

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Public/private	Private
Affiliation	No Affiliation
% faculty part-time	19
% faculty female	49
% faculty underrepresented minority	17
Total faculty	35

SURVEY SAYS...

Diverse opinions accepted in classrooms, Abundant externship/internship/clerkship opportunities, Students love Philadelphia, PA

STUDENTS

Enrollment of law school	425
% male/female	58/42
% from out-of-state	45
% part-time	0
% underrepresented minority	19
# of countries represented	3
Average age of entering class	24

ACADEMICS

Academic Experience Rating	83
Profs interesting rating	82
Profs accessible rating	84
Hours of study per day	3.74

Academic Specialties

Criminal, Intellectual Property, business law, health law

Advanced Degrees Offered

JD, 3 years

Combined Degrees Offered

JD/MBA, 4 years; JD/Ph.D. Psychology 7 years; JD/MPH, 4 years; JD/MSP (Master of Science in Public Policy) 3 years, JD/MSLIS (Master of Science in Library and Information Science), 3 years; Accelerated JD 2-year JD program.

Academics

Drexel's brand-new law school was established in 2006, and "As a new school, everything is modern and state of the art." Students name the school's newness as one of its strengths: the professors are passionate and dedicated to making a name for the school, all the facilities are up to date, and the school offers competitive financial aid packages to attract legal talent. "This school may not have the long-standing reputation of many other schools throughout the country, but the fact that it is so new makes the faculty and staff strive to help the students achieve success." The "very accessible" faculty, particularly, impress Drexel's students: Drexel "has the most invested administration and faculty of any of the law schools I considered" because they "went out and recruited some of the best of the best to be members of the faculty." Budding lawyers revere the ethical grounding of the school, too: "The Dean of Students is one of the most amazing people I've ever met and his ethos of honesty, integrity and passion for the law can be found throughout the Administration and the Faculty."

Drexel's graduates feel well-prepared for the job market due to the program's "emphasis on gaining practical experience," and creating "work-ready" graduates. "Drexel does an excellent job making networking easy." "Gone are the days where employment waits for every single one of those who complete a JD program. With this truth in mind, Drexel Law equips its students to be practicing attorneys before even taking a bar exam." Indeed, "the law school strongly encourages students to co-op for a semester," and requires a measure of pro-bono legal work: "Drexel offers so many experiential learning opportunities through co-op, clinics, fellowships, the pro-bono requirement, and internships/externships." It seems the university has taken seriously its obligation to measure up to older highly-ranked schools, which students notice and appreciate: "Drexel's commitment to building a top-notch law school shows not only in its staffing and funding levels, but in the strong extra-curricular support and skills training they make available to us."

Students also feel that because Drexel's law school isn't old, it hasn't struggled to break free of the values of the old guard in the way that other programs may: "I think the diversity and academic learning environment are this school's strong suit. I briefly attended a highly ranked school and I quickly realized that tolerance and diversity were not as prevalent as I had expected."

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Life

Drexel escapes the shark-tank reputation of many of its competitors in social atmosphere: "The student body is extremely friendly despite the competitive atmosphere that law school creates through its use of the curve." One student credits the university for having "made the process of being in law school relaxed." As the school's roots have grown, so has the social network of the law school: "People hang out all the time. There is a bar right across the school where you can find law students every evening." While some students "do commute from New Jersey or from the suburbs," "many people live a trolley, bus, or train ride away" and find plenty to do socially around the Philadelphia campus, especially in nearby Center City. A common complaint congeals around the fact that the law school's new facilities are still integrating with the rest of the campus: "The library is very nice, however we have to share it with Drexel's undergraduates after 6:00 P.M. on weeknights and all weekend long. The undergrads do not have the same respect for our space that we do." Many students echo that it "would be nice if we did not have to share the library with the undergraduate students at certain hours." Overall, though, Drexel's students credit its "small community" for creating "a great student life here."

Getting In

For the 140 students in Drexel's class of 2015, the median LSAT range was 154–159 and the median GPA range was 3.02–3.60, placing the school among the best, but not quite the best of the best, in American law school rankings. However, Drexel poises itself to compete with financial aid offers: all applicants are automatically reviewed for financial aid candidacy, and 91 percent of the class of 2015 received academic merit scholarships between \$2,500 and \$32,000 a year.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Career Rating	80	Grads Employed by Field (%)
Total 2012 JD Grads	155	Academic (2)
% grads employed nine months out	77	Business/Industry (18)
# employed full-time	98	Government (12)
# employed part-time	22	Judicial Clerkship (10)
# employed bar required	90	Private Practice (30)
# employed JD preferred	15	Public Interest (6)
# employed professional/other	11	
# employed non-professional	4	
# pursuing advanced degree	2	
# unemployed and seeking employment	22	
# not seeking employment	5	
% grads employed by school	2	
State for bar exam	PA, NJ, NY, CA, DE	
Pass rate for first-time bar	80	

Clinical program required	No
Legal writing course requirement	Yes
Legal methods course requirement	Yes
Legal research course requirement	Yes
Moot court requirement	No
Public interest law requirement	Yes

ADMISSIONS

Selectivity Rating	83
# applications received	2,178
% applicants accepted	39
% acceptees attending	17
Average LSAT	157
Median LSAT	157
LSAT Range (25th to 75th percentile)	154–159
Average undergrad GPA	3.29
Median undergrad GPA	3.28
Application fee	\$0
Regular application deadline	
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Evening division offered	No
Part-time accepted	No
CAS accepted	Yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Annual tuition	\$37,254
Books and supplies	\$9,200
Fees	\$820
Room & Board	\$13,000
Financial aid application deadline	3/1
% first-year students receiving some sort of aid	97
% all students receiving some sort of aid	96
% of aid that is merit based	28
% receiving scholarships	84
Average grant	\$18,804
Average loan	\$32,655
Average total aid package	\$44,445
Average debt	\$98,820