

A summary of law school outcomes



Office of Career Development

Vassar College

Vassar students and alumnae/i are regularly accepted by some of the top law schools in the country. In the last five admissions cycles we have had at least one student accepted into the following top law schools:

- Yale
- Harvard
- Stanford
- Columbia
- New York University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- Northwestern
- University of Virginia
- Cornell
- Duke
- Georgetown

Overall, students who apply to law school from Vassar find that they receive acceptances from various schools around the country. The most popular locations for students are New York City, Boston and Washington, DC. Below are ranked the schools most attended by Vassar alums.

1. Brooklyn Law School
2. New York Law School
3. Columbia

4. University of California at Los Angeles
5. American University
6. Cardozo
7. Boston College
8. Boston University
9. City University of New York
10. Northeastern
11. Tulane
12. University of California, Hastings
13. University of California, Davis

While students with various LSAT scores and grade point averages are accepted into a multitude of programs, we find that Vassar students are generally within the ranges given by the schools and are accepted at a rate similar to the overall national acceptance rates of the school.

Students do, however, seem to be admitted at a better rate at the following schools:

- Brooklyn
- Cardozo
- George Washington
- American
- Boston University
- Northeastern
- St. John's
- Boston College
- Temple
- Hofstra
- University of Michigan

- University of Connecticut
- City University of New York
- Pace
- University of Southern California
- Rutgers
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Chicago

Some schools where Vassar applicants fell below the national acceptance rates are at the following universities: Fordham, Georgetown, NYU, Columbia and the University of Virginia.

It is important to remember when applying to law schools that while some Vassar applicants have been admitted on the outliers of the normal acceptance criteria, it is often due to some outstanding characteristic or portion of the application.

Vassar students and alumnae/i should consider national locals during their application process. Top tier schools where our applicants do well are often not in the New York metropolitan area. If you are flexible in your location it may serve you well to consider top schools not in "traditional"

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locations where you are competing with other Vassar applicants.

Students and alumnae/i from a wide variety of disciplines are successful in their law school admissions process. The top majors that apply to law school are Political Science, English, Economics, History, Sociology, and Psychology.

On average, more than two thirds of the applicants are alumnae/i. While alumnae/i compose the greatest proportion of applicants from Vassar, they are not a homogeneous group. Alumnae/i can include recent graduates or career changers who have significant life experience or other advanced degrees, often making them strong candidates in the application process.

Over 85% of Vassar applicants were accepted to one or more law schools in the last reported application season.