2020 J.D. ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

166 total students
32% have traveled abroad to more than 50 countries
33% ethnic/racial diversity
31% speak at least one language in addition to English

73% are first-generation law students
Average Age: 23
Age Range: 20-43

22% are non-Florida residents from 17 states.

Undergraduate Schools: 56
Undergraduate Majors: 42

648 YEARS combined total years work experience

FSU LAW ALUMNI

One of our greatest strengths is our 9,800-plus highly engaged alumni. Our alumni mentor, network with, teach and hire our students. Graduates practice in prominent law firms, are leaders in business and serve as judges. Our alumni giving rate is among the nation’s top 10 for public law schools. Alumni who financially support the College of Law also are engaged in other ways, such as serving as adjunct professors, hiring students and coaching advocacy teams. More than 1,000 alumni serve as career mentors to current students and recent graduates.

ALUMNI BY LOCATION:

Visit us online at law.fsu.edu
Law students earn academic credit at our in-house, live-client Business Law Clinic, Children’s Advocacy Clinic, COVID-19 Veterans Legal Clinic, Gender and Family Justice Clinic, Children in Prison Project, Collateral Consequences Project, Health Care Access Project, Human Trafficking and Exploitation Law Project, Immigration and Farmworker Project, The Injunction Project and Juvenile Solitary Confinement Project. Clients in the Business Law Clinic are business and social entrepreneurs from across the Florida State University campus.

In our extensive clinical externship program, law students earn academic credit by working in one of 100+ outside law offices or courts. Placement areas include judicial, criminal, civil, legal services, appellate, business and international.

Current students represent 42 U.S. states, 38 countries, and 299 colleges & universities.

» U.S. News & World Report (2020) rates Florida State as the 50th best law school in the nation. Florida State’s environmental law program is ranked 15th best nationally.

» According to the World University Rankings (2020), Florida State is the world’s 50th best university for law and the 17th best U.S. school for law on the list.

» According to American Bar Association (ABA) data, Florida State is nation’s 18th best law school in terms of 2019 graduates who passed a bar examination in the primary jurisdiction on their first attempt.

» According to preLaw magazine (2020), Florida State is the nation’s #1 law school for government careers, #7 in the nation for public defender/prosecutor jobs and among the nation’s top 7 law schools for public policy.

» Florida State is the #3 law school in the nation for best student quality of life, according to Princeton Review (2021). Florida State is also ranked the nation’s #7 law school for professor accessibility, #14 for professor teaching quality and #17 for academic experience.

» preLaw magazine (2020) ranks Florida State the nation’s #8 best value law school.

» The Black Student’s Guide to Law Schools and Firms (2019) ranks Florida State among the nation’s top 5 southern law schools for Black students. Florida State is the only Florida law school on the list.

» According to a 2018 study of law faculty scholarly impact, our faculty is #1 in Florida and #29 nationally.


» Florida State’s graduates continue to excel on the Florida Bar Examination. Our bar passage rate for the most recent administration of the exam was 84.4%. By contrast, the overall passing rate for first-time test takers was 71.7%.

» In 2020, for the ninth time since 2008, Florida State's Student Bar Association received the Student Bar Association Award, which honors the best SBA in the nation, from the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

» Our Black Law Students Association has been named National Chapter of the Year four times since 2011.

30 MAJOR ADVOCACY COMPETITION WINS FOR OUR STUDENTS SINCE 2010.

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