

## Undergraduate Majors of Applicants to ABA-Approved Law Schools

- 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.
- 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: 2014–2015

Major Category	Major	All Applicants: Median GPA	All Applicants: Mean Highest LSAT	# 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	3.36	153.86	13,241	18.53%	10,876	82.14%	9,420	71.14%
Other	ANY AREA NOT LISTED - OTHER	3.20	148.21	4,545	6.36%	3,006	66.14%	2,522	55.49%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3.16	145.95	3,777	5.29%	2,500	66.19%	2,083	55.15%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PSYCHOLOGY	3.33	152.85	3,772	5.28%	2,998	79.48%	2,562	67.92%
Arts & Humanities	ENGLISH	3.40	154.91	3,732	5.22%	3,077	82.45%	2,641	70.77%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	HISTORY	3.42	156.35	3,729	5.22%	3,204	85.92%	2,807	75.27%
Business & Management	ECONOMICS	3.43	158.99	2,842	3.98%	2,408	84.73%	2,027	71.32%
Arts & Humanities	PHILOSOPHY	3.42	158.05	2,411	3.37%	2,047	84.90%	1,767	73.29%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIOLOGY	3.25	150.84	2,044	2.86%	1,532	74.95%	1,303	63.75%
Arts & Humanities	ARTS & HUMANITIES - OTHER	3.40	154.20	2,036	2.85%	1,598	78.49%	1,365	67.04%

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Arts & Humanities	COMMUNICATIONS	3.31	151.45	1,805	2.53%	1,408	78.01%	1,194	66.15%
Business & Management	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	3.16	149.63	1,625	2.27%	1,116	68.68%	916	56.37%
Business & Management	FINANCE	3.35	154.49	1,575	2.20%	1,242	78.86%	1,045	66.35%
Business & Management	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	3.19	149.56	1,271	1.78%	859	67.58%	721	56.73%
Arts & Humanities	LIBERAL ARTS	3.22	151.40	1,241	1.74%	890	71.72%	741	59.71%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ANY AREA NOT LISTED - OTHER	3.22	148.23	1,099	1.54%	782	71.16%	651	59.24%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3.45	157.40	1,098	1.54%	937	85.34%	793	72.22%
Business & Management	ACCOUNTING	3.36	152.35	1,019	1.43%	774	75.96%	650	63.79%
Arts & Humanities	SPANISH	3.51	154.64	1,014	1.42%	843	83.14%	745	73.47%
Business & Management	MARKETING	3.19	150.41	948	1.33%	711	75.00%	590	62.24%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	CRIMINOLOGY	3.22	148.69	881	1.23%	637	72.30%	521	59.14%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	3.53	157.15	806	1.13%	695	86.23%	600	74.44%
Natural Sciences	BIOLOGY, GENERAL	3.13	153.51	730	1.02%	573	78.49%	479	65.62%
Arts & Humanities	JOURNALISM	3.35	152.69	719	1.01%	563	78.30%	482	67.04%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIAL SCIENCES - OTHER	3.42	153.05	652	0.91%	473	72.55%	407	62.42%
Arts & Humanities	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	3.45	154.68	587	0.82%	453	77.17%	375	63.88%
Business & Management	BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT - OTHER	3.29	151.14	539	0.75%	408	75.70%	337	62.52%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	GOVERNMENT/ SERVICE	3.45	157.51	501	0.70%	409	81.64%	349	69.66%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ANTHROPOLOGY	3.43	155.99	498	0.70%	408	81.93%	362	72.69%
Business & Management	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	3.26	151.81	425	0.59%	310	72.94%	262	61.65%

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Business & Management	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT/ ADMINISTRATION	3.08	147.74	403	0.56%	265	65.76%	205	50.87%
Natural Sciences	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	3.44	157.27	399	0.56%	356	89.22%	307	76.94%
Arts & Humanities	FOREIGN LANGUAGES	3.50	156.19	360	0.50%	300	83.33%	246	68.33%
Arts & Humanities	RELIGION/ RELIGIOUS STUDIES	3.42	156.57	349	0.49%	294	84.24%	244	69.91%
Arts & Humanities	FRENCH	3.59	157.58	342	0.48%	294	85.96%	248	72.51%
Natural Sciences	BIOLOGY, SPECIALIZATION	3.25	157.57	323	0.45%	273	84.52%	233	72.14%
Arts & Humanities	MUSIC	3.53	156.10	318	0.45%	258	81.13%	224	70.44%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	POLICY STUDIES	3.50	158.78	316	0.44%	271	85.76%	224	70.89%
Natural Sciences	MATHEMATICS	3.51	160.99	310	0.43%	255	82.26%	201	64.84%
Arts & Humanities	CLASSICS	3.60	160.45	292	0.41%	260	89.04%	228	78.08%

