

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

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Basic Information

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Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Class Size	227	233	264	0	724
	Men	122	125	146	0	393
	Women	105	108	118	0	331
Hispanic/Latino	Men	7	8	8	0	23
Hispanic/Latino	Women	13	12	9	0	34
White	Men	71	92	97	0	260
White	Women	63	76	66	0	205
Black/African American	Men	9	3	3	0	15
Black/African American	Women	6	5	5	0	16
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	23	10	11	0	44
Asian	Women	17	8	11	0	36
American Indian/Alaska Native	Men	0	2	1	0	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	Women	0	0	1	0	1
2 or more races	Men	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Men	0	0	1	0	1
Persons with Disabilities	Women	1	0	0	0	1
Openly LGBT	Men	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
Openly LGBT	Women	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Non-Resident Alien	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0

Comments

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	3719
Size of entering class:	230
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	126
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	32
In-state enrollment:	72
Out-state enrollment:	158
Foreign countries represented:	6

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.32		3.64
Grade Point Average	Part-Time			
Grade Point Average	Overall	3.32		3.64
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	159		164
Law School Admission Test	Part-Time			
Law School Admission Test	Overall	159		164

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Yes
 If not, what percentage is not included and why?

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	724
Evening:	
Part-Time:	
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:	14

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Community Enterprise Clinic	
Criminal Justice Clinic: Prosecution and Defense	
Housing Law Clinic	
Immigration Clinic	
Innocence Program	
Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project	
Ninth Circuit Appellate Project	
Civil Litigation Clinic	
Massachusetts Attorney General Program	
Massachusetts Department of Revenue Program	
Government Lawyer Program	
Semester in Practice	
Semester in Practice in Washington, DC	
Semester in Practice International	
Legal Practice Externship	
Judicial Process: Appeals and Judicial Process Trials	
Semester in Practice, London	

Special Training and Certification Programs:

Certificate in Environmental and Land Use. Certificate Program in International Human Rights

Is Moot Court a required activity? No

Moot Court Program Description:

Second year students write a brief and argue four times. The top eight teams proceed to the quarter-finals. Successful performance is a prerequisite for selection to third-year competitions such as the National Moot Court, Religious Freedom Moot Court, National First Amendment Moot Court, Philip C. Jessup Moot Court, European Union Law Moot Court, National Environmental Law Moot Court, Frederick Douglass, Immigration Law, J. Braxton Craven, National Criminal Procedure, Saul Lefkowitz IP Moot Court Teams and the Transactional Law Meet.

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+		N/A
A		4.0
A-		3.67
B+		3.33
B		3.0
B-		2.67
C+		2.33
C		2.0
C-		1.67
D		1.0
F		0

Comments:

Boston College Law School uses a letter grading system for evaluating classroom performance. Our grading system is based on a 4.0 scale

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.648
Top 25%:	3.537
Top 33%:	3.464
Top 50%:	3.364
Top 75%:	N/A
Median GPA:	3.364
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.0

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

A limited number of courses are offered on a pass/fail basis.

Are students ranked in their class? No

If so, how often?

Will the school verify student grades? No

School's Verification Policy

The Registrar will provide students with copies of their official transcripts and upon written authorization of students send copies of an official transcript directly to employer.p>

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
James W. Smith Award	1	Highest academic rank
Susan Grant Desmarais Awards	2	For public service achievement and leadership
St. Thomas More Award	1	Exemplifying the intellectual qualities of St. Thomas More
The Philip Joseph Privitera Award	1	Commitment to service
Dean Dennis A. Dooley Award	3	For outstanding scholarship average to 1 graduate & 2 1Ls
William J. O'Keefe Awards	2	For outstanding contribution to the Law School
Cornelius J. Moynihan Awards	2	For outstanding editorial work on publications
Richard S. Sullivan Award	1	Overall contribution to the Law School Community
Aviam Soifer Award	1	For public service achievement and leadership
Lewis S. Gurwitz Award	1	Selfless commitment to the underprivileged
Frederick N. Halstrom Awards	2	Outstanding work in advocacy competitions
John D. O'Reilly Award	1	Service to its students
Richard G. Huber Award	1	Leadership and co-curriculum award
Sheila McGovern Award	1	Achievement of Personal Goals
Law School Awards for Clinical Excellence	2	Outstanding work in clinical programs
The Dean's Award for Diversity	4	Outstanding contributions to diversity
LLM Leadership Award	1	Outstanding contribution to the law school community

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	Top 10%		
Summa cum laude		3.796	
Magna cum laude		3.648	
Cum laude	Up to 1/3	3.464	
Other			

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	53.66
Business and industry	12.60
Government	12.60
Judicial clerkship	11.79
Military	.80
Public interest organization	7.72
Academic	.80
Job category not identified	N/A

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	54.92
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	18.85
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	3.28
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	.82
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	13.11
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1.64
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	1.23
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	2.87
Non-US	3.28

Jurisdictions:

Massachusetts, New York, Florida, New Jersey, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Connecticut

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:

Mail - beginning date: 02/24/2015
Email to - beginning date: 02/24/2015: leblanf@bc.edu
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/24/2015: <https://law-bc-csm.symplicity.com/employers>

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

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: Random

OCI Fee? Fee up to \$300 based on employer size with \$50 for each additional schedule

OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 04/27/2015

If requested, our school will coordinate with:

Harvard Law School, Boston University School of Law and any other Massachusetts law school.

