

Basic Information

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Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	472	382	383	40	1277
	Men	171	139	160	20	490
	Women	301	243	223	20	787
Latinx	Men	25	21	21	0	67
Latinx	Women	39	48	46	4	137
White	Men	106	74	96	11	287
White	Women	188	96	97	10	391
Black or African American	Men	13	7	9	2	31
Black or African American	Women	22	38	25	3	88
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	1	1	0	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	0	1	0	1
Asian	Men	10	12	12	4	38
Asian	Women	26	27	27	3	83
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	1	0	0	1	2
Native American or Alaska Native	Women	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	4	7	6	1	18
2 or more races	Women	10	12	10	0	32
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Persons with Disabilities	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	4	8	7	0	19
Non-Resident Alien	Women	9	9	11	0	29

Comments

No Additional Comments

Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	4391
Size of entering class:	463
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	240
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	44
In-state enrollment:	n/a
Out-state enrollment:	n/a
Foreign countries represented:	9

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.16	3.43	3.60
Grade Point Average	Part-Time	2.93	3.20	3.41
Grade Point Average	Overall	3.10	3.41	3.59
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	152	156	159
Law School Admission Test	Part-Time	151	155	158
Law School Admission Test	Overall	152	156	159

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? No
 If not, what percentage is not included and why?
 9 enrolling students or 1.9% did not have a reportable GPA.

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	1052
Evening:	
Part-Time:	236
Other:	
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	Yes
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	140

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Civil Advocacy Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Criminal Justice Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Community and Economic Development Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Domestic Violence Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
International Human Rights Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Federal Tax Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Women and the Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Intellectual Property Law Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Disability Rights Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
DC Law Students in Court	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice
Immigrant Justice Clinic	Applications - lottery system and faculty choice

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Externship Program (Avis Sanders); trial advocacy courses (civil and criminal); eleven clinical programs; negotiation and client counseling courses; eight Joint Degree Programs: JD/MBA, JD/MS, JD/MA, JD/MPA, JD/MPP, LL.M./MBA; LL.M./MPA; LL.M./MPP; three Master of Laws Programs; Three International JD Programs; one SJD degree program.

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

First year Legal Rhetoric and Writing course has a mandatory moot court activity during the second semester during which students argue their briefs written for class. The Moot Court Board is the student-administered board that coordinates and organizes the intraschool and interschool student competitions in appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, and client counseling. Two intraschool moot court competitions are sponsored each year by the Moot Court Board.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		
A	4.0	
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	
B	3.0	
B-	2.7	
C+	2.3	
C	2.0	
C-		
D	1.0	
F	0.0	

Comments:

No Additional Comments

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.78
Top 25%:	3.63
Top 33%:	3.59
Top 50%:	3.50
Top 75%:	3.34
Median GPA:	3.50
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.0
Do you have a pass/fail option?	No
Are students ranked in their class?	No
If so, how often?	
Will the school verify student grades?	Yes
School's Verification Policy	
Only pass/fail option for specific activities such as journal and Moot Court.	
Students are only ranked by percentile before graduation and by ordinal ranking at graduation.p>	

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
Administrative Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Don Monroe Casto Award	5	Faculty Selection
Clair A. Cripe Award	1	Faculty Selection
Dean's Award/Prof. Responsibility	1	Faculty Selection
Gillett Prize	1	Faculty Selection
Human Rights Brief	1	Faculty Selection
International Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law	1	Faculty Selection
Lura E. Turley Prize, AU Law Review	1	Faculty Selection
Mooers Trophy	1	Faculty Selection
Mussey Prize	9	Faculty Selection
Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy	1	Faculty Selection
Outstanding Graduate Award	1	Faculty Selection
Outstanding Research & Writing	2	Faculty Selection
Solf Award	1	Faculty Selection
T. Morton McDonald Scholarship	1	Faculty Selection
WCL Alumni Award	1	Faculty Selection
William Brinks Olds Hofer Gilson & Lione Award (IP)	1	Faculty Selection
Clinical Legal Education Award	1	Faculty Selection
Ed Bou Award	2	Faculty Selection
Thomas O. Sargentich Award	1	Faculty Selection

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	10%	3.77	51
Summa cum laude	3%	3.88	14
Magna cum laude	7%	3.78	32
Cum laude	30%	3.55	147
Other			

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	28.8
Business and industry	13.87
Government	19.2
Judicial clerkship	15.2
Military	2.4
Public interest organization	18.67
Academic	1.6
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	0.81
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	13.17
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	1.61
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	1.34
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	71.51
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	1.34
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.61
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0.27
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	4.84
Non-US	3.49

Jurisdictions:

California; District of Columbia; Florida; Georgia; Maryland; New Jersey; New York; Non-US; Pennsylvania; Virginia. *Jurisdictions are listed in alphabetical order

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 02/01/2017
Phone - beginning date: 02/01/2017
Email to - beginning date: 02/01/2017:
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/01/2017:

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:
N/A

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? No fee
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers:

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
Other area law schools or employers as needed.

