Preparing for Law School as a William & Mary Undergraduate

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First Year Student Orientation
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Areas of Study

• There is no single area of study required for application to law school

• There are no course pre-requisites for law school

• The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is required for admission to law school
Necessary and/or Desirable Skills

• Analytic/Problem Solving
• Critical Reading
• Writing Skills
• Oral Communication/Listening Abilities
• General Research Skills
• Task Organization/Management Skills
• Public Service and Promotion of Justice

(Source: ABA Section of Legal Education)

Each is a part of your liberal arts education at W&M.
Coursework at W&M?

- No “pre-law major”
- Broad exposure to liberal arts
- Writing and oral communication skills
- Close contact with faculty
- Hone logical reasoning and analytical skills
Coursework at W&M continued....

- Satisfy COLL requirements with broad array of courses
- Choose a major you enjoy, and in which you can do well
- Get involved in activities you enjoy and which allow you to grow into an interesting and well-rounded person
Preparing for the LSAT

• Typically begin preparation during end of, or summer after junior year

• LSAT is offered multiple times during the year —2018-19 example
  o June 11, 2018
  o July 23, 2018
  o September 8, 2018
  o November 17, 2018
  o January 26, 2019
2016-2017 W&M Undergrad/Alum Applicant Data

Number of Applicants: 142
Average LSAT Score: 161.3 (82 percentile)
Average GPA: 3.38
Average Number of Applications: 8
Percent Admitted to at Least One Law School: 88.7%
Average Number of Admits per Applicant: 3.5
W&M Undergraduate Applicants at or above Law School's Median LSAT Score
2016-2017

UVa Law (Median LSAT 169)  W&M Law (Median LSAT 163)

- Applied
- Admitted
W&M Undergraduate Applicants at or above Average W&M Undergraduate LSAT Score (161) 2016-2017

UVa Law

W&M Law

Chart Title

Applied

Admitted
Helpful Resources

• William & Mary Pre-Law Website
  o www.wm.edu/as/government/prelawadvising

• Minority Prelaw Association
  o https://tribelink.wm.edu/actioncenter/organization/minorityprelaw

• Law School Admission Council Website:
  o http://www.lsac.org