

Nova Southeastern University—Shepard Broad Law Center

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The Basics

Type of school	Private
Term	Semester
Application deadline	3/1
Application fee	\$50
Financial aid deadline	4/1
Can first year start other than fall?	No
Student to faculty ratio	14.1 to 1
# of housing spaces available restricted to law students graduate housing for which law students are eligible	

Faculty and Administrators

	Total		Men		Women		Minorities	
	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr
Full-time	47	52	22	24	25	28	11	12
Other Full-time	8	7	3	3	5	4	4	4
Deans, librarians, & others who teach	8	8	3	2	5	6	2	2
Part-time	48	47	30	30	18	17	10	10
Total	111	114	58	59	53	55	27	28

JD Enrollment and Ethnicity

	Men		Women		Full-time		Part-time		1st-year		Total		JD Degr. Awd.
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
African Amer.	14	3.1	34	6.9	34	4.4	14	8.0	24	6.2	48	5.1	18
Amer. Indian	0	0.0	2	0.4	1	0.1	1	0.6	1	0.3	2	0.2	1
Asian Amer.	13	2.9	19	3.9	30	3.9	2	1.1	15	3.9	32	3.4	7
Mex. Amer.	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.6	1	0.3	2	0.2	2
Puerto Rican	5	1.1	5	1.0	6	0.8	4	2.3	4	1.0	10	1.1	4
Hispanic	60	13.2	88	17.9	99	12.9	49	27.8	70	18.2	148	15.6	53
Total Minority	93	20.5	149	30.3	171	22.2	71	40.3	115	29.9	242	25.6	85
For. Nation.	10	2.2	13	2.6	20	2.6	3	1.7	6	1.6	23	2.4	10
Caucasian	322	70.9	295	60.0	523	67.9	94	53.4	240	62.3	617	65.2	196
Unknown	29	6.4	35	7.1	56	7.3	8	4.5	24	6.2	64	6.8	6
Total	454	48.0	492	52.0	770	81.4	176	18.6	385	40.7	946		297

Curriculum

	Full-time	Part-time
Typical first-year section size	51	49
Is there typically a "small section" of the first-year class, other than Legal Writing, taught by full-time faculty	No	No
If yes, typical size offered last year		
# of classroom course titles beyond first-year curriculum	115	
# of upper division courses, excluding seminars with an enrollment:		
Under 25	135	
25-49	36	
50-74	22	
75-99	9	
100+	0	
# of seminars	18	
# of seminar positions available	360	
# of seminar positions filled	196	59
# of positions available in simulation courses	1,444	
# of simulation positions filled	911	202
# of positions available in faculty supervised clinical courses	114	
# of faculty supervised clinical positions filled	50	48
# involved in field placements	118	6
# involved in law journals	108	11
# involved in interschool competitions	44	6
# of credit hours required to graduate	90	

Transfers

Transfers in	13
Transfers out	29

Tuition and Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Full-time	\$29,180	\$29,180
Part-time	\$22,010	\$22,010
Tuition Guarantee Program	N	

Living Expenses

Estimated living expenses for singles		
Living on campus	Living off campus	Living at home
N/A	\$20,973	\$14,925

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GPA and LSAT Scores

	Total	Full-time	Part-time
# of apps	2,855	2,504	351
# of offers	1,284	1,177	107
# of matrics	384	320	64
75% GPA	3.52	3.53	3.32
Median GPA	3.24	3.26	3.03
25% GPA	2.93	3.00	2.76
75% LSAT	151	151	151
Median LSAT	150	150	148
25% LSAT	147	147	146

Grants and Scholarships (from prior year)

	Total		Full-time		Part-time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	927		745		182	
Total # receiving grants	102	11.0	74	9.9	28	15.4
Less than 1/2 tuition	53	5.7	34	4.6	19	10.4
Half to full tuition	22	2.4	13	1.7	9	4.9
Full tuition	26	2.8	26	3.5	0	0.0
More than full tuition	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0
Median grant amount			\$15,000		\$8,320	

