

# BAYLOR

UNIVERSITY

IRT Series

Vol. 10-11, No. 37

September 9, 2010

---

## **Profile of Law Students Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**

This report contains descriptive information about law students enrolled in Fall 2009 and Fall 2010. Included in this report is additional information about the following topics:

Gender	Entrance Test Scores
Age	Classification
Minority Status	Enrollee Type
Racial/Ethnic Group	Full-Time/Part-Time Status
Citizenship Status	Average Credit Hour Load
Country of Citizenship	Dual Program Students
Religious Affiliation	

### **Fall 2010**

The law school enrollment of 466 includes 106 new students. Fifty percent of the law students are males, and 22 percent are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Twenty-four percent are affiliated with the Baptist denomination.

The law student body is comprised of students from six foreign countries in addition to the United States. The score range for the middle fifty percent of law students who took the LSAT is 157 – 163 with a mean of 160.

In order to fulfill new federal government reporting requirements on race and ethnicity, students were given the opportunity to select multiple race categories. In addition, Pacific Islander was designated as its own category (separate from Asian). The students were asked two questions. The first question asked the student “Are you Hispanic/Latino?” The second question allowed students to select among five race categories, with multiple responses allowed.

In this report, two race/ethnic group tables are presented. In the first table, students are counted in only one race/ethnic group category. If the student indicated “yes” to the first question, the student was categorized as Hispanic (only) regardless of any race code(s) they may have selected. If the student marked more than one race (and “no” to Hispanic/Latino in the first question), he/she was reported in the category of Multiracial. The second table counts a student in every race/ethnic group category he/she selected. The percentages in this table are based on the headcount of students.

**Fall 2009**

The law school enrollment of 465 includes 86 new students. Fifty-three percent of the law students are males, and 21 percent are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Twenty-three percent are affiliated with the Baptist denomination.

The law student body is comprised of students from seven foreign countries in addition to the United States. The score range for the middle fifty percent of law students who took the LSAT is 156 – 162 with a mean of 159.

**Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**  
**Demographic Information**

Gender	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Male	234	50.2	246	52.9
Female	232	49.8	219	47.1
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Age	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
<23	81	17.4	83	17.8
23-25	277	59.4	267	57.4
26-29	77	16.5	77	16.6
30-39	27	5.8	34	7.3
40+	4	0.9	4	0.9
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Minority Status	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Non-Minority	364	78.1	368	79.1
Minority	102	21.9	97	20.9
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

**Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010  
Demographic Information**

Racial/Ethnic Group *	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
African American/Black	11	2.4	12	2.6
Alaskan Native/American Indian	2	0.4	1	0.2
Asian	34	7.3	39	8.4
Hispanic	39	8.4	35	7.5
Pacific Islander	2	0.4	3	0.6
White	360	77.3	367	78.9
Other	--	--	7	1.5
Multiracial	14	3.0	--	--
Not Specified/Unknown	4	0.9	1	0.2
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Racial/Ethnic Group - Multiracials Assigned to Specific Races *	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
African American/Black	12	2.6		
Alaskan Native/American Indian	7	1.5		
Asian	43	9.2		
Hispanic	39	8.4		
Pacific Islander	3	0.6		
White	385	82.6		

\* In order to fulfill new federal government reporting requirements on race and ethnicity, students were given the opportunity to select multiple race categories. In addition, Pacific Islander was designated as its own category (separate from Asian). The students were asked two questions. The first question asked the student "Are you Hispanic/Latino?" The second question allowed students to select among five race categories, with multiple responses allowed.

In this report, two race/ethnic group tables are presented. In the first table, students are counted in only one race/ethnic group category. If the student indicated "yes" to the first question, the student was categorized as Hispanic (only) regardless of any race code(s) they may have selected. If the student marked more than one race (and "no" to Hispanic/Latino in the first question), he/she was reported in the category of Multiracial. The second table counts a student in every race/ethnic group category he/she selected. The percentages in this table are based on the headcount of students.

