University of South Dakota - 2025 Standard 509 Information Report

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The Basics

Type of school	Public
Application deadline	July 1
Application fee	$35
Financial aid deadline	July 1

Academic Calendar

Term	Semesters
Months students may begin studying law	August
Months the Law School confers degrees	May, August, December
# of credit hours required to earn the JD	90

1L Tuition and Fees 2025 - 2026

Per Annual:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	$12,076	$5,037	$32,184	$5,037	$0	$0
Part-Time	$0	$0	$0	$0		
Per Credit:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Part-Time	$402	$4,193	$1,072	$4,193		
Tuition Guarantee Program			N			

Living Expenses 2025-2026

Estimated Living Expenses for single students	
Living on Campus	$16,452
Living Off Campus	$18,034
Living on a Military Base	$11,702
Living At Home	$10,774

2025 First Year Class (Oct 6th 2024-Oct 5th 2025)

Completed Applications	405
Offers of Admission	253
Acceptance Rate (Percent)	62.47%
Enrollees from Applicant pool	85
Enrollment Rate from Completed Applications	20.49%
Enrollment Rate from Offers of Admission	32.81%
Enrollees who deferred admission from a previous year and were not part of the current-year applicant pool	3

	All	Full Time	Part Time
Total in First-year class	88	88	0
UGPA	**All**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**
75th Percentile	3.81	3.81	0.00
50th Percentile	3.47	3.47	0.00
25th Percentile	3.16	3.16	0.00
# not included in UGPA calculation*	1	1	0

*Matriculants who attended an undergraduate institution without a numerical grading system and matriculants who were fully or partially internationally educated may not have comparable UGPAs.

LSAT	**All**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**
LSAT Admissions Enrollees	87	87	0
75th Percentile	156	156	0
50th Percentile	152	152	0
25th Percentile	149	149	0
NON-LSAT, GRE OR JDNEXT	**All**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**
NON-LSAT, GRE OR JDNEXT Admissions Enrollees	1	1	0

Under ABA Standard 503, law schools are required to use a valid and reliable admission test to help assess an applicant's preparedness for the study of law. Because schools may choose what admission tests they will consider for admission, this section may look different for individual law schools. Only law schools with a variance from Standard 503 allowing them to use JD Next are able to report JD Next scores. Test score data for first year enrollees is presented for each type of test accepted by the law school, with one exception: where the number of students who were accepted using a particular test is fewer than 10, score percentile data is collected but not published in order to protect student privacy. In all other cases, statistical data will be presented for each test that is accepted by the particular law school. The UGPA data is aggregated across the law school's entire first year class, regardless of admission test.

In the 2025 questionnaire, law schools were given the opportunity to state whether their ability to report required demographic information was limited by university policy, or state or federal law. Depending on the individual school, there may be notable changes from prior years' data. The data reported are submitted by law schools to the Council, so all inquiries regarding a school's information should be directed to the law school.

Curricular Offerings 2024-2025

Excluding Legal Research & Writing, number of first-year course sections with an enrollment	
Under 25	0
25 to 49	2
50 to 74	0
75 to 99	7
100 +	0
*The detailed breakdown of first-year course sections by enrollment replaces “average first-year section size” from previous years’ 509 reports.	
Number of course titles, beyond the first year curriculum, offered last year	81
Number of upper division class room course sections with an enrollment:	
Under 25	57
25 to 49	17
50 to 74	4
75 to 99	3
100 +	0
Number of seats available in law clinics last year	0
Number of law clinic seats filled last year	0
Number of field placements positions filled last year	127
Number of of seats available in simulation courses	112
Number of of seats filled in simulation courses	91
Number of co-curricular offerings	8

Faculty Resources 2024-2025

	Male	Female	Another Gender Identity	Prefer Not to Report	People of Color	Total
Full-time faculty members	11	8	0	0	2	19
Non-full-time faculty	21	15	0	0	0	36
Total	32	23	0	0	2	55

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Librarians	3	0	3

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2024-2025

Hispanics of any race	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Asian	3
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiracial	0
Total People of Color	11
White	66
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	6
Total	83

Grants and Scholarships 2024-2025

	Total		Full Time		Part Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	253	100	253	100	0	0
Total # receiving grants	139	55	139	55	0	
Less than 1/2 tuition	90	36	90	36	0	
Half to full tuition	31	12	31	12	0	
Full tuition	13	5	13	5	0	
More than full tuition	5	2	5	2	0	
75th Percentile grant amount			$10,000		$0	
50th Percentile grant amount			$5,000		$0	
25th Percentile grant amount			$590		$0	

The term "full tuition scholarships" refers to scholarships that cover tuition and mandatory fees. The term "more than full tuition" refers to scholarships that cover more than tuition and mandatory fees.

Conditional Scholarships 2024-2025

Students Matriculating in	# Entering with	# Reduced or Eliminated
2024-2025 Academic Year	1	0
2023-2024 Academic Year	1	0
2022-2023 Academic Year	1	0

J.D Enrollment as of October 5th 2025

	JD1					JD2					JD3					JD4					Total
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T
Hispanics of any race	6	1	5	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Asian	4	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Black or African American	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiracial	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total People of Color	15	6	9	0	0	11	3	7	0	1	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
White	71	35	34	0	2	68	33	35	0	0	70	33	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	209
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total	88	43	43	0	2	82	37	43	0	2	82	40	40	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	252

Since reports in 2024, “US nonresident” is no longer a separate category, and nonresidents have been added in the appropriate race/ethnicity and gender categories.

Academic Attrition 2024-2025

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%
Hispanics of any race	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Multiracial	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total People of Color	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Academic attrition refers to those students who discontinued their education at a time when they were not in good academic standing as defined by the Law School. It includes both students who have been dismissed because they did not satisfy the minimum standards of progress established by the Law School to continue their legal studies at that school, and students who discontinued their enrollment at the school at a time when their GPA was below that required for good academic standing as of the end of the first year.
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Other Attrition 2024-2025

	JD1						JD2					JD3					JD4					UL
	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	T	M	W	AGI	PNR	%
Hispanics of any race	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	1	0	0	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Multiracial	2	1	1	0	0	50.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total People of Color	3	1	2	0	0	21.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	2	2	0	0	0	3.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	3	2	0	0	6.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0

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Transfers 2024-2025

JD1 Transfers Out	1
Transfers In*	1
75th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A
50th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A
25th Percentile JD1 GPA	N/A

*GPA Percentiles provided if School has 12 or more transfers in. If more than 5 but less than 12 transfers in only 50th percentile will be provided.