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Natural Sciences	CHEMISTRY, GENERAL	3.34	154.35	256	0.36%	200	78.13%	169	66.02%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SOCIAL WORK	3.30	146.41	255	0.36%	163	63.92%	133	52.16%
Arts & Humanities	LITERATURE	3.44	156.07	245	0.34%	191	77.96%	163	66.53%
Arts & Humanities	ART HISTORY	3.53	158.17	230	0.32%	195	84.78%	167	72.61%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PUBLIC AFFAIRS/SERVICES/ADMIN	3.15	148.62	207	0.29%	142	68.60%	118	57.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	WOMENS STUDIES	3.45	153.51	202	0.28%	159	78.71%	129	63.86%
Engineering	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	3.26	157.38	185	0.26%	158	85.41%	124	67.03%
Health Professions	HEALTH PROFESSIONS - OTHER	3.18	149.73	184	0.26%	122	66.30%	95	51.63%
Engineering	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	3.30	156.18	183	0.26%	146	79.78%	114	62.30%
Natural Sciences	NATURAL SCIENCES - OTHER	3.23	153.88	172	0.24%	137	79.65%	116	67.44%

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Arts & Humanities	FILM PRODUCTION	3.39	153.37	171	0.24%	136	79.53%	114	66.67%
Arts & Humanities	GERMAN	3.57	157.84	168	0.24%	148	88.10%	128	76.19%
Arts & Humanities	DRAMA/ THEATRE ARTS	3.36	155.26	160	0.22%	133	83.13%	113	70.63%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATION, GENERAL	3.42	151.29	148	0.21%	109	73.65%	89	60.14%
Natural Sciences	BIOCHEMISTRY	3.36	158.56	143	0.20%	119	83.22%	97	67.83%
Health Professions	NURSING	3.14	146.83	130	0.18%	82	63.08%	63	48.46%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.16	150.38	129	0.18%	94	72.87%	77	59.69%
Arts & Humanities	ART/DESIGN	3.28	151.42	121	0.17%	92	76.03%	74	61.16%
Arts & Humanities	LINGUISTICS	3.66	160.71	121	0.17%	101	83.47%	88	72.73%
Computer Science	COMPUTER SCIENCE, GENERAL	3.17	156.42	120	0.17%	85	70.83%	65	54.17%

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Health Professions	HEALTH/ KINESIOLOGY	3.08	151.24	119	0.17%	98	82.35%	78	65.55%
Business & Management	BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, GENERAL	3.21	152.24	113	0.16%	77	68.14%	63	55.75%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	FAMILY RELATIONS/CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3.25	149.03	109	0.15%	75	68.81%	61	55.96%
Engineering	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	3.22	157.74	107	0.15%	93	86.92%	74	69.16%
Natural Sciences	PHYSICS, GENERAL	3.43	162.01	100	0.14%	89	89.00%	68	68.00%
Engineering	BIO/BIOMEDICAL	3.28	160.50	95	0.13%	86	90.53%	74	77.89%
Arts & Humanities	PERFORMING ARTS	3.43	154.04	93	0.13%	78	83.87%	66	70.97%
Engineering	CIVIL ENGINEERING	3.08	155.02	92	0.13%	62	67.39%	47	51.09%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	3.40	147.82	88	0.12%	62	70.45%	47	53.41%
Health Professions	PREMEDICAL/ MEDICINE	3.20	151.78	86	0.12%	58	67.44%	47	54.65%



