

Class of 2010: a landmark class both historically and academically

The entering Class of 2010 holds a special status in School of Law history. Not only academically talented, these students are projected to graduate in 2010, which will be the 150th anniversary of the school's first graduating class.

The School of Law officially opened on Oct. 1, 1859, with 14 students. This inaugural class expanded to 26 and graduated in the summer of 1860. Legal study at this time consisted of three daily lectures with rigorous outside assignments and moot court on Saturday.

The academic environment at the School of Law today is very different. During the first year of law school, students are enrolled in 31 semester credit hours, and they routinely spend evenings and weekends prepping for classes. Also, as you know, it now takes three years to complete a law degree.

Additionally, over the years, academic credentials have become very important to students desiring to study the law, and this year's entering class boasts some of the highest scores in School of Law history.

Comprised of 222 students, the Class of 2010 has a median undergraduate grade point average of 3.67, a school record.

Moreover, the median Law School Admissions Test score for these first-year students is 163, which ties the all-time high and reflects a score that places these students near the top 10 percent of test takers nationwide.

Additionally, the top quarter of the class scored a 165 or higher on the LSAT and/or achieved a 3.86 or better undergraduate GPA. The 25th percentile scores are a 159 LSAT and a 3.42 GPA.

Staying true to the law school's commitment to provide the finest legal education to people from the state of Georgia, 84 percent of the first-year class is classified as state residents. The Class of 2010 also includes residents from 15 different states as well as graduates from 74 institutions.

The most popular undergraduate degrees for this class were political science, business and English.

THE CLASS OF 2010 AT A GLANCE

Class Size	222
Gender	
Male	53%
Female	47%
Ethnicity	
African American	12%
Other Minority	7%
Non-minority	81%
Residency	
Georgia Resident	84%
Non-resident	16%
States Represented	15
Institutions Represented	74

Most Common Undergraduate Institutions (number of students)
 University of Georgia (81), Emory University (10), the Georgia Institute of Technology (6), Georgia Southern University (6), Georgia State University (6), Washington and Lee University (6), the University of Florida (5), the University of Virginia (5) and Vanderbilt University (5).

LSAT/GPA Profile

	<u>75th Percentile</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>25th Percentile</u>
LSAT	165	163	159
GPA	3.86	3.67	3.42

