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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). This summary is based on reports covering applications during the 2020-2021 academic year, for admission to law schools beginning in the fall of 2021. Information on applicants, applications, and acceptances during the 2021-2022 academic year is expected to be available in 2023.

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 2020-2021, approximately 71% 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, 75 Virginia Tech seniors and 92 Virginia Tech alumni/ae *applied* to a total of 158 law schools. Of these 167 Virginia Tech degree holders, 129 (77.2%) were *admitted* to 116 different law schools within 39 states and the District of Columbia. (62 of the seniors, or 82.7%, were admitted to one or more law schools.) Of the 129 Virginia Tech degree holders admitted to one or more law schools during the 2020-2021 academic year, 117 (58 seniors) *matriculated* in the fall of 2021 at 60 different law schools within 24 states and the District of Columbia. The mean undergraduate grade point average (GPA) for Virginia Tech seniors and graduates who applied to law schools during the 2020-2021 academic year was 3.46, compared to a national average of 3.38 for all applicants. For applicants with a Virginia Tech undergraduate degree, their highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) averaged 157.2, compared to a national average of 155.7 for all applicants.

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.

Based on information provided by LSAC, we have compiled 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 2020-2021, Virginia Tech degree holders were admitted to all eight of the accredited law schools in Virginia, and in the fall of 2021 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 & Mary Law School. Virginia Tech degree holders likewise were admitted to all six accredited law schools in Washington, D.C., and enrolled in five of them: American University Washington College of Law, Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law, University of the District of Columbia – David A. Clarke School of Law, George Washington University Law School, and Georgetown University Law Center. In the fall of 2021, Virginia Tech

degree holders also enrolled in law school at: Albany Law School, Belmont University College of Law, Brooklyn Law School, California Western School of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Charleston School of Law, Cleveland State University – Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Columbia University School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Elon University School of Law, Hofstra University – Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Michigan State University College of Law, New York University School of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Pennsylvania State University – Dickinson Law, Rutgers Law School, Seton Hall University School of Law, Southwestern Law School, Stetson University College of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law, Tulane University Law School, University of Baltimore School of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Iowa College of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Memphis – Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Miami School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, University of Minnesota Law School, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, University of Texas School of Law, University of Wyoming College of Law, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, West Virginia University College of Law, and Willamette University College of Law.

During the academic year 2020-2021, individuals from Virginia Tech were accepted by 55 additional law schools but chose not to enroll at those schools. They include: Arizona State University – Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Baylor University School of Law, Benjamin N Cardozo School of Law, Boston College Law School, Chicago-Kent College of Law – Illinois Institute of Technology, City University of New York School of Law, Cornell Law School, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Duke University School of Law, Emory University School of Law, Florida International University College of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Howard University School of Law, Loyola Law School – Loyola Marymount University, Mississippi College School of Law, New England Law – Boston, New York Law School, Northeastern University School of Law, Pennsylvania State University – Penn State Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, South Texas College of Law Houston, Syracuse University College of Law, Temple University – James E. Beasley School of Law, University of Akron School of Law, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, University of California Davis School of Law, University of Colorado Law School, University of Connecticut School of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Houston Law Center, University of Idaho College of Law, University of Illinois College of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law, University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth, University of Montana – Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, Vanderbilt Law School, Vermont Law School, Washington University School of Law, and Widener University Delaware Law School. For a more complete listing, you may contact Wayne Moore at prelaw@vt.edu.

This report has been prepared by Wayne Moore, with assistance from Phoebe Peterson, based on data provided by the Law School Admission Council. For additional information on pre-law studies at Virginia Tech, please see the following website: <http://www.prelaw.psci.vt.edu>.

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>
2011-2012	189	163	126	86.2%	74.6%
2012-2013	170	144	28	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%
2016-2017	104	89	73	85.6%	74.9%
2017-2018	130	110	98	84.6%	72.6%
2018-2019	136	112	100	82.4%	70.2%
2019-2020	144	120	104	83.3%	69.6%
2020-2021	167	129	117	77.2%	68.3%

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>
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%
2016-2017	43	40	34	93.0%	84.6%
2017-2018	49	42	39	85.7%	85.7%
2018-2019	59	53	48	89.8%	83.1%
2019-2020	65	58	55	89.2%	80.2%
2020-2021	75	62	58	82.7%	78.4%

*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>2020-2021</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>	<u>2011-2021</u> <u>Applicants/Admissions</u>
Agriculture and Life Sciences (all majors)	1/0	8/7
Architecture, Arts, and Design (all majors)	0/0	17/13
Pamplin College of Business (all majors)	10/6	127/102
Engineering		
Computer Science	1/1	10/10
other majors	12/12	81/71
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences		
Communication	9/8	57/51
English	5/3	79/67
Foreign Languages and Literatures	2/2	12/11
History	8/7	70/62
Human Development	0/0	4/4
International Studies	9/8	55/49
Music	0/0	2/2
Philosophy	4/3	22/18
Political Science	40/34	340/295
Religion and Culture	0/0	4/3
Sociology	10/7	51/40
other/not specified	7/7	82/69
Natural Resources and Environment (all majors)	5/5	21/19
Science		
Biochemistry	3/2	16/12
Biological Sciences	4/3	48/39
Chemistry	0/0	8/8
Economics	2/1	56/48
Mathematics	0/0	9/8
Physics	1/1	5/5
Psychology	8/4	67/55
other/not specified	0/0	7/4
Other/not specified	5/3	53/40

*Based on annual *Action Reports* provided by the Law School Admission Council. For the application year 2020-2021, these data cover the 146 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 167 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools that year. Similarly, for the ten-year period 2011-2021, these data cover the 1311 individuals who provided and authorized the release of this information, out of a total of 1960 persons from Virginia Tech who applied to one or more law schools during this ten-year period.