Required Employer Forms:

Employers must agree to non-discrimination policy and complete the OCI results feedback form.

OCI Dates:

August: 08/10/2015-08/14/2015
Fall: 09/01/2015-
Spring: 01/25/2016-
Flyback dates: The week of August 17th through August 21st.
Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: Video conferencing is available with a minimum of one week's notice.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 07/13/2015
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/14/2015
Date interview schedule sent to employer: 08/04/2015
Postage/express mail fee? N/A

Comments:

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

OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAMS We participate in a consortium with five other law schools and offer the following off-campus programs. Students must travel to the below-referenced cities on these specific dates and pay for their own travel expenses. Registration site is as follows:
<https://law-consortia1-csm.symplicity.com/employers> Overview: Miami, FL July 27, 2015 San Francisco, CA July 27, 2015 Los Angeles, CA July 28, 2015 Washington, DC: July 28, 2015 Chicago, IL: July 29, 2015 New York, NY: August 5, 2015 Philadelphia, PA: August 7, 2015 MIAMI OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Embassy Suites, Downtown Miami, FL Date: July 27, 2015 Administered by George Washington University: Contact Mikaela Callahan (202) 994-6172, mcallahan@law.gwu.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, George Washington University, Notre Dame, and The University of Texas SAN FRANCISCO OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport, South San Francisco, CA 94080 Date: July 27, 2015 Administered by The University of Texas: Contact Alisha Camacho (512) 232-7110, acamacho@law.utexas.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, George Washington University, Notre Dame, and The University of Texas LOS ANGELES OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Embassy Suites LA - International Airport North, 9801 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90045 Date: July 28, 2015 Administered by Notre Dame: Contact Allison Wruble, (574) 631-7398, alison.c.wruble.3@nd.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, George Washington University, Notre Dame, and The University of Texas WASHINGTON, DC OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20036 Date: July 28, 2015 Administered by Boston College Law School: Contact Leslie LeBlanc, (617) 552-1192, leblanf@bc.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, Northwestern University, Notre Dame and The University of Texas CHICAGO OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Students interview at employers' offices Date: July 29, 2015 Administered by Boston University: Contact Lisa Terrasi, (617) 353-3141, lawhire@bu.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, George Washington University, and The University of Texas NEW YORK CITY OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Doubletree Guest Suites, Times Square, New York Date: August 5, 2015 Administered by Boston University Law School: Contact Lisa Terrasi, (617) 353-3141, lawhire@bu.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College and Boston University PHILADELPHIA OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM Location: Students interview at employers' offices Date: August 7, 2015 Administered by Northwestern University Law School: Contact Arden Schuman (312) 503-3281, a-schuman@law.northwestern.edu Participating Law Schools: Boston College, Boston University, Northwestern University, Notre Dame, and The University of Texas National Recruitment Program with all Massachusetts Law Schools. Contact Michelle Dobbins at Suffolk Law School - mdobbins@suffolk.edu. Government and Public Interest Programs: All Massachusetts Law Schools. October 5 and 6th, 2015 at Boston College Law School. Contact Leslie LeBlanc at leblanf@bc.edu. January 25 and 26th, 2016 program will be held at Suffolk Law School. Contact Michelle Dobbins at mdobbins@suffolk.edu.

Diversity Interview Programs

Bay Area Diversity Career Fair Boston Lawyers Group Job Fair and Mentoring Program Cook County Bar Association Job Fair in Chicago Delaware Minority Job Fair DuPont and Delaware Minority Job Fairs Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Career Fair Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair Lavender Law Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair Northwest Minority Job Fair Rocky Mountain Diversity Career Fair St. Louis Diversity Job Fair

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

Alumni employment opportunities are posted daily on the Boston College Law School Symplicity site. This is a password protected site only for BC Law alumni. Employers wishing to post a notice on the website may send the notice

by email (law.career@bc.edu). This service is free of charge. Please indicate in your email the deadline for the posting. If no deadline date is indicated, then we will post it for 30 days.

Are employers permitted to prescreen?

Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

Boston College Law School adheres to the NALP guidelines for first year hiring. First years may participate in any recruitment program after December 1st.

