

Western Michigan University - 2015 Standard 509 Information Report

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The Basics

Type of school	PRIVATE		
Term	Semester		
Application deadline	1/1/2016	5/1/2016	9/1/2016
Application fee	\$ 0		
Financial aid deadline	8/16/2016	12/20/2016	4/18/2017
Can first year start other than fall?	Yes		

GPA and LSAT Scores (calendar year**)

	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time
# of apps	1,222	919	303
# of offers	1,072	807	265
# of matriculants	448	41	407
75th Percentile GPA	3.19	3.23	3.19
50th Percentile GPA	2.85	2.93	2.84
25th Percentile GPA	2.51	2.57	2.50
# not incl. in GPA percentile calc.	10.00	0.00	10.00
75th Percentile LSAT	147	155	146
50th Percentile LSAT	141	149	141
25 Percentile LSAT	138	145	137
# not incl. in LSAT percentile calc.	1	0	1

Tuition and Fees (academic year*)

	Resident	Non-Resident
Full-Time	\$ 47,890	\$ 47,890
Part-Time	\$ 28,090	\$ 28,090
Tuition Guarantee Program	No	

Living Expenses (academic year*)

Estimated Living Expenses for singles

Living on Campus	\$ 0
Living Off Campus	\$ 17,584
Living at Home	\$ 17,584

Grants and Scholarships (prior academic year*)

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total # of students	1,742	100	303	17.4	1,439	82.6
Total # receiving grants	1,027	59	270	89.1	757	52.6
Less than 1/2 tuition	637	36.6	156	51.5	481	33.4
Half to full tuition	321	18.4	97	32	224	15.6
Full tuition	69	4	17	5.6	52	3.6
More than full tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
75th Percentile grant amount			\$ 24,479		\$ 14,934	
50th Percentile grant amount			\$ 15,488		\$ 8,776	
25th Percentile grant amount			\$ 10,720		\$ 4,650	

Conditional Scholarships

The school does not award scholarships that may be reduced or eliminated based on law school academic performance other than failure to maintain good academic standing. Therefore, the school does not complete a 'conditional scholarship retention chart.'

J.D. Enrollment and Ethnicity (academic year*)

	Men		Women		Other		Full-Time		Part-Time		First - Year		Total		J.D. Deg Awd
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Hispanics of any race	16	2.6	41	5.6	0	0	3	1.7	54	4.6	25	4	57	4.2	51
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.3	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.6	2	0.2	1	0.2	3	0.2	3
Asian	20	3.3	17	2.3	0	0	5	2.9	32	2.7	23	3.7	37	2.8	21
Black or African American	92	15.2	193	26.2	0	0	19	10.9	266	22.8	167	27	285	21.2	107
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	3	0.3	1	0.2	3	0.2	3
Two or more races	43	7.1	77	10.4	0	0	13	7.5	107	9.2	70	11.3	120	8.9	32
Total Minority	174	28.8	331	44.9	0	0	41	23.6	464	39.7	287	46.4	505	37.6	217
White	370	61.2	358	48.6	0	0	107	61.5	621	53.2	292	47.2	728	54.2	408
Nonresident Alien	32	5.3	23	3.1	0	0	17	9.8	38	3.3	12	1.9	55	4.1	43
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	29	4.8	25	3.4	0	0	9	5.2	45	3.9	28	4.5	54	4	12
Total	605	45.1	737	54.9	0	0	174	13	1,168	87	619	46.1	1,342	100	680

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Curriculum (prior academic year*)

Typical first-year section size	27
# of classroom course titles beyond first-year curriculum	194
# of upper division classroom course sections	
Under 25	701
25 - 49	59
50 - 74	8
75 - 99	0
100+	1
# of positions available in simulation courses	3,799
# of simulation positions filled	2,045
# of seminar positions filled	3,254
# of law clinics	14
# of seats available in the law clinics identified in sub-part (i) above	442
# of seats filled in the law clinics identified in sub-part (i) above	252
# of field placement positions filled	517
# of students who enrolled in independent study	128
# of students who participated in law journals	198
# of students who participated in interschool skills competitions	49

Faculty and Administrators (calendar year**)

	Total		Men		Women		Other		Minorities	
	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall
Full-Time	47	44	26	25	21	19	0	0	6	6
Deans, librarians & others who teach	29	28	12	11	17	17	0	0	4	5
Part-Time	157	98	111	68	46	30	0	0	23	14
	233	170	149	104	84	66			33	25

J.D. Attrition (prior academic year*)

	Academic #	Transfer #	Other #	Total #	%
1st year	67	10	26	103	16.5
2nd year	25	20	4	49	9.7
3rd year	1	0	0	1	0.2
4th year	0	0	0	0	0

Transfers (prior academic year*)

Transfers In (School has >5 and <12)	
#	
50th Percentile 1L GPA	
See Appendix for list of schools from which students transferred	
Transfers Out	30

Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2014)

First Time Takers: 822					
Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Michigan	405	249	61.48	68.81	-7.33
New York	62	20	32.26	78.60	-46.34
Illinois	40	20	50.00	85.41	-35.41
Pennsylvania	39	12	30.77	80.85	-50.08
Texas	38	7	18.42	77.42	-59.00
	Reporting %	Avg. School Pass %	Avg. State Pass %	Avg. Pass Diff. %	
	71.05	52.73	72.35	-19.62	

Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2013)

First Time Takers: 1062					
Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Michigan	482	281	58.30	69.16	-10.86
New York	94	45	47.87	84.76	-36.89
Illinois	58	24	41.38	87.84	-46.46
Pennsylvania	42	21	50.00	81.26	-31.26
California	40	5	12.50	71.09	-58.59
	Reporting %	Avg. School Pass %	Avg. State Pass %	Avg. Pass Diff. %	
	71.19	51.45	74.14	-22.69	

Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2012)

First Time Takers: 966					
Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State %	Diff. %
Michigan	447	266	59.51	64.32	-4.81
New York	86	34	39.53	81.55	-42.02
Illinois	78	43	55.13	87.34	-32.21
Pennsylvania	45	22	48.89	81.67	-32.78
Texas	42	21	50.00	82.06	-32.06
	Reporting %	Avg. School Pass %	Avg. State Pass %	Avg. Pass Diff. %	
	72.26	55.30	71.21	-15.91	

* "Academic year" refers to the 2015 - 2016 academic year. ** "Calendar year" refers to the 2015 calendar year.

Appendix to Standard 509 Information Report

(for schools matriculating more than 5 transfer students)

Schools from which Students Transferred	Number of Transfer Students
ARIZONA SUMMIT LAW SCHOOL	2
BARRY UNIVERSITY	2
CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW	2
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	2