Citizenship Status	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
U.S. Citizen	459	98.5	457	98.3
Resident Alien	1	0.2	2	0.4
Nonresident Alien	6	1.3	6	1.3
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

*Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010*  
*Demographic Information*

Country of Citizenship	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Brazil</b>	--	--	1	0.2
<b>Chile</b>	1	0.2	1	0.2
<b>Italy</b>	1	0.2	--	--
<b>Korea, Republic of</b>	1	0.2	1	0.2
<b>Mexico</b>	2	0.4	2	0.4
<b>Nigeria</b>	1	0.2	1	0.2
<b>Taiwan</b>	--	--	1	0.2
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1	0.2	1	0.2
<b>United States</b>	459	98.5	457	98.3
<b>All</b>	466	100.0	465	100.0

**Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**  
**Demographic Information**

Religious Affiliation	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Anglican - Church of England	1	0.2	1	0.2
Assembly of God	1	0.2	1	0.2
Atheist	6	1.3	4	0.9
Baptist	113	24.2	109	23.4
Buddhist	1	0.2	2	0.4
Catholic	93	20.0	85	18.3
Christian Church	10	2.1	5	1.1
Church of Christ	17	3.6	7	1.5
Church of the Nazarene	--	--	1	0.2
Disciples of Christ(Christian)	1	0.2	4	0.9
Dutch Reformed	1	0.2	1	0.2
Eastern Orthodox	4	0.9	3	0.6
Episcopalian	16	3.4	14	3.0
Evangelical Free Church	3	0.6	2	0.4
Hindu	2	0.4	3	0.6
Independent Bible Church	1	0.2	2	0.4
Islam	6	1.3	5	1.1
Interdenominational	--	--	1	0.2
Jehovah's Witness	1	0.2	1	0.2
Jewish	1	0.2	--	--
Latter Day Saints (Mormon)	12	2.6	11	2.4
Lutheran	14	3.0	11	2.4
Methodist	35	7.5	45	9.7
Missionary Alliance	1	0.2	1	0.2
Non-Denominational	48	10.3	58	12.5
Pentecostal	1	0.2	--	--
Presbyterian	16	3.4	17	3.7
Protestant	3	0.6	11	2.4
Society of Friends (Quakers)	1	0.2	1	0.2
Unitarian	1	0.2	2	0.4
No Religion	38	8.2	40	8.6
Other than Listed	15	3.2	14	3.0
Not Specified	3	0.6	3	0.6
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

**Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**  
**LSAT Scores**

<b>Interquartile Range</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2009</b>
<b>25th Percentile</b>	157	156
<b>75th Percentile</b>	163	162

	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2009</b>
<b>Mean</b>	160	159

<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>		<b>Fall 2009</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>&lt;151</b>	1	0.3	7	1.9
<b>151-156</b>	76	21.6	99	26.4
<b>157-162</b>	177	50.3	192	51.2
<b>163-168</b>	94	26.7	75	20.0
<b>169+</b>	4	1.1	1	0.3
<b>193</b>	--	--	1	0.3
<b>All</b>	352	100.0	375	100.0

<b>Median Scores by Gender</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>		<b>Fall 2009</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>Male</b>	176	161	202	159
<b>Female</b>	176	161	173	159
<b>All</b>	352	161	375	159

Note: Although submission of entrance test scores generally is required in the admission process, LSAT scores were not available in the Banner Student Information System for all students.

**Profile of Law Students, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**  
**Academic Information**

Classification	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Juris Doctorate	466	100.0	465	100.0
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Enrollee Type	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Entering Law Student	106	22.7	86	18.5
Continuing Student	360	77.3	379	81.5
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Full-Time/Part-Time Status	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Full-Time	457	98.1	454	97.6
Part-Time	9	1.9	11	2.4
All	466	100.0	465	100.0

Average Credit Hour Load	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	Average	N	Average
Law	466	13.3	465	13.3
All	466	13.3	465	13.3

Dual Program Students	Fall 2010		Fall 2009	
	N	%	N	%
Law/Graduate	5	100.0	6	100.0
All	5	100.0	6	100.0