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Diversity

We participate in the Boston Lawyers' Group Minority Student Mentor Program and other career related programming the organization sponsors, including mock interviews, a job fair, a writing program and networking opportunities. We also support our students as they interview at other diversity job fairs including Lavender Law and Impact. Our Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion runs a monthly seminar for our diverse students on campus to help them prepare for entering the profession. This also involves helping to develop their interviewing and networking skills in advance of recruitment season.

Pro Bono

As a Jesuit institution, Boston College Law School (BC Law) prides itself on its commitment to public service. This commitment is evidence by the breadth of BC Law's curriculum, clinical program, scholarships, student organizations and pro bono opportunities. BC Law has a vibrant community of students, faculty, staff and alumni involved in public service, from the three-day Public Interest Retreat (open to all law students) to the University-wide "Grads Give Back" day of service to our launch of the pro bono spring break program, our commitment to pro bono runs deep. While we formalized our Pro Bono Program in 2008, there are now over 160 students currently participating in the program. These students provide pro bono assistance to government agencies, non-profits, and NGOs, in Boston, throughout the US, and around the world. Over 26% of the class of 2015 volunteered more than 13,800 hours of service. During our pro bono Spring Break 2015, more than 60 students participated in pro bono work. Students provided immigration pro bono service to non-profits in Texas, Arizona, New York, Washington, DC, Florida, and California. Students also worked with non-profits to provide pro bono legal services in New Orleans, Navajo Nation, Haiti, as well as locally in the Boston area. Every graduate who provides fifty hours of pro bono service receives recognition at the Graduation Awards Celebration. Students who complete the voluntary Pro Bono Pledge of 50 hours of service may also participate in the Public Interest Designation Program (PIDP). The PIDP is designed to encourage, guide, and recognize students who are committed to public service. The PIDP is a holistic approach to legal education which prepares students both academically and experientially to begin a career in the public sector immediately upon graduation. Students who complete the Program's four academic and experiential requirements are designated as Public Interest Designation Fellows. The requirements to be named Fellows are:

- Complete 15 credits of public interest coursework.
- Participate in experiential learning offerings at a public interest placement.
- Spend at least one summer interning with a public sector employer.
- Complete BC Law's pro bono pledge by participating in 50 hours of public service.

Over 14% of the Class of 2015 have been named as Public Interest Designation Fellow

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Boston College Law Review	67	Yes	Yes		
Environmental Affairs Law Review	27	Yes	Yes		
International & Comparative Law Review	27	Yes	Yes		
Boston College Journal of Law & Social Justice	27	Yes	Yes		
Uniform Commercial Code Reporter Digest	24	Yes	Yes		

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
American Constitution Society
Amnesty International
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Art Law
BC Law Democrats
BC Law Republicans
Black Law Students Association
Business Law Society
Children's Rights Group
Community Economic Development Group
Christian Legal Society

Criminal Justice Law Project
Environmental Law Society
Federalist Society
Gender Violence Awareness Coalition
Health Law Society
Holocaust Human Rights Project
Immigration Law Group
Intellectual Property and Technology Forum
International Law Society
Internet Law Society
Jewish Law Student Association
LAMBDA
Latin American Law Students Association
Law & Religion
Lex Vitae
Law Students Association
Middle Eastern Law Students Association
National Lawyers Guild
Native American Law School
Public Interest Law Foundation
Real Estate Law Society
South Asian Law Students Association
Sports and Entertainment Law Society
St. Thomas More Society
Trusts, Elder & Family Law Association
Veterans Association
Women's Law Center

Narrative

Since its founding in 1929, Boston College Law School has earned a national reputation for the highest standards of excellence and professionalism. We continue to set ourselves apart from other law schools in three important ways: 1. We foster a learning environment that is collaborative and supportive; 2. We provide a well-rounded professional education that enables our graduates to excel in a variety of legal careers; 3. We teach legal skills within a context of moral values, preparing our students not only to be good lawyers and leaders, but also to lead good lives. We believe in the importance of teaching the fundamentals of reasoning, writing and research, which is why we require a full-year LRR&W program taught only by full-time faculty. We also place an emphasis on real skills training. Our advocacy teams continue to win numerous awards. Our clinical programs have long been recognized as some of the best in the country, and our brand new Center for Experiential Learning brings our faculty and students together in one place to enhance hands-on programs across the curriculum. The best measure of a school's reputation, however, is in the success of its alumni. Our 12,000 graduates have achieved important positions of leadership throughout the United States, not only in law firms, but also in business, government, the judiciary and non-profit sectors. We offer students the combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills they need to succeed as lawyers today. We teach our students that compassion is a priority and that justice is a virtue, not a business. In the centuries-old Jesuit tradition, our program develops an appreciation for the principles underlying the law, while at the same time fostering a dedication to using one's legal skills to benefit society. Here at Boston College Law School, students receive the training they need to become professionals prepared to meet the challenges of an exciting and rewarding legal career. Please visit our website for more information about our school, our programs, and our students.

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