

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

<https://www.smu.edu/Law/Career-Services>



Basic Information

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Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	1055
Size of entering class:	126
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	86
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	22
In-state enrollment:	11
Out-state enrollment:	115
Foreign countries represented:	3

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? open

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Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	222	250	224	0	696
	Men	91	107	106	0	304
	Women	131	143	118	0	392
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Latinx	Men	4	2	0	0	6
Latinx	Women	2	5	2	0	9
Latinx	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
White	Men	67	75	78	0	220
White	Women	82	87	70	0	239
White	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	Men	2	8	5	0	15
Black or African American	Women	8	11	6	0	25
Black or African American	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	6	5	7	0	18
Asian	Women	13	15	9	0	37
Asian	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	1	0	0	0	1
Native American or Alaska Native	Women	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
2 or more races	Men	9	14	14	0	37
2 or more races	Women	22	19	28	0	69
2 or more races	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Women	NC	NC	NC	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	0	0
LGBTQ	Men	NC	NC	NC	0	0
LGBTQ	Women	NC	NC	NC	0	0
LGBTQ	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	0	0
Non-Resident Alien	Men	0	0	1	0	1
Non-Resident Alien	Women	3	1	2	0	6
Non-Resident Alien	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Veteran	Men	NC	NC	NC	0	0
Veteran	Women	NC	NC	NC	0	0
Veteran	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	0	0

Comments

Based on Spring 2023 Enrollment - JDs only (including LLM transfers). Race not specified for 6 male and 7 female Students.

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	1641
Evening:	1642
Part-Time:	1643
Other:	1644
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	1645
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	1646
Joint degree programs offered?	1647
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	1648

JD Programs:

Is Moot Court a required activity?	Yes
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Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+	-	4.30
A	-	4.00
A-	-	3.70
B+	-	3.30
B	-	3.00
B-	-	2.70
C+	-	2.30
C	-	2.00
C-	-	1.70
D	-	1.00
F	-	0.00

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	1694
Top 25%:	1695
Top 33%:	1696
Top 50%:	1697
Top 75%:	1698
Median GPA:	1699
Minimum grade required for graduation:	1700
Do you have a pass/fail option?	open
Are students ranked in their class?	open
If so, how often?	Loren ipsum dolor sit amet
Will the school verify student grades?	open

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

Graduation Honors

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	70.53
Business and industry	12.08
Government	6.76
Judicial clerkship	7.73
Military	0.00%
Public interest organization	2.9
Academic	0
Job category not identified	0.00%

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	0.0
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	2.55
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	0
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	0
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	1.53
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	0
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	95.92
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	0.0
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	0
Non-US	0

Jurisdictions:

For the class of 2021, 95.92% of the graduates work in Texas - Dallas and the DFW Metro Area, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio.

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Online, URL - beginning date: 03/01/2023: <https://smu-law.12Twenty.com/Hire>

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

Requests for dates are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure: First come first served
OCI Fee? There are no fees to participate in OCI programs.
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 03/01/2023

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
We will try to coordinate schedules with other schools upon request.

Required Employer Forms:
Non-Discrimination Policy Form, NALP Directory Information, Firm Brochure if available.

OCI Dates:

OCI Interview Periods: August Interview Program: July 31 - August 7; Houston Interview Program: August 4. October Recruiting Program: Oct. 9 - 13. Spring Recruiting (All sectors): Early March 2024

Callback Period: Employer's Choice.

Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: SMU Dedman Law plans to host interviews on-campus in 2023, but also offers employers the option for virtual interviews through Flo Recruit.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

OCI Drop date: 07/07/2023

Date student materials sent to employer: 07/14/2023

Date interview schedule sent to employer: 07/24/2023

Postage/express mail fee? No

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

Consortium Job Fairs: International Student Interview Program at NYU UT Public Service Career Day (part of Texas Consortium of Law Schools) Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (SIPJF) in Atlanta, GA Patent Law Interview Program in Chicago, IL Sunbelt Diversity Recruitment Program in Dallas, TX Southeastern Minority Job Fair in Atlanta, GA SMU Dedman Law's participation in these job fairs is managed by Mary Beth Nielsen, Director.

Diversity Interview Programs

Bay Area Diversity Career Fair – San Francisco, California Boston Lawyers Group, Law Students of Color – Boston, Massachusetts Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program – Atlanta, Georgia Equal Justice Works Career Fair – Washington, D.C. Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair – Kansas City, Missouri Hispanic National Bar Association Job Fair – Boston, Massachusetts Lavender Law Career Fair (LGBT) – Los Angeles, California IndyBar Diversity Career Fair – Indianapolis, Indiana Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference – St. Paul, Minnesota National Black Law Students Association Career Fair – Houston, Texas National Black Prosecutors Association Annual Conference and Job Fair – Chicago, Illinois Rocky Mountain Diversity Legal Career Fair – Denver, Colorado Southeastern Minority Job Fair – Atlanta, Georgia, Virtual Sunbelt Diversity Recruitment Program – Dallas, Texas

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 post a job by completing the online job posting form at smu.edu/hireSMULaw or by registering online through Peruna Pro, powered by 12Twenty. (<https://smu-law.12Twenty.com/Hire>), logging in, choosing "Post a Job," completing the job details, and clicking "Submit." Job submissions are posted within 24 hours and employers are notified via email. Jobs are posted for 60 days, unless employers specify otherwise. Employers may list positions in our monthly Graduate Job Bulletin.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

First Year Students

First year students are eligible to participate in Spring Recruiting and in job fairs that take place in the spring semester. Job notices are posted daily, as we receive them, and students are welcome to apply after November 1st of their 1L year.

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