Informational and Library Resources

# of volumes and volume equivalents	365,269
# of titles	153,281
Study seating capacity inside the library	514
# of full-time professional librarians	16
Hours per week library is open	104
# of open, wired connections available to students	3
# of networked computers available for use by students	10
Has wireless network	Y
Require computer?	Y

JD Attrition (from prior year)

	Academic	Other	Total	
	#	#	#	%
1st year	37	37	74	22.7
2nd year	3	3	6	2.3
3rd year	1	0	1	0.3
4th year	0	0	0	0.0

Employment (9 months after graduation)

	Total	Percentage
Employment status known	268	99.3
Employment status unknown	2	0.7
Employed	220	82.1
Pursuing graduate degrees	10	3.7
Unemployed (seeking, not seeking, or studying for the bar)	38	14.0

Type of Employment

# employed in law firms	127	57.7
# employed in business and industry	32	14.5
# employed in government	35	15.9
# employed in public interest	16	7.3
# employed as judicial clerks	6	2.7
# employed in academia	3	1.4

Geographic Location

# employed in state	189	85.9
# employed in foreign countries	2	0.9
# of states where employed	17	

Bar Passage Rates

Jurisdiction	Florida		
	Sum 06	Win 07	Total
# from school taking bar for the first time	195	50	245
School's pass rate for all first-time takers	75%	48%	69%
State's pass rate for all first-time takers	75%	71%	74%

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■ Introduction

NSU Law Center is one of 16 graduate and professional schools of Nova Southeastern University, the largest private independent university in Florida and the seventh largest in the US. NSU Law is accredited by the ABA and is a member of the AALS. The Law Center is located in the suburbs of Fort Lauderdale, in the heart of South Florida's fast-growing Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach area. We encourage applicants to tour the campus and speak with the staff of the Admissions Office.

■ Two Admission Programs

The Law Center's Admissions Committee oversees two separate programs. The Regular Admission Program combines each applicant's undergraduate grades and LSAT score according to a weighted formula based on the academic success of NSU Law students. The committee also values the applicant's personal statement, writing sample, work experience, and letters of recommendation. While no single factor is determinative, if the LSAT/UGPA combination does not demonstrate the promise of academic achievement, an applicant is unlikely to be offered regular admission.

Selected applicants who are denied regular admission will be offered the opportunity to earn admission to the Law Center by successful performance in NSU Law's unique Alternative Admission Model Program for Legal Education (AAMPLE). In 29 years of AAMPLE's operation, more than 1,000 students have qualified for admission. AAMPLE students who enroll in a six-week summer session and earn a C+ average in the two courses are offered admission to the Law Center. AAMPLE is presented in two formats, the traditional on-campus program and an innovative online model.

Approximately one-third of our applicants are offered seats through the Regular Admission Program. Another 12 percent are invited to the AAMPLE Program. Applicants are encouraged to review the charts that follow this narrative to evaluate the likelihood of being admitted to the Law Center via the Regular Admission or the AAMPLE Program. NSU Law's two admission programs produce a diverse student body. Recent classes are about evenly divided between men and women, with approximately 25 percent of the class members of minority groups.

The Admissions Committee awards full-tuition scholarships to approximately 8 percent of students admitted through the Regular Admission Program on the basis of academic merit.

■ Faculty

NSU Law professors have a long tradition of teaching excellence. The faculty's open-door policy is enhanced by our sophisticated wireless communications system and pioneering laptop program. Limits on the size of first-year sections result in more individualized feedback. The faculty's expertise is reflected in rich classroom discussion and a wide range of scholarly publications and professional service activities.

■ Curriculum and Special Academic/Professional Programs

The Law Center offers a rigorous traditional academic program in three-year day and four-year evening versions. NSU Law prides itself on preparing graduates to make a smooth transition from the classroom to the courtroom or boardroom.

Lawyering Skills and Values (LSV)—Every student completes a four-semester LSV sequence that combines traditional legal reasoning, writing, and research with an introduction to lawyer interviewing, counseling, negotiating, mediating, advocating, and other critical skills in a simulated law firm experience.