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Business & Management	HOTEL/ RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT	3.17	150.26	85	0.12%	57	67.06%	44	51.76%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SECONDARY EDUCATION	3.44	153.04	85	0.12%	74	87.06%	61	71.76%
Arts & Humanities	RUSSIAN	3.48	159.47	84	0.12%	74	88.10%	66	78.57%
Natural Sciences	GEOGRAPHY	3.29	153.07	84	0.12%	66	78.57%	51	60.71%
Engineering	ENGINEERING - OTHER	3.09	158.70	83	0.12%	68	81.93%	52	62.65%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	URBAN STUDIES/ REGIONAL PLANNING	3.40	154.00	82	0.11%	64	78.05%	50	60.98%
Computer Science	COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3.03	145.88	76	0.11%	30	39.47%	22	28.95%
Business & Management	REAL ESTATE	3.23	151.75	74	0.10%	53	71.62%	43	58.11%
Arts & Humanities	FINE ARTS	3.41	153.81	73	0.10%	56	76.71%	45	61.64%
Health Professions	HOSPITAL/ HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION	3.00	144.59	71	0.10%	36	50.70%	27	38.03%

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Business & Management	ADVERTISING	3.31	150.80	67	0.09%	47	70.15%	34	50.75%
Arts & Humanities	THEOLOGY	3.34	155.11	65	0.09%	50	76.92%	39	60.00%
Natural Sciences	AGRICULTURE	3.26	152.45	65	0.09%	49	75.38%	40	61.54%
Business & Management	RECREATION MANAGEMENT	3.26	152.30	57	0.08%	46	80.70%	41	71.93%
Business & Management	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	3.36	148.54	55	0.08%	34	61.82%	31	56.36%
Computer Science	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3.34	150.21	55	0.08%	33	60.00%	23	41.82%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	AMERICAN CIVILIZATION	3.59	159.48	51	0.07%	47	92.16%	40	78.43%
Natural Sciences	GEOLOGY/ EARTH SCIENCES	3.31	156.82	50	0.07%	38	76.00%	28	56.00%
Business & Management	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	3.56	159.29	49	0.07%	44	89.80%	37	75.51%
Engineering	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	3.11	155.02	47	0.07%	33	70.21%	27	57.45%

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Arts & Humanities	VISUAL ARTS/ GRAPHICS	3.21	153.28	43	0.06%	31	72.09%	24	55.81%
Engineering	AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICAL	3.05	158.26	43	0.06%	34	79.07%	28	65.12%
Arts & Humanities	ARCHITECTURE/ ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	3.41	154.97	39	0.05%	29	74.36%	22	56.41%
Engineering	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	3.07	154.41	37	0.05%	25	67.57%	21	56.76%
Health Professions	PHARMACY	3.22	150.14	37	0.05%	25	67.57%	19	51.35%
Arts & Humanities	SPEECH	3.08	149.15	33	0.05%	24	72.73%	16	48.48%
Computer Science	COMPUTER SCIENCE - OTHER	3.25	148.43	32	0.04%	18	56.25%	12	37.50%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.31	151.74	32	0.04%	27	84.38%	22	68.75%
Business & Management	TRANSPORTATION AND COMMERCE	3.05	150.17	30	0.04%	23	76.67%	16	53.33%
Natural Sciences	CHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZATION	3.41	152.93	30	0.04%	23	76.67%	17	56.67%

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Business & Management	INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT	3.16	154.31	26	0.04%	21	80.77%	15	57.69%
Computer Science	INFORMATION SCIENCES	3.03	152.08	26	0.04%	20	76.92%	15	57.69%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES	3.31	154.40	25	0.03%	20	80.00%	18	72.00%
Computer Science	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	3.30	150.27	24	0.03%	11	45.83%	8	33.33%
Natural Sciences	STATISTICS	3.42	162.33	23	0.03%	18	78.26%	14	60.87%
Natural Sciences	ZOOLOGY	3.16	154.32	23	0.03%	17	73.91%	14	60.87%
Arts & Humanities	LIBRARY STUDIES	3.02	143.89	22	0.03%	14	63.64%	11	50.00%
Business & Management	BUSINESS EDUCATION	2.97	147.43	22	0.03%	14	63.64%	12	54.55%
Engineering	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	2.99	151.90	21	0.03%	13	61.90%	9	42.86%
Natural Sciences	MARINE STUDIES	3.40	155.40	20	0.03%	18	90.00%	15	75.00%

