

Santa Clara University Law School - 2025 Standard 509 Information Report

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Legal Education and
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The Basics

Type of school	Private
Application deadline	Priority Deadline: Feb 15, 2026; Accepting April LSAT scores
Application fee	0
Financial aid deadline	March 1, 2026

Academic Calendar

Term	Semesters
Months students may begin studying law	August
Months the Law School confers degrees	May, July, December
# of credit hours required to earn the JD	86

1L Tuition and Fees 2025 - 2026

Per Annual:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Part-Time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Per Credit:	Resident	Annual Fees	Non-Resident	Annual Fees	Other	Annual Fees
Full-Time	\$2,260	\$990	\$2,260	\$990	\$2,530	\$0
Part-Time	\$2,260	\$990	\$2,260	\$990		
Tuition Guarantee Program			N			

Living Expenses 2025-2026

Estimated Living Expenses for single students	
Living on Campus	\$35,618
Living Off Campus	\$35,618
Living on a Military Base	\$35,618
Living At Home	\$35,618

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

Completed Applications	2575
Offers of Admission	1354
Acceptance Rate (Percent)	52.58%
Enrollees from Applicant pool	253
Enrollment Rate from Completed Applications	9.83%
Enrollment Rate from Offers of Admission	18.69%
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	256	206	50

UGPA	All	Full Time	Part Time
75th Percentile	3.74	3.76	3.59
50th Percentile	3.50	3.52	3.42
25th Percentile	3.21	3.25	3.09
# not included in UGPA calculation*	9	4	5

*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	238	198	40
75th Percentile	162	162	163
50th Percentile	159	159	160
25th Percentile	157	157	157

GRE	All	Full Time	Part Time
GRE Admissions Enrollees	18	8	10
75th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	161		162
50th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	158		158
25th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	154		154
75th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	162		164
50th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	156		158
25th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	153		152
75th Percentile GRE Analytical Writing	5		5
50th Percentile GRE Analytical Writing	4		4
25th Percentile GRE Analytical Writing	4		3.5

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	20
25 to 49	13
50 to 74	21
75 to 99	0
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 149

Number of upper division class room course sections with an enrollment:

Under 25	175
25 to 49	28
50 to 74	15
75 to 99	6
100 +	0

Number of seats available in law clinics last year 381

Number of law clinic seats filled last year 189

Number of field placements positions filled last year 305

Number of of seats available in simulation courses 525

Number of of seats filled in simulation courses 843

Number of co-curricular offerings 16

Faculty Resources 2024-2025

	Male	Female	Another Gender Identity	Prefer Not to Report	People of Color	Total
Full-time faculty members	29	24	0	0	13	53
Non-full-time faculty	29	38	0	19	18	86
Total	58	62	0	19	31	139
	Full Time			Part Time		Total
Librarians	3			2		5

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2024-2025

Hispanics of any race	51
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	42
Black or African American	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Multiracial	11
Total People of Color	113
White	82
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	3
Total	198

Grants and Scholarships 2024-2025

	Total		Full Time		Part Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	694	100	564	81	130	19
Total # receiving grants	426	61	364	65	62	48
Less than 1/2 tuition	121	17	105	19	16	12
Half to full tuition	167	24	137	24	30	23
Full tuition	128	18	115	20	13	10
More than full tuition	10	1	7	1	3	2
75th Percentile grant amount			\$57,262		\$35,400	
50th Percentile grant amount			\$40,000		\$25,000	
25th Percentile grant amount			\$30,000		\$20,000	

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	110	32
2023-2024 Academic Year	37	17
2022-2023 Academic Year	71	24

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	52	21	31	0	0	46	13	33	0	0	47	18	29	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	146
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
Asian	83	31	52	0	0	72	22	50	0	0	44	13	31	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	204
Black or African American	9	5	4	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	19
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Multiracial	19	8	11	0	0	19	5	14	0	0	8	4	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	47
Total People of Color	163	65	98	0	0	141	40	101	0	0	106	38	68	0	0	8	5	3	0	0	418
White	99	49	50	0	0	118	49	69	0	0	84	37	47	0	0	9	3	6	0	0	310
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	7	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Total	262	114	148	0	0	272	95	177	0	0	195	78	117	0	0	17	8	9	0	0	746

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	1	0	1	0	0	2.0	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	1	1	0	0	0	17.0	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	2	1	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	1	0	1	0	0	1.0	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	3	1	2	0	0	1.0	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	2	1	1	0	0	4.0	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	1	1	0	0	0	17.0	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	3	2	1	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
White	2	1	1	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	6	4	2	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

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Transfers 2024-2025

JD1 Transfers Out	4
Transfers In*	4
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.