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Information on Law School Applicants, Applications, Admissions, and Matriculations by Virginia Tech Students and Alumni/ae

This handout provides information on how many Virginia Tech students and alumni/ae have applied to law schools over the past ten years, how many have been accepted by one or more law schools, where Virginia Tech degree holders have enrolled in law school, and related data. This summary and the accompanying tables are based on annual reports provided by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) to the University Pre-Law Advisors at Virginia Tech. The most recent reports cover applications during the 2011-2012 academic year, for admission to law schools beginning in the fall of 2012. Information on applicants, applications, and acceptances during the 2012-2013 academic year is expected to be available in 2014.

Please keep in mind when reviewing this information that standards for admission to law schools vary, both across schools and from year to year. In addition, admission rates are based on where individuals choose to apply, not only on applicants' credentials. If one seeks admission to one or more law schools, it is important to apply to an appropriate range.

During the academic year 2011-2012, approximately 75.6% of Virginia Tech (VT) students and alumni/ae who had taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) but who had not previously enrolled in law school applied to one or more law schools. During that academic year, 86 Virginia Tech seniors and 103 Virginia Tech alumni/ae *applied* to a total of 169 law schools. Of these 189 Virginia Tech degree holders, 163 (86.2%) were *admitted* to 147 different law schools within 38 states and the District of Columbia. (78 of the seniors, or 90.7%, were admitted to one or more law schools.) Of the 163 Virginia Tech degree holders admitted to one or more law schools during the 2011-2012 academic year, 126 (61 seniors) *matriculated* in the fall of 2012 at 58 different law schools within 27 states and the District of Columbia. The average grade point average (GPA) of those who applied to law school from Virginia Tech during the 2011-2012 academic year was 3.31; and the average highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) for those applying to law schools that year was 155.9.

Table 1 summarizes some of these data, along with comparable data from prior years. In addition, table 2 shows the first majors of those from Virginia Tech who disclosed this information.

The Pre-Law Advisors have complete lists of the law schools to which Virginia Tech students and alumni/ae applied, where they were admitted, and where they matriculated during the past ten years. Briefly, during the academic year 2011-2012, Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to all eight of the accredited law schools in Virginia, and in the fall of 2012 enrolled in seven of them: Appalachian School of Law, George Mason University School of Law, Regent University School of Law, University of Richmond School of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, and Washington and Lee University School of Law. Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to six law schools in Washington, D.C., and enrolled in three of them: American University Washington College of Law, Catholic University of America – Columbus School of

Law, and George Washington University Law School. In the fall of 2012, Virginia Tech degree holders also enrolled in law school at: The University of Alabama School of Law, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baylor University School of Law, Brooklyn Law School, University of California Hastings College of the Law, California Western School of Law, Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Capital University Law School, Charleston School of Law, Charlotte School of Law, University of Dayton School of Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, Elon University School of Law, Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Golden Gate University School of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law, Marquette University Law School, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, University of Mississippi School of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law, New York Law School, New York University School of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, Pace University School of Law, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, Southwestern Law School, Suffolk University Law School, Syracuse University College of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, Tulane University Law School, Vanderbilt University Law School, Vermont Law School, Villanova University School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, West Virginia University College of Law, Widener University School of Law, and Yale Law School.

During the academic year 2011-2012, individuals from Virginia Tech were accepted by seventy-eight additional law schools but chose not to enroll at them in the fall of 2012. Those schools include: The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Boston University School of Law, University of California Berkeley School of Law, University of California Davis School of Law (King Hall), Columbia University School of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Harvard Law School, University of Michigan Law School, University of North Carolina School of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, Stanford University Law School, and University of Texas School of Law, among others. For a more complete listing, you may contact the University Pre-Law Advisors at prelaw@vt.edu.

For additional information on Pre-Law Studies at Virginia Tech, including references and links to printed and electronic materials, along with additional information on the Pre-Law Advisors, see the following web site: <http://www.psci.vt.edu/prelaw>.

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Table 1
Selected Data on Applicants/Applications to Law School from Virginia Tech*

Table 1A: Information on All Virginia Tech Applicants (Alumni/ae and Seniors)

<u>Year of Application</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>	<u>Number Accepted</u>	<u>Number Matriculated</u>	<u>Percent Admitted</u>	<u>National Average</u>
2002-2003	268	169	130	63.1%	57.1%
2003-2004	295	149	121	50.5%	55.6%
2004-2005	232	122	100	52.5%	58.6%
2005-2006	218	139	112	63.8%	63.2%
2006-2007	206	143	116	69.4%	66.1%
2007-2008	231	159	137	68.8%	66.6%
2008-2009	219	160	129	73.1%	67.4%
2009-2010	226	167	139	73.9%	68.7%
2010-2011	212	171	141	80.7%	71.0%
2011-2012	189	163	126	86.2%	74.6%

Table 1B: Information on Applications by Virginia Tech Seniors Only (in the year of application)

<u>Year of Application</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>	<u>Number Accepted</u>	<u>Number Matriculated</u>	<u>Percent Admitted</u>	<u>National Average</u>
2002-2003	97	75	55	77.3%	65.3%
2003-2004	88	55	48	62.5%	63.4%
2004-2005	78	45	40	57.7%	66.6%
2005-2006	68	54	41	79.4%	71.5%
2006-2007	85	69	57	81.2%	75.3%
2007-2008	79	62	59	78.5%	75.7%
2008-2009	72	58	52	80.6%	77.3%
2009-2010	87	72	66	82.8%	77.7%
2010-2011	84	72	60	85.7%	80.2%
2011-2012	86	78	61	90.7%	83.7%

*Prepared by the University Pre-Law Advisor/s at Virginia Tech, based on annual *Summary Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council.

Table 2
Reported Virginia Tech Undergraduate Majors of Applicants to Law Schools*

Reported Major**	<u>2011-2012</u> Applicants/Admissions	<u>2002-2012</u> Applicants/Admissions
Agriculture and Life Sciences (all majors)	1/1	8/7
Architecture and Urban Studies (all majors)	4/0	32/21
Pamplin College of Business (all majors)	22/18	218/147
Engineering		
Computer Science	2/2	26/17
Other majors	6/6	134/98
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences		
Communication	5/5	83/62
English	10/10	83/68
Foreign Languages and Literatures	1/1	7/6
History	13/13	83/72
Human Development	0/0	4/3
International Studies	7/7	42/33
Music	0/0	1/1
Philosophy	2/1	21/15
Political Science	42/38	330/249
Religion and Culture	0/0	8/6
Sociology	2/2	25/19
Other/Not Specified	16/13	43/33
Natural Resources and Environment (all majors)	1/1	6/5
Science		
Biochemistry	5/4	12/6
Biological Sciences	5/5	54/37
Chemistry	0/0	4/3
Economics	8/7	47/38
Mathematics	2/2	3/3
Physics	1/1	9/8
Psychology	10/10	66/49
Other/Not Specified	7/4	54/29

*Prepared by the University Pre-Law Advisor/s at Virginia Tech, based on annual *Action Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council. For the application year 2011-2012, this data is for the 172 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 189 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools that year. Similarly, for the ten-year period 2002-2012, this data is for the 1035 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 1403 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools during this ten-year period.

**Reflects reorganization of colleges within the University effective July 1, 2003; and includes majors no longer offered.