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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. This summary is based on reports covering applications during the 2015-2016 academic year, for admission to law schools beginning in the fall of 2016. Information on applicants, applications, and acceptances during the 2016-2017 academic year is expected to be available in 2018.

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 2015-2016, approximately 76% of Virginia Tech 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, 47 Virginia Tech seniors and 91 Virginia Tech alumni/ae *applied* to a total of 160 law schools. Of these 138 Virginia Tech degree holders, 109 (79.0%) were *admitted* to 127 different law schools within 41 states and the District of Columbia. (43 of the seniors, or 91.5%, were admitted to one or more law schools.) Of the 109 Virginia Tech degree holders admitted to one or more law schools during the 2015-2016 academic year, 89 (35 seniors) *matriculated* in the fall of 2015 at 47 different law schools within 19 states and the District of Columbia. The average grade point average (GPA) of those who applied to law school from Virginia Tech during the 2015-2016 academic year was 3.28; and the average highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) for those applying to law schools that year was 155.3.

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 2015-2016, Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to all eight of the accredited law schools in Virginia, and in the fall of 2016 enrolled in all eight of them: Appalachian School of Law, George Mason University - Antonin Scalia Law school, Liberty University School of Law, Regent University School of Law, University of Richmond School of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, and William and Mary Law School. Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to four law schools in Washington, D.C., and enrolled in all four of them: American University Washington College of Law, Catholic University of America - Columbus School of Law, George Washington University Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center. In the fall of 2016, Virginia Tech degree holders also enrolled in law school at: Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law - Yeshiva University, Brooklyn Law School, Campbell University - Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Charleston School of Law, Charlotte School of Law, Elon University School of Law, Emory University School of Law, Florida Coastal

School of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Fordham University School of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, Hofstra University - Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Louisiana State University - Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Loyola Law School - Loyola Marymount University, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Notre Dame Law School, Pennsylvania State University - Penn State Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, Samford University - Cumberland School of Law, Syracuse University College of Law, Tulane University Law School, University of Arkansas School of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of San Diego School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, Vanderbilt Law School, Vermont Law School, West Virginia University College of Law, and Yale Law School.

During the academic year 2015-2016, individuals from Virginia Tech were accepted by seventy-nine additional law schools but chose not to enroll at them in the fall of 2016. Those schools include: Albany Law School, Arizona State University - Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Boston College Law School, Boston University School of Law, City University of New York School of Law, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, Mississippi College School of Law, New England Law - Boston, New York Law School, New York University School of Law, Northeastern University School of Law, Northern Kentucky University - Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Ohio State University - Moritz College of Law, Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, Rutgers Law School, Santa Clara University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law, St. Johns University School of Law, St. Thomas University School of Law, Temple University - James E. Beasley School of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, University of Akron School of Law, University of Alabama School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law, University of California Berkeley School of Law, University of Colorado Law School, University of Connecticut School of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa - William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Idaho College of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, University of Maine School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, University of Mississippi School of Law, University of Montana - Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of South Dakota School of Law, University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, University of the District of Columbia - David A. Clarke School of Law, University of Washington School of Law, University of Wyoming College of Law, Valparaiso University Law School, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, Washington University School of Law, and Widener University Delaware Law School, 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, along with additional information on the Pre-Law Advisors, see the following web site: <http://www.prelaw.psci.vt.edu>.

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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>
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%
2012-2013	170	144	128	84.7%	77.0%
2013-2014	122	103	85	84.4%	78.0%
2014-2015	156	131	114	84.0%	77.6%
2015-2016	138	109	89	79.0%	75.8%

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>
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%
2012-2013	63	57	51	90.5%	85.7%
2013-2014	44	40	36	90.9%	86.4%
2014-2015	70	64	56	91.4%	85.8%
2015-2016	47	43	35	91.5%	85.8%

*Based on annual *Summary Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council.

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

<u>College/Department of Reported First Major</u>	<u>2015-2016</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>	<u>2006-2016</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>
Agriculture and Life Sciences (all majors)	1/1	13/12
Architecture and Urban Studies (all majors)	0/0	27/19
Pamplin College of Business (all majors)	13/9	197/146
Engineering		
Computer Science	1/1	15/12
other majors	5/4	115/91
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences		
Communication	2/2	70/59
English	2/0	98/81
Foreign Languages and Literatures	3/3	12/10
History	9/6	89/77
Human Development	0/0	2/2
International Studies	6/5	50/41
Music	0/0	1/1
Philosophy	3/3	25/21
Political Science	40/33	341/285
Religion and Culture	0/0	7/5
Sociology	2/1	28/22
other/not specified	4/4	78/61
Natural Resources and Environment (all majors)	1/1	12/10
Science		
Biochemistry	0/0	11/9
Biological Sciences	3/2	60/46
Chemistry	1/1	8/7
Economics	10/9	52/46
Mathematics	0/0	5/5
Physics	0/0	7/6
Psychology	9/6	91/70
other/not specified	1/1	1/1
Other/not specified	4/4	58/39

*Based on annual *Action Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council. For the application year 2015-2016, these data cover the 120 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 138 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools that year. Similarly, for the ten-year period 2006-2016, these data cover the 1473 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 1869 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools during this ten-year period.