

Thomas M. Cooley 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	5/1, 9/1
Application fee	0
Financial aid deadline	1/1, 5/1, 9/1

Academic Calendar

Term	Semesters
Months students may begin studying law	September, January
Months the Law School confers degrees	September, January
# 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	\$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	\$1,580	\$640	\$1,580	\$640	\$1,580	\$0
Part-Time	\$1,580	\$640	\$1,580	\$640		
Tuition Guarantee Program			N			

Living Expenses 2025-2026

Estimated Living Expenses for single students	
Living on Campus	N/A
Living Off Campus	\$29,972
Living on a Military Base	\$29,972
Living At Home	N/A

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

Completed Applications	1323
Offers of Admission	700
Acceptance Rate (Percent)	52.91%
Enrollees from Applicant pool	237
Enrollment Rate from Completed Applications	17.76%
Enrollment Rate from Offers of Admission	33.57%
Enrollees who deferred admission from a previous year and were not part of the current-year applicant pool	0

	All	Full Time	Part Time
Total in First-year class	237	147	90

UGPA	All	Full Time	Part Time
75th Percentile	3.45	3.47	3.38
50th Percentile	3.09	3.14	2.94
25th Percentile	2.67	2.72	2.64
# 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	231	146	85
75th Percentile	151	151	152
50th Percentile	147	147	148
25th Percentile	145	145	146

JD-NEXT	All	Full Time	Part Time
JD-NEXT Enrollees	6	1	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	49
25 to 49	19
50 to 74	6
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 113

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

Under 25	210
25 to 49	30
50 to 74	5
75 to 99	8
100 +	1

Number of seats available in law clinics last year 198

Number of law clinic seats filled last year 50

Number of field placements positions filled last year 192

Number of of seats available in simulation courses 0

Number of of seats filled in simulation courses 0

Number of co-curricular offerings 0

Faculty Resources 2024-2025

	Male	Female	Another Gender Identity	Prefer Not to Report	People of Color	Total
Full-time faculty members	12	14	0	0	9	26
Non-full-time faculty	31	21	0	0	13	52
Total	43	35	0	0	22	78
	Full Time			Part Time		Total
Librarians	6			2		8

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2024-2025

Hispanics of any race	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	2
Black or African American	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiracial	17
Total People of Color	42
White	90
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	11
Total	143

Grants and Scholarships 2024-2025

	Total		Full Time		Part Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	457	100	163	36	294	64
Total # receiving grants	260	57	74	45	186	63
Less than 1/2 tuition	195	43	52	32	143	49
Half to full tuition	59	13	20	12	39	13
Full tuition	6	1	2	1	4	1
More than full tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
75th Percentile grant amount			\$23,463		\$14,220	
50th Percentile grant amount			\$13,746		\$9,270	
25th Percentile grant amount			\$9,279		\$4,635	

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

The school does not award scholarships that may be reduced or eliminated based on law school academic performance other than failure to maintain good academic standing. Therefore, the school does not complete a 'conditional scholarship retention chart.'

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	12	6	6	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Asian	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Black or African American	34	12	22	0	0	13	2	11	0	0	19	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
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	42	16	26	0	0	16	4	12	0	0	18	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
Total People of Color	92	37	55	0	0	37	8	29	0	0	42	17	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	171
White	142	62	80	0	0	60	26	34	0	0	73	31	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	18	7	11	0	0	10	7	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total	252	106	146	0	0	107	41	66	0	0	117	50	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476

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	1	0	0	0	13.0	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	2	1	1	0	0	25.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.0
Black or African American	3	2	1	0	0	12.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
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	6.0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0
Total People of Color	8	5	3	0	0	10.0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
White	8	3	5	0	0	7.0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	2	0	2	0	0	13.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	18	8	10	0	0	9.0	6	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.0

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	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	1	1	0	0	0	13.0	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	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
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	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
White	5	3	2	0	0	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	7	5	2	0	0	3.0	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	1
Transfers In*	2
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.