

J.D. CLASS OF 2025 PROFILE

As of August 22, 2022



Law School

5,881 Applicants to J.D. Class Entering Fall 2022

156 First-Year Students Entering Fall 2022

85 (55%) Female Students

55 (35%) Minority Students

23 Median Age

3.57	3.90	3.98	} GPA
25%	Median	75%	

163	170	170	} LSAT
25%	Median	75%	

98 Undergraduate Schools Represented

8 (5%) Hold Advanced Degrees

Permanent Residents of
**37 States, D.C., Canada,
China and India**

Permanent Residency

Alabama	3	New Jersey	1
Arizona	1	New Mexico	1
Arkansas	4	New York	8
California	16	North Carolina	6
Connecticut	3	Ohio	7
Districy of Columbia	2	Oklahoma	1
Florida	7	Oregon	1
Georgia	14	Pennsylvania	3
Illinois	7	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	3	South Carolina	2
Iowa	1	South Dakota	1
Kansas	1	Tennessee	10
Kentucky	4	Texas	9
Louisiana	1	Virginia	8
Maryland	2	Washington	2
Massachusetts	6	West Virginia	1
Michigan	4	Wisconsin	2
Minnesota	2		
Mississippi	4	Canada	2
Missouri	1	China	2
New Hampshire	1	India	1

Applying to enter Fall 2023? We would like to know you better as a prospective student and for you to learn more about Vanderbilt. That's why we offer admission interviews with VLS alumni as part of the application process, and why VLS alumni will conduct interviews nationwide and in several foreign locations during this cycle. To request an alumni interview, complete the interview request section of the VLS application and submit your application by Nov. 15.

Undergraduate Schools Represented

Anna Maria College	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	2	Sewanee: The University of the South	2	University of Manitoba	1
Asbury University	1	Georgia Southern University	1	Skidmore College	1	University of Maryland	1
Babson College	1	George Mason University	1	Samford University	1	University of Miami	2
Baruch College, CUNY	1	Gustavus Adolphus College	1	Southern Methodist Univesity	2	University of Michigan	6
Bates College	1	Harvard University	2	Spelman College	1	University of Minnesota	3
Boston College	1	Hendrix College	1	Stanford University	1	University of Mississippi	1
Brown University	2	Hollins University	1	SUNY Oneonta	1	University of North Carolina	1
Californai State University, Fullerton	1	Howard University	1	Texas A&M University	1	University of Notre Dame	1
California Polytechnic State University	1	Liberty University	1	Texas Christian University	2	University of Pennsylvania	1
Case Western Reserve University	1	Michigan State University	2	Tougaloo College	1	University of Pittsburgh	1
Centre College	1	Mississippi College	1	Trinity University (Texas)	1	University of South Carolina	1
Clemson University	3	Mississippi State University	1	Tulane University	1	University of South Dakota	1
College of Saint Rose	1	New York University	4	United States Military Academy	1	University of Southern California	2
Cornell University	1	North Carolina State University, Raleigh	1	University of California, San Diego	2	University of Texas	3
Dallas Baptist University	1	Northeastern University	1	University of Akron	1	University of Texas at Dallas	1
Dartmouth College	1	Penn State Erie, The Behrend College	1	University of Alabama	4	University of Virginia	4
Denison University	1	Oberlin College	1	University of Arizona	1	University of Wisconsin	1
Duke University	1	Oglethorpe University	1	University of California, Berkeley	2	Vanderbilt University	12
Emory University	2	Ohio State University	2	University of California, Davis	1	Vassar College	1
Erskine College	2	Oklahoma State University	1	University of California, Los Angeles	3	Washington University	3
Florida International University	1	Pennsylvania State University	2	University of Central Arkansas	2	Western Kentucky University	1
Florida State University	2	Princeton University	1	University of Georgia	5	Yale University	2
Fordham University	1	Providence College	1	University of Illinois	2	Zhejiang Gongshang University	1
Furman University	2	Rhodes College	1	University of Indianapolis	1		
Georgetown University	1	Ripon College	1	University of Kentucky	1		

