



HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

2011 Entering Class

48% women

37% students of color

13% with advanced degrees

76% at least 1 year out of college

54% 2+ years out of college

148 undergraduate schools

11% non-U.S. citizen

Students represent 42 states plus DC...

20% Northeast

17% Far West

12% Great Lakes

11% Mid-South

10% New England

8% Southeast

5% South Central

3% Mountain West

2% Midwest

1% Northwest

and 17 foreign countries: Argentina, Cameroon, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Taiwan, and Venezuela

Classes / Curriculum

First-year courses:

- Civil Procedure
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Research and Writing
- Property
- Torts
- International/Comparative Law elective
- Legislation and Regulation
- Problem Solving
- 50 Reading Groups (each with 15 or fewer students)

7 sections each with a faculty leader and fewer than 80 students

Upper-level curriculum:

- 330+ courses
- 52 clinical courses
- 79 seminars
- 113 courses with fewer than 25 students

Student/Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Programs of Study (optional):

- Criminal Justice
- International and Comparative Law
- Law and Business
- Law and Government
- Law and Social Change
- Law, Science, and Technology

Journals

Business Law Journal
 Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review
 Environmental Law Review
 Harvard Law Review
 Human Rights Journal
 International Law Journal
 Journal of Law and Gender
 Journal of Law and Public Policy
 Journal of Law and Technology

Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law
 Journal on Legislation
 Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice
 Latino Law Review
 Law and Policy Review
 National Security Journal
 Negotiation Law Review
 Unbound: Harvard Journal of the Legal Left

Admissions Facts

2011 Entering Class:

6364 applications

75th/25th Percentiles:

842 offers of admission

GPA: 3.97 / 3.78

559 enrolled

LSAT: 176 / 171

Required materials for 2011-12 application:
(Application deadline: February 1)

Application form

Personal statement (2 pages, double-spaced)

Resume

2 Letters of recommendation

LSAT score(s)

Transcript(s)

Financial Aid Facts

Need-based financial aid policy = no merit scholarships; approximately 43% of students receive need-based grants

Summer Public Interest Funding = guaranteed stipends for summer work; over 515 students in 2011 received funding

International students receive Harvard loans to replace the Federal loans for which they do not qualify

Loan repayment assistance for graduates taking low-paying jobs through our Low Income Protection Plan; approximately 20% of the 2010 graduating class participated in LIPP immediately following graduation

Loan options are available so all students can finance their three years at HLS

2011-12 Tuition = \$47,600

Research Programs and Centers

Berkman Center for Internet and Society	Labor and Worklife Program
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice	John M. Olin Center of Law, Economics, and Business
Child Advocacy Program	Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics
East Asian Legal Studies	Program on Corporate Governance
Environmental Law Program	Program on International Financial Systems
Foundations of Private Law	Program on Negotiation
Harvard Law School Project on Disability	Program on the Legal Profession
Human Rights Program	Program on Law and Mind Sciences
Institute for Global Law and Policy	Tax Law Program
Islamic Legal Studies Program	

Public Service Opportunities

8+ advisors in the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising schedule thousands of one-on-one appointments with students to help them learn about and then obtain summer jobs and post-graduate opportunities—including dozens of fellowships

40 hours of pro bono work required for graduation (average student completes **628** hours)

Summer Public Interest Funding guaranteed for students pursuing a public interest summer experience with over **500** students doing public interest work in recent summers

Public Service Venture Fund provides at least **\$1M** annually to graduating students to help them pursue careers in public service including fully-funded fellowships at existing organizations and seed grants for students and recent graduates who are social entrepreneurs looking to start their own non-profits

Joint and Concurrent Degrees

Joint degree programs:

- JD/MBA (Harvard Business School)
- JD/MPP or JD/MPA-ID (Harvard Kennedy School)
- JD/MUP (Harvard Graduate School of Design)
- JD/MPH (Harvard School of Public Health)
- JD/PhD (Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences)
- JD/LLM (Cambridge University, UK)

Concurrent degrees pursued by past students:

- JD/MA (Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences)
- JD/MTS or M.Div. (Harvard Divinity School)
- JD/MALD (Fletcher School at Tufts University)
- JD/Ed.M. (Harvard Graduate School of Education)
- JD/PhD (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

International Study, Work, and Research

Students go abroad during Winter Term (earning clinical or writing credit), summers (for which there is significant funding from the Summer Public Interest Funding Program, the Chayes Fellowship and the Human Rights Program), and for full semesters. For semesters abroad, students can choose to spend an “independent” semester at any law school that meets study abroad requirements, or apply for designated spots through our existing exchange agreements with the following schools:

- Faculty of Law of University of Sydney (Australia)
- Fudan University Law School (Shanghai)
- Fundação Getulio Vargas Schools of Law (Rio, São Paulo)
- Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
- University of Chile School of Law (Santiago)
- University of Geneva Faculty of Law and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Law & Politics
- University of Witwatersrand School of Law (Johannesburg)

Clinics and Student Practice Organizations

Capital Punishment
 Child Advocacy Program
 Criminal Justice Institute (Criminal Defense)
 Criminal Prosecution
 Cyberlaw and Intellectual Property
 Education Law: Trauma and Learning Policy
 Employment Civil Rights
 Environmental Law and Policy
 Federal Debt Collection

Gender Violence and Title IX
 Ghana Project
 Government Lawyer: Federal Prosecution
 Government Lawyer: Semester in DC
 Government Lawyer: The Role of the State AG
 Government Lawyer: NYC law Department
 Government Lawyer: Judicial Process in
 Community courts
 Harvard Immigration and Refugee

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau
 International Human Rights
 Negotiation and Mediation
 Shareholder's Rights
 Sports Law
 Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation
 Supreme Court (in DC)
 Transactional Law

WILMERHALE LEGAL SERVICES CENTER:

Family and LGBT Law
 Health, Disability and Planning Law
 Post-Foreclosure Eviction Housing
 Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection

STUDENT PRACTICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Harvard Defenders
 Harvard Immigration Project
 Harvard Mediation Program
 Harvard Mississippi Delta Project
 Harvard Negotiators
 HLS Advocates for Human Rights
 Prison Legal Assistance Project
 Project No One Leaves
 Recording Artists Project
 Tenant Advocacy Project

Plus externships and independent clinicals