Required Employer Forms:
Fall Recruitment Program employer information and registration forms can be found here: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/career/employers.cfm> or schedules can be submitted via Symplicity here: <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/employers/index.php>.

OCI Dates:

August: 08/07/2017-08/31/2017
Fall: 08/07/2017-10/26/2017
Spring: 01/11/2017-04/20/2017

Flyback dates: Determined at the discretion of the employer and student

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: IP or web-based (e.g., Skype) available in our dedicated videoconferencing facilities.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

OCI Drop date:

Date student materials sent to employer:

Date interview schedule sent to employer:

Postage/express mail fee?

Comments: If preferred, we can accommodate requests for mailed application materials. Applications are sent as PDFs via email as a default.

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes

Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

Patent Law Interview Program - Hosted by Loyola University Chicago School of Law - August 3 & 4, 2017
New York Interview Program - August 1, 2017 - employers prescreen (registration fee). Exclusively for students from American University Washington College of Law.
Boston Interview Program (Consortium) - TBD - employers prescreen (no registration fee); American University Washington College of Law and Tulane University Law School.
Equal Justice Works Career Fair - Hosted by Equal Justice Works - TBD
AUWCL 2017 Public Service Recruitment Program - January 26, 2017 - employers prescreen (no registration fee)

Diversity Interview Programs

Boston Lawyers Group Delaware Minority Job Fair
DuPont Legal Minority Job Fair
Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association (GWAC)
Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair
Hispanic Law Conference Career Forum
Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Career Fair
IMPACT Career Fair
LGBT Bar Association Career Fair
Nashville Bar Association Minority Job Fair
National Black Law Students Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Job Fair
National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Job Fair
National Latino/a Law Student Job Fair
New Hampshire Legal Job Fair
Vault/MCCA Legal Diversity Job Fair & Leadership Summit
Washington Bar Association Career Fair
WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program *Listed in alphabetical order

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send, upon request, one package containing resumes/transcripts? Yes
post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Employers may e-mail, fax, or call OCPD with job postings. Employers are asked to provide detailed information, including: position title; employer information; contact person; preferred method of application; description of responsibilities; hiring criteria; application deadline; salary; etc. Job listings may also be submitted online as noted on our website (www.wcl.american.edu/career). Job listings are posted until 1) the employer notifies OCPD that the position has been filled; 2) the employer's specified deadline has passed; or 3) 30 days after the initial date of posting.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

We adhere to the NALP guidelines. 1Ls are invited to participate in OCPD programs and services after October 15. First year students are eligible to participate in the Spring Recruitment Program, postings for which start after December 1.

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Diversity

The diversity representation in the 2016 entering class at AUWCL is 32%. The Office of Diversity Services, a full-time administrative unit within the law school since 1990, works with underrepresented students to enable and ensure their maximum participation in law school activities, and to highlight diverse cultural experiences and opportunities. The office promotes and collaborates on a variety of programming, including First-Year Diversity Day and two major annual conferences: the Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law and the Hispanic Law Conference, both of which offer a career-oriented component. The director of the office confers regularly with stakeholders at the faculty, staff, and student level to ensure the quality of life for underrepresented students. The Office of Diversity Services works closely with the Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) on diversity outreach initiatives by employers and other employment opportunities. The offices regularly share information about and provide access to internships and post-graduate positions, as well as programs directed to underrepresented students. The offices also provide guidance on all facets of the job search process for students participating in local and national diversity career fairs and several employer-sponsored diversity initiatives such as scholarships, information sessions, and receptions.

Pro Bono

American University Washington College of Law's (AUWCL) Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program encourages students to complete a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono and community service work at organizations assisting underprivileged and underrepresented populations or working for the public good during law school. While at least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work, enabling first-year law students to begin participating in the program immediately. Students who have successfully completed the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program are honored at graduation and during the Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner held each spring. Over 161 members of the class of 2016 completed the Pro Bono Honors Pledge. Collectively, these students performed more than 55,535 hours of pro bono work.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
American University Law Review	95	57	38		
American University Intl. Law Review	80	29	51		
Administrative Law Review	82	30	52		
Jnl. of Gender, Social Policy & the Law	72	20	52		
American University Business Law Review	76	42	34		
The Modern American	17				
The Human Rights Brief	44				
The Criminal Law Brief	35				
Sustainable Development Law & Policy	48				
Legislation and Policy Brief	35				
Health Law and Policy	37				
Intellectual Property Brief	49				
The Arbitration Brief	23				
Labor & Employment Law Forum	23				
The National Security Brief	55				

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Action for Human Rights (AHR)
ADVANCE Mentoring (ADVANCE)
Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society (Society for Di
American Civil Liberties Union WCL Chapter
Amnesty International
Animal Law Society
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
Association for Transfer Students (ATS)