Academic Overview & Employment Statistics

Degree Programs

- J.D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence)
- LL.M. (Master of Laws)—A one-year program for foreign-trained lawyers
- Ph.D. Law and Economics

Academic Programs

- Law & Business (certificate program)
- Criminal Justice
- Energy, Environment & Land Use
- Intellectual Property
- International Legal Studies
- Law & Government
- Law & Innovation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Social Justice

Dual Degree Programs

- J.D./M.S. in Finance (3-year program)
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Public Policy
- J.D./Doctor of Medicine
- J.D./Master of Divinity

Summer Opportunities

- Vanderbilt in Venice (study abroad)
- Externships (international and domestic, academic credit)
- Public interest stipends (international and domestic)

Clinics and Experiential Programs

- Community Enterprise
- Criminal Practice
- First Amendment
- Housing Law
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property & the Arts
- International Law Practice Lab
- Youth Opportunity
- Semester Externships

Financial Assistance

- 2022–23 tuition: \$66,696
- Merit- and need-based scholarships, including several full-tuition merit-based awards
- Loan Repayment Assistance available to qualifying graduates working in public-sector positions

Publications

- *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*
- *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law*
- *Social Justice Reporter*
- *The Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review*, produced by Vanderbilt students in conjunction with the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) in Washington, D.C.

Top Academics

- Faculty ranked 7th in academic impact in “Inclusive Citation Rankings of U.S. Law Schools” Balanced Ranking, Matthew Sag, 2021
- Faculty ranked 9th in “Scholarly Impact” among U.S. law schools in a study based on citations of scholarly work from 2016 to 2020
- Faculty ranked 5th among U.S. law schools in a 2019 study by Heald and Sichelman based on how often their research was downloaded and cited
- Best Classroom Experience: 5th (2022, 2021), 10th (2018, 2017)—*Princeton Review*
- Best Professors: 6th (2022, 2021), 9th (2019)—*Princeton Review*

Top Prospects

- 5th, 2022 Above the Law ranking of Top 50 Law Schools based on employment outcomes, cost and student debt
- 8th, Percentage of 2021 graduates who took “elite” full-time, long-term, bar-passage-required jobs as federal clerks or associates at firms of 100 or more attorneys (72.4%, based on ABA data)
- 7th, 2022 Lawyers of Color ranking of Top 65 Law Schools for Black Students
- 11th, Percentage of 2021 graduates taking full-time, bar-passage-required positions (90.1%) based on ABA data
- 65.1% of 2021 graduates took employment in firms of over 100 attorneys
- 8.3% of 2021 graduates went to federal clerkships immediately after graduation
- 5th, Percentage of 2020 graduates employed as full-time, long-term federal judicial clerks (16.1%, based on ABA data)
- 9th, Best for Federal Clerkships (2020)—*Princeton Review*

Top Location: Nashville

- Best Quality of Life: 2nd (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)—*Princeton Review*
- Best Up-and-Coming City, Hemisphere Readers’ Choice Awards 2022
- 5th, Robb Report, 12 Favorite Cities to Visit in the U.S., May 2022
- 2022 Top 10 Friendliest Cities in the U.S., Conde Nast Traveler
- 5th, Top U.S. Destinations for City Lovers & 7th, U.S. Top Destinations for Food Lovers, Trip Advisor’s 2022 Traveler’s Choice Awards

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS

Each fall, employers representing law offices throughout the U.S. interview 2Ls and 3Ls in person or virtually during OCI. A smaller OCI program for 1Ls seeking summer positions is offered each spring.

GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

VLS’s extensive network of approximately 11,000 alumni, which covers 50 states, D.C., two U.S. territories and 45 foreign nations, includes leaders in law, government, academia, business and industry, public service and other areas.

MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS CLASSES 2017–2021

New York	16%
Tennessee	16%
Texas	12%
Washington, D.C.	9%
Georgia	7%
California	5%
Florida	4%
Illinois	3%

The remaining 28% took employment across another 34 states and internationally.

J.D. Employment Destinations—Classes of 2017–2021