Guaranteed Clinical Opportunity—NSU students are guaranteed a clinical experience in their final year. In seven clinical programs, students are introduced to a practice specialty under the guidance of a seasoned mentor. Each clinical semester begins with intensive classes that focus on advanced substantive law and lawyering skills in the clinic specialty plus interdisciplinary topics. For the rest of the term, students are placed in practice settings where faculty supervise their representation of clients. Students are placed in Law Center clinics or in public and private law offices throughout Florida, across the country, or around the world.

Dual Law Degree Opportunities—NSU Law students can earn a civil law degree from the Universities of Barcelona, Venice, and Prague in accelerated study programs. NSU students who complete the international dual-degree programs can qualify to practice in the US and European Union. Other opportunities are being planned.

Joint Degrees—NSU Law offers students opportunities to earn a second graduate degree in a complementary discipline and in a compressed time frame.

Internship—In addition to an award-winning pro bono service program, the Law Center operates judicial internship, mediation, street law, consumer protection, and dependency workshop programs that provide valuable real-world experiences.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The Law Center's spacious, modern building includes state-of-the-art information technology. The first law school facility with a wireless technology system and an early advocate of mandatory laptops for all students, NSU Law leads the way in the use of computers in legal education. While most classrooms have power at each desk, the latest long-life batteries permit all students to connect with classmates, professors, the library, and the Internet from any point in the building.

The Law Library's extensive holdings include special collections in tax, criminal law, law and popular culture, admiralty, and international law. The library is a depository for state, federal, and United Nations documents.

Goodwin Hall, the Law Center's building, has two courtrooms used by students in our trial advocacy and moot court program, by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and by state appellate court judges.

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■ Student Activities

The Law Center is home to three significant publications: the *Nova Law Review*, the *Journal of International and Comparative Law*, and the *International Citor and Research Project*.

The Moot Court Society sponsors intramural competitions. Members of the society compete in major national events. The Association of Trial Lawyers of America and other student advocacy groups field teams in competitions around the country.

Students shape the life of the Law Center by their involvement in a wide range of service organizations and social clubs. Groups such as the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association, Jewish Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Student Association, Lambda, Student Bar Association, Florida Association for Women Lawyers, National Association for Public Interest Law,

International Law Society, Native American Law Students Association, and a variety of practice specialty and sports clubs are extremely active. Students also guide chapters of national legal fraternities, participate with lawyers and judges in the Inns of Court, and serve on faculty committees.

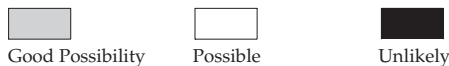
■ Career Services

Our Career Development Office assists students and alumni with career counseling and the employment process. In addition to facilitating on-campus interviews and résumé distributions, the director coordinates career-option seminars and interviewing workshops. The office also sponsors skill courses and assists students in finding pro bono experiences with law firms and legal agencies throughout the country.

Applicant Profile

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LSAT Score	GPA									
	3.75 +	3.50–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.00–3.24	2.75–2.99	2.50–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.00–2.24	Below 2.00	
165–180										
160–164										
155–159										
150–154										
145–149										
140–144										
135–139										
130–134										
Below 130										



Please use this chart as a general guide in determining admission chances for the Regular Admission Program. Nonnumerical factors are also considered during the file-evaluation process.

AAMPLE®

Enrolled/Successful

LSAT Score	GPA									
	3.75 +	3.50–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.00–3.24	2.75–2.99	2.50–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.00–2.24	Below 2.00	
150–159								1/1	2/0	
145–149	1/0	3/0	12/1	13/3	11/6	13/8	7/2			
140–144	5/3	6/2	16/11	12/9	20/6	20/6	13/5			
135–139		6/2	1/0	3/0		1/0		1/0		
130–134										

Please use this chart to determine the possibility of being admitted through AAMPLE® (Alternative Admission Model Program for Legal Education). The chart reflects admission data for the summer 2007 on-campus AAMPLE class and a portion of the online AAMPLE class. The traditional indicators (LSAT and GPA) are not identified for the online AAMPLE students who were referred to NSU Law by the LSAC. Overall, there were 110 students enrolled online and 29 were successful in 2007.