	80.00%	6	60.00%
Health Professions	Medical Lab. Tech./Radiology	146.44	2.96	9	0.01%	6	66.67%	6	66.67%
Natural Sciences	Astronomy	161.33	3.00	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	6	66.67%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Inter American Relations	151.78	3.19	9	0.01%	4	44.44%	3	33.33%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Military Science	149.67	3.53	9	0.01%	6	66.67%	4	44.44%
Business & Management	Personnel Management	149.86	3.35	8	0.01%	5	62.50%	5	62.50%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Indian Studies	144.25	3.18	8	0.01%	5	62.50%	5	62.50%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Police Administration	139.88	2.55	8	0.01%	2	25.00%	1	12.50%
Arts & Humanities	Practical Arts	144.29	2.80	7	0.01%	3	42.86%	2	28.57%
Health Professions	Animal Sciences/ Veterinary Med.	153.71	3.46	7	0.01%	5	71.43%	4	57.14%
Health Professions	Pre dentistry/ Dentistry	148.83	2.90	7	0.01%	5	71.43%	4	57.14%
Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	152.83	3.41	6	0.01%	6	100.00%	4	66.67%
Engineering	Marine Engineering	156.00	3.13	6	0.01%	6	100.00%	5	83.33%

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Natural Sciences	Botany	158.67	3.33	6	0.01%	5	83.33%	5	83.33%
Natural Sciences	Physical Sciences	151.33	3.35	6	0.01%	5	83.33%	5	83.33%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	Education/ Administration	144.67	2.84	6	0.01%	3	50.00%	3	50.00%
Engineering	Electronic Engineering	147.67	3.02	5	0.01%	3	60.00%	2	40.00%
Natural Sciences	Aviation Science	147.00	3.12	5	0.01%	3	60.00%	2	40.00%