Pre-Law Fast Facts for Tufts Students
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Note: These are averages of past student performance at Tufts. They can be taken as goals to shoot for, but don’t worry if your numbers are more or less than what’s here.

WHERE ARE JUMBOS ACCEPTED INTO LAW SCHOOL?

Numbers are based on the 2019 U.S. News Rankings. Text size correlates with number of Tufts students accepted.
Other Frequently Asked Questions

What should I major in?
- Whatever you like and enjoy! Law students are accepted from any major.

What are law schools looking for in an applicant?
There are many factors that law school admissions will consider as part of a holistic process. Several include the following:
- LSAT score
- GPA
- Previous work experience
- Previous leadership experience (during undergraduate studies or post-grad)
- A rigorous course selection
- STRONG WRITING SKILLS along with strong reading and critical thinking skills

Does it matter how many LSAT exams I have taken?
- Some law schools will average multiple LSAT scores, while the majority will take your highest LSAT score. If you can, find out which policy your preferred law schools have.
- Every LSAT you take, regardless of whether or not you cancel it, counts towards the limit of 3x in a year, 5x in five years, 7x in a lifetime.
- Your scores are valid for five years after you take the exam.

When are law school application deadlines?
- Application deadlines are rolling and can begin as early as September. Each school, of course, will set its own deadlines. Schools will often have multiple deadlines, with the earliest deadline being the Early Action/Early Decision date.
- Make sure you find out when each deadline is far in advance.

What should I do if I have a low LSAT/GPA?
- Your scores and numbers are not the bottom line; law schools evaluate applications as a whole. Make sure your resume, work experience, personal statement, and letters of recommendations are all as strong as they can be.

Will it influence my law school application if I drop a course?
- One dropped course is not unusual to see on transcripts, but if you drop or withdraw from multiple courses, the admissions committees may have questions. Make sure to include an addendum explaining why, if this is the case.

How can I know if law school is right for me?
- Reach out to alumni through LinkedIn, The Herd and the Tufts Online Community to see if you can shadow someone who works in law. Volunteer positions and internships are also helpful.
- If you’re not sure, many alumni apply to law school several years after graduating from undergrad. Taking time to consider the decision may be what you need.