

## Introduction:

This analysis utilizes data on data provided by Law Services Prelaw Advisor Action Reports. It covers 410 Oregon State University students who applied to law school between 1995 and 2006. The purpose of this analysis is to explore differences in success rates between different University Colleges and programs to determine what practices produce the best success rate in law school applications.

This analysis is arranged with a summary of University-level statistics followed by a breakdown of applicant's from given Colleges. Colleges with law school applicants over the given time period include: College of Agriculture, Business, Engineering, Forestry, Health and Human Services, Liberal Arts, Oceanic and Atmospheric Science, Science, and Veterinary Medicine. Included in these breakouts are mean, median, and ranges of LSAT and GPA scores for all applicants, applicants that had been admitted to a law school, and for applicants that have been matriculated.

## University Summary Statistics:

### Gender/Racial/Ethnic Frequencies:

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Male	237	61.2%
Female	150	38.8%
AIAN	15	3.7%
Black or A. American	4	1.0%
Caucasian or White	340	83.3%
Chicano or Mexican American	10	2.5%
Hispanic	8	2.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	22	5.4%

Whites and males make up the majority of law school applicants at Oregon State. Males make up just over 61% of law school applicants while whites make up over 83%. The next largest ethnicity are Asians or Pacific Islanders who constitute 5.4%.

### Admittance by Gender:

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Not Admitted</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Percent Admitted</i>
Male	237	93	144	60.8%
Female	150	51	99	66.0%

Female applicants, even though fewer apply to law school, are admitted at a higher rate than their male counterparts. In fact, females are six percentage points more likely to be

admitted.

### Matriculation by Gender:

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Not Matriculated</i>	<i>Matriculated</i>	<i>Percent Matriculated</i>
Male	237	114	123	51.9%
Female	150	59	91	60.7%

Again, even though fewer apply, females are more likely to be matriculated than males. The difference between the two groups is greater than for admittance. Approximately 52% of males are matriculated while almost 61% of females are matriculated.

Admittance by Race/Ethnicity:

### GPA and LSAT Scores by Gender:

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Male:				
GPA	3.21	3.23	2.11	4.00
LSAT	154.84	153.00	128.00	173.00
Female:				
GPA	3.23	3.26	2.02	4.00
LSAT	153.36	153.00	138.00	170.00

Differences in GPA and LSAT scores are small between males and females.

### Admitted by Race/Ethnicity:

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Not Admitted</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Percent Admitted</i>
AIAN	15	3	12	80.0%
Black or A. American	4	3	1	25.0%
Caucasian or White	340	128	212	62.4%
Chicano or Mexican American	10	3	7	70.0%
Hispanic	8	4	4	50.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	22	10	12	54.5%
Other	8	2	6	75.0%

Blacks or African Americans are the only race or ethnicity that have an admittance

rate of less than 50% although only 50% of Hispanics are admitted. The highest admittance rate is among American Indians and Alaskan natives, 80% of who are admitted to law school.

**Matriculation by Race/Ethnicity:**

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Not Matriculated</i>	<i>Matriculated</i>	<i>Percent Matriculated</i>
AIAN	15	6	9	60.0%
Black or A. American	4	3	1	25.0%
Caucasian or White	340	153	187	55.0%
Chicano or Mexican American	10	4	6	60.0%
Hispanic	8	5	3	37.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	22	11	11	50.0%
Other	8	2	1	75.0%

Matriculation rates tend to be lower than admittance rates for all races/ethnicities. Black and African Americans, again, have the lowest rate among all groups. Again, as for admittance, only 25% of Black or African Americans achieve matriculation. Only 37.5% of Hispanics matriculate. The groups with the highest rates are American Indian or Alaskan Natives and Chicanos or Mexican Americans with 60% of both groups achieving matriculation.

**GPA and LSAT Score by Race/Ethnicity:**

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
AIAN:				
GPA	3.13	3.02	2.58	3.68
LSAT	152.86	153.00	143.00	163.00
Black or A. American:				
GPA	2.64	2.54	2.02	3.49
LSAT	143.33	142.00	139.00	149.00
Caucasian or White:				
GPA	3.23	3.24	2.11	4.00
LSAT	154.80	154.00	138.00	173.00
Chicano or Mexican American:				
GPA	3.26	3.22	2.70	4.00
LSAT	151.10	149.00	141.00	162.00
Hispanic:				
GPA	2.79	2.70	2.37	3.36
LSAT	143.75	144.50	128.00	154.00
Asian or Pacific Islander:				
GPA	3.01	3.12	2.21	3.55
LSAT	146.82	145.50	138.00	159.00
Other:				
GPA	3.09	3.08	2.67	3.56
LSAT	156.75	156.00	152.00	165.00

There are differences in mean GPA and mean LSAT scores between racial/ethnic groups. Chicano or Mexican Americans have the highest mean GPA at 3.26 while Blacks or African Americans have a mean GPA of 2.64. The Other racial category obtains the highest mean LSAT score of 156.756 while Blacks or African Americans again have the lowest mean score, 143.33.

**LSAT Scores and GPA:**

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	153.99	153.00	128	173
GPA	3.20	3.23	2.02	4.00

GPA's of applicants ranged from a low of 2.02 to a high of 4.00. The mean GPA is 3.20 and the median is 3.23. The mean LSAT score is 153.99 and the median is 153.00.

**LSAT Scores and GPA of Admitted Students:**

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.34	156.00	141	173
GPA	3.30	3.32	2.11	4.00

As expected, the LSAT and GPA scores for admitted students is higher than for all students. The mean GPA is 0.10 percentage points higher while the median GPA is 0.09 points higher. Mean and median LSAT scores are both approximately three points higher. The minimum LSAT score for admitted students increases to 141 from 128 for all students.

**LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:**

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.81	157.00	141	173
GPA	3.30	3.31	2.25	4.00

Most students that were matriculated also were admitted which is noted in the similar LSAT and GPA statistics for matriculated students and for admitted students.

**Acceptance by College:**

<i>College</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Not Admitted</i>	<i>Percent Admitted</i>
Agricultural Sci.	3	2	1	66.7%
Business	74	44	30	59.5%
Engineering	20	13	7	65.0%
Forestry	2	1	1	50.0%
HHS	2	1	1	50.0%
Liberal Arts	214	133	81	62.1%
OAS	2	2	0	100.0%
Science	46	31	15	67.4%
Veterinary Med.	1	0	1	0.0%

It is visible in the above chart that some Colleges within the University have a much larger number of their students apply to law school than others. Some Colleges, not represented in this analysis, had no students apply to law school within the given years. The largest absolute number of student applicants comes from the College of Liberal Arts with 214 total applicants. The College with the fewest students is the College of Veterinary Medicine with a single applicant. Excluding Veterinary Medicine whose sole applicant was not admitted, the range of success in student applications range from a low of 50.0% in the Colleges of Forestry and Health and Human Services. The College of Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences had both of their applicants admitted.

**Matriculation by College:**

<i>College</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Matriculated</i>	<i>Not Matriculated</i>	<i>Percent Matriculated</i>
Agricultural Sci.	3	2	1	33.3%
Business	74	34	40	54.1%
Engineering	20	9	11	55.0%
Forestry	2	1	1	50.0%
HHS	2	1	1	50.0%
Liberal Arts	214	124	90	42.1%
OAS	2	1	1	50.0%
Science	46	27	19	41.3%
Veterinary Med.	1	0	1	0.0%

The College with the highest matriculation rate is Veterinary Medicine, although, there is only a single data point. Liberal Arts has a matriculation rate of 42.1% while Agricultural

Sciences has the lowest rate of 33.3%.

**Individual College Information:**

The following nine tables list LSAT scores and GPAs for the nine Colleges that had students applying for law school. There are three tables for each College. The first table shows the mean, median, minimum, and maximum GPA and LSAT score. Following that table is the same information for all students of that College who had been accepted to a law school. Finally, the same categories are shown for matriculated students.

**College of Agricultural Science:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	153.67	156.00	148	157
GPA	3.30	3.23	2.84	3.84

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.50	156.50	156	157
GPA	3.34	3.34	2.84	3.84

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.50	156.50	156	157
GPA	3.34	3.34	2.84	3.84

**College of Business:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	154.39	154.00	141.00	173.00
GPA	3.26	3.19	2.51	3.96

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.68	156.00	143.00	173.00
GPA	3.39	3.35	2.83	3.96

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.62	157.00	143.00	173.00
GPA	3.40	3.37	2.56	3.96

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**College of Engineering:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.45	158.50	147.00	171.00
GPA	3.18	3.20	2.30	4.00

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	159.38	162.00	148.00	171.00
GPA	3.23	3.29	2.70	3.94

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	160.00	162.00	151.00	166.00
GPA	3.10	3.12	2.70	3.94

**College of Forestry:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	153.50	153.50	151.00	156.00
GPA	2.94	2.94	2.76	3.13

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.00	156.00	156.00	156.00
GPA	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.00	156.00	156.00	156.00
GPA	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13

**College of Health and Human Services:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	154.50	154.50	152.00	157.00
GPA	2.91	2.91	2.76	3.06

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.00	157.00	157.00	157.00
GPA	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.00	157.00	157.00	157.00
GPA	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.06

**College of Liberal Arts:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	153.29	153.00	128.00	169.00
GPA	3.20	3.23	2.02	3.96

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	155.58	156.00	141.00	169.00
GPA	3.27	3.29	2.11	3.96

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.09	156.00	141.00	169.00
GPA	3.28	3.28	2.27	3.96

**College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.00	156.00	155.00	157.00
GPA	3.68	3.68	3.47	3.90

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	156.00	156.00	155.00	157.00
GPA	3.68	3.68	3.47	3.90

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
GPA	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90

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**College of Science:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	154.57	155.00	139.00	170.00
GPA	3.13	3.20	2.20	3.94

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.10	159.00	142.00	170.00
GPA	3.29	3.31	2.58	3.94

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LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

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	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	157.19	159.00	142.00	170.00
GPA	3.30	3.31	2.58	3.94

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**College of Veterinary Medicine:**

LSAT Scores and GPA:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00
GPA	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20

LSAT Scores and GPA of Accepted Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

LSAT Scores and GPA of Matriculated Students:

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
LSAT Score	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**GPA and LSAT Score by the Five Most Common Majors:**

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Political Science				
LSAT Score	153.10	152.50	138.00	168.00
GPA	3.30	3.31	2.02	3.96
History				
LSAT Score	154.77	153.50	143.00	165.00
GPA	3.19	3.22	2.38	3.90
Sociology				
LSAT Score	152.63	152.00	128.00	166.00
GPA	3.16	3.19	2.33	3.81
Psychology				
LSAT Score	152.28	153.50	141.00	163.00
GPA	3.03	3.06	2.27	3.88
Business Admin.				
LSAT Score	154.31	153.50	143.00	169.00
GPA	3.24	3.14	2.64	3.96

The five most common majors for law school applicants are political science, history, sociology, psychology, and business administration. There is not a great deal of deviation between the majors in terms of mean LSAT scores or GPA.