Admission Requirement and Academic Success

        Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School uses a regression-based formula that calculates a predicted law school grade point average based on an applicant's undergraduate grade point average and LSAT score. The regression analysis considered the past academic performance of 3,410 former students at WMU-Cooley. The analysis included students who did not graduate, including those who failed to achieve a 2.0 law school grade point average. The formula correlates more highly with academic success than either undergraduate grades or LSAT scores taken separately.

        Chart 1 is actual performance data covering two time periods for students who matriculated at the law school. The first group includes all students admitted in the past eight years (n=6,683) and includes within it all the students in the second group (n=2,674), which is limited to the past five years. The final column in Chart 1 shows the current admission action that is taken based on the predicted law school grade point average.

CHART 1

Predicted Law School GPA	2009-2016 Academic Success Rate	2012-2016 Academic Success Rate	Admission Action
3.50 or Higher	99%	100%	Unrestricted Acceptance
3.00 to 3.49	97%	98%	Unrestricted Acceptance
2.50 to 2.99	88%	87%	Unrestricted Acceptance
2.24 to 2.49	82%	80%	9-12 Credit Hour Limit*
2.10 to 2.23	68%	65%	Professional Exploration Program
Less Than 2.10	---	---	Admission Denied
Total	**88%**	**85%**	

*Students within the 2.24-2.49 group are admitted as part-time students with a maximum load of 12 credit hours. After being admitted, each student in this group is counseled regarding a credit-hour plan for the first two semesters of enrollment, which may be limited to 9 credit hours by the Admissions Committee. Those within the 2.10 to 2.23 group are considered individually for selection to participate in the Professional Exploration Program, which in turn may lead to admission with a 9 credit-hour maximum.