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Brazilian Interest Society (BIS)
Christian Legal Society
Communications and Media Law Society
Criminal Law Society (CLS)
Disability Law Society
Energy Law Society
Environmental Law Society
Equal Justice Foundation (EJF)
Fashion Law Society
Federalist Society
Health Law and Justice Society
IMBY Service Day
Immigrant Rights Coalition (IRC)
International Trade and Investment Law Society
IP Law Society (IPLS)
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Islamic Law Forum
Italian-American Law Society (ITALSA)
JD/MBA Club
Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
Lambda Law Society
Latin American Law Student Association (LaLSA)
Law and Government Society
Law Revue
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
Maritime Law
Mock Trial Honor Society
Moot Court Honor Society
National Lawyers Guild
Phi Alpha Delta
South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)
Space Law Society
Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
Students United
Transactional Law Society
Veterans Law Society
WCL Democrats (WCL Dems)
Womens Law Association
African Justice Initiative
Business Law Society
Hospitality and Tourism Law Society
Parents Attending Law School (PALS)

Narrative

American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) is a law school founded on real life challenges, committed to preparing future generations of lawyers for the realities of legal practice. In addition to a superb faculty, our students benefit from renowned programs in clinical legal education, international law, intellectual property, trial advocacy, commercial arbitration and environmental law, just to name a few, as well as from internships with private firms, national and international organizations, and government agencies. Our graduates excel in firms of all sizes as well as in federal government honors programs, public interest organizations, prosecutor and public defender offices, and judicial clerkships. The law school thrives on continually improving the quality of legal education provided to our students. AUWCL's low

student-faculty ratio of 11.0:1, enables the law school to provide exceptional, individualized legal education. This commitment also extends to the development of an innovative curriculum, including our Integrated Curriculum Program which imparts trans-curricular learning and allows first-year students to choose electives. The Legal Rhetoric Program, a two-semester, 2-credits-each-semester course on legal research and writing skills, is taught in sections not exceeding 24 students, facilitating meaningful faculty-student interaction from the onset of the first year. Upper-level classes average 24 students, and seminars typically enroll only 12 students. The quality of education at AUWCL is further reflected in our international law program, one of the most extensive and renowned in the world, and our clinical program, one of the nation's oldest, most comprehensive, and best supervised. AUWCL's Supervised Externship Program, one of the largest in the nation, combines workplace experience with seminars for academic credit in DC, across and outside of the US. Approximately 400 students each year gain valuable experience working with a wide variety of organizations including government agencies such as the US DOJ and the SEC, federal and state courts, nationally recognized public interest organizations, Congressional offices, and legal services groups that provide direct representation to underserved communities. AUWCL is widely recognized as an institution with a unique commitment to international legal education, offering students vast opportunities in international law through numerous programs: the Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the United Nations Committee against Torture Project, and the War Crimes Research Office, among many others, for students interested in human rights and humanitarian law. Students interested in business thrive in our programs on business, international commercial arbitration, international trade and investment, and anti-corruption law, for example, while those committed to the environment, health law, intellectual property and trial advocacy take advantage of our extensive programs in those dynamic fields. AUWCL also offers a wide array of opportunities for students to complete part of their legal education outside of the US and about half of our students do so. Short or long term, in the classroom or out, students can learn in over 30 countries on six continents. Our summer law study abroad programs in Chile/Argentina, Europe (London, Paris, Brussels and Strasbourg), The Hague, Geneva, and Turkey provide direct exposure and access to different legal cultures while our international JD dual degree programs in Australia, Canada, France and Italy prepare graduates to take the necessary steps to practice law in two jurisdictions. AUWCL also offers a dual JD/LL.M. degree in European Union law in Spain and a joint graduate certificate in international contracts and business law in Chile. These programs provide students with legal knowledge in multiple jurisdictions, and future employers with versatile and informed associates. At the same time, AUWCL serves as an institution where the world meets to study law. Approximately 100 lawyers from around the world enrich our institution each year through AUWCL's renowned International Legal Studies Program, which offers eight LL.M. specializations: Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration; Gender and the Law; International and Comparative Protection of Intellectual Property; International Business Law; International Environmental Law; International Human Rights Law; International Organizations; and International Commercial Arbitration. AUWCL's highly regarded LL.M. in Law and Government attracts approximately 30 lawyers annually from across the country and globe to study the intersection of government, politics, and law in the nation's capital, with opportunities to concentrate in Civil and Constitutional Rights, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, or Business and Financial Regulation. The innovative Advocacy LL.M. takes a multifaceted approach to experiential learning through specialized litigation related courses, access to advanced courtroom technology, externships in the Washington, DC area, and optional credits for research projects and classroom teaching. Our two newest LL.M. Programs are in Intellectual Property (launched in 2015) and International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law/Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario (hybrid in-person and online, English launched in 2015 and Spanish in 2016). In addition to our five LL.M. Programs, AUWCL offers a vibrant Doctor in Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Program with distinguished candidates from around the world. AUWCL's rigorous educational programs and initiatives reflect our participatory and supportive approach to legal education, which includes varied teaching styles and opportunities to learn both in and outside the classroom. As a premier legal institution providing outstanding education in all areas of the law, AUWCL students are equipped with the skills and values vital to excel in the legal profession.