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Engineering	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	3.15	156.16	19	0.03%	16	84.21%	14	73.68%
Business & Management	INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT	3.09	150.12	18	0.03%	12	66.67%	11	61.11%
Health Professions	DIETETICS/ NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE	3.29	151.89	18	0.03%	16	88.89%	12	66.67%
Health Professions	SPEECH PATHOLOGY/ AUDIOLOGY	3.47	147.61	18	0.03%	12	66.67%	11	61.11%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	SPECIAL ED/ DISABILITIES/ HANDICAPPED	3.51	147.94	18	0.03%	11	61.11%	7	38.89%
Business & Management	SALES/RETAIL	3.12	149.80	17	0.02%	11	64.71%	8	47.06%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	MILITARY SCIENCE	3.16	148.60	15	0.02%	12	80.00%	10	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	POLICE ADMINISTRATION	2.78	143.15	14	0.02%	8	57.14%	6	42.86%
Engineering	ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES/ DESIGN	2.88	146.08	13	0.02%	4	30.77%	3	23.08%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	GUIDANCE/ COUNSELING	2.89	142.18	13	0.02%	5	38.46%	3	23.08%

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Social Sciences & Helping Professions	ARCHEOLOGY	3.51	157.33	12	0.02%	9	75.00%	8	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INDIAN STUDIES	3.25	147.67	12	0.02%	9	75.00%	8	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2.78	140.22	11	0.02%	2	18.18%	2	18.18%
Health Professions	ANIMAL SCIENCES/ VETERINARY MEDICINE	3.14	154.80	10	0.01%	7	70.00%	7	70.00%
Health Professions	MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGY/ RADIOLOGY	3.32	150.67	10	0.01%	7	70.00%	7	70.00%
Arts & Humanities	PRACTICAL ARTS	3.14	145.67	9	0.01%	4	44.44%	2	22.22%
Engineering	ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	3.33	154.11	9	0.01%	6	66.67%	4	44.44%
Health Professions	PREDENTISTRY/ DENTISTRY	2.82	145.78	9	0.01%	5	55.56%	3	33.33%
Natural Sciences	AVIATION SCIENCE	3.61	148.56	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	5	55.56%
Natural Sciences	PHYSICAL SCIENCES	3.23	150.89	9	0.01%	8	88.89%	5	55.56%

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Natural Sciences	PHYSICS, SPECIALIZATION	3.12	158.56	9	0.01%	7	77.78%	6	66.67%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	INTER AMERICAN RELATIONS	3.34	154.11	9	0.01%	9	100.00%	7	77.78%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES	3.08	155.67	9	0.01%	8	88.89%	7	77.78%
Health Professions	PHYSICAL THERAPY	2.96	143.88	8	0.01%	5	62.50%	4	50.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATION/ ADMINISTRATION	3.43	142.57	8	0.01%	4	50.00%	4	50.00%
Engineering	ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING	2.76	155.00	7	0.01%	7	100.00%	5	71.43%
Engineering	SYSTEMS CONTROL ENGINEERING	3.11	157.67	7	0.01%	5	71.43%	3	42.86%
Natural Sciences	AGRONOMY	2.94	151.83	6	0.01%	4	66.67%	3	50.00%
Natural Sciences	ASTRONOMY	3.26	165.83	6	0.01%	6	100.00%	5	83.33%
Natural Sciences	BOTANY	2.90	149.17	6	0.01%	2	33.33%	2	33.33%

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Natural Sciences	FORESTRY	2.99	154.20	6	0.01%	3	50.00%	3	50.00%
Social Sciences & Helping Professions	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.42	150.80	6	0.01%	2	33.33%	1	16.67%
Engineering	NUCLEAR ENGINEERING	2.36	154.20	5	0.01%	5	100.00%	4	80.00%
Engineering	PETROLEUM ENGINEERING	2.94	158.25	5	0.01%	3	60.00%	3	60.00%
Natural Sciences	BIOPHYSICS	3.52	162.00	5	0.01%	4	80.00%	4	80.00%
Natural Sciences	OCEANOGRAPHY	3.41	153.80	5	0.01%	4	80.00%	4	80.00%