



Fall 2009 On-Campus Interview Registration Instructions

We have moved our Fall OCI registration online. If you would like to register for the Fall OCI program or participate in the Resume Request program, please read this information which will guide you through the registration process. If you are unable to register online, information on registering via standard mail is also below.

Online Registration


To register for Fall OCI, please log in to Northwestern Law's Symplicity at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/symplicity> and complete the Fall 2009 On-Campus Interview Registration Form or the Resume Request Form (under the Resume Request tab). To complete your registration, be sure to agree to the Statement of Equal Opportunity. If you have any questions, step-by-step instructions for the online OCI registration process are available on the Career Center's website at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/career/employers/recruitment.html>. **Registration must be completed by Friday, March 20, 2009.**

Standard Mail Registration

If you wish to register via standard mail, complete the registration form on our website at http://www.law.northwestern.edu/career/employers/documents/2009_fall_oci_registration_p.pdf. Be sure to send in your completed form and signed Statement of Equal Opportunity 2008-2009 by **Friday, March 20, 2009.**

If you are requesting an on campus visit online, you will be invoiced for your non-refundable \$200 registration fee per unique schedule requested. If you are requesting an on campus visit via standard mail, please remit your payment at that time. (Please do not prepay the interview schedule fee. Your office will be billed following your OCI visit on campus.)

The registration deadline for guaranteeing preferential scheduling for employers requesting an on-campus visit is March 20, 2009. The registration form must be submitted online or postmarked by the deadline and the non-refundable registration fee must be postmarked by the deadline in order to be considered for preferential scheduling. Northwestern Law schedules employer OCI dates based on ranked date preferences. When an employer's first choice date is oversubscribed, a rotation system, based on the rank of the OCI date preference awarded to the employer in previous years, is used to determine which of the employer's ranked preferences will be awarded for the current year. Please note: To ensure a fair process from year-to-year, employers who participated in Northwestern Law's Fall 2008 OCI program and were scheduled in the first week of OCI will most likely be scheduled the second week of OCI in 2009. **We anticipate releasing OCI dates on or about April 15.**

 The Center for Career Strategy and Advancement is going green and we discourage employers from sending printed marketing materials. We encourage students to research employers using the NALP Directory website and employer websites. If you have not previously submitted your NALP Employer's Interview Outcome Form – 2008-2009 Recruiting Season, please send that in with your check.

Nonrefundable Registration Fee: \$200. The registration fee must be included with the registration form, if registering through standard mail, in order to receive your on-campus date assignment. [Government and public interest organizations, and employers wishing to interview only LLM (International and/or Tax) students, are exempt from this registration fee.]

Employers with multiple offices requiring multiple schedules:

Organizations with multiple offices requiring multiple schedules must pay the \$200 registration fee for each unique office or group of offices requiring its own schedule and interview room on campus. Individual offices will be billed directly unless other billing arrangements are requested.

Interview Schedule Fees

This is for your reference only — Please do not prepay the interview schedule fee. Your office will be billed following your OCI visit to campus.

Law Firms

<i>Number of Attorneys Firm-wide</i>	<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Additional Schedule</i>	<i>Half Day*</i>
1–25	\$100	\$75	\$75
26–75	\$400	\$275	\$200
76–150	\$550	\$375	\$275
151+	\$700	\$450	\$350

Non-Legal Corporations: \$525 flat fee

Government/Public Interest/Employers Interviewing Only LLMs: Exempt

**For employers who are interviewing for a total one half day. This option is not to be used in combination with additional schedules.*

Northwestern’s Grading System

Disclosure of Grades

It is the policy of Northwestern Law that disclosure of grades to prospective employers is at the students’ discretion. Employers may request copies of transcripts from students directly.

Class Rank

Northwestern Law does not utilize a class ranking system and, therefore, class rank is not included on the transcript and students are not advised of a class rank. We hope that in making decisions regarding individual students, interviewers will examine a student’s entire academic record, the progress of the student from year-to-year, and their work experience, as well as other qualities indicative of past and future success.

Grading System

Northwestern Law’s grading system is based on a 4.33 grading scale. The mandatory grading curve below applies only to courses with enrollment in excess of 40 students, and does not reflect the actual distribution of GPAs across the class.

Grading Scale	Curve for Courses with > 40 students
A+ = 4.33	A+ = 3–7%
A = 4.00	A = 12–15%
A– = 3.67	A– = 10–15%
B+ = 3.33	B+ = 15–30%
B = 3.00	B = 20–35%
B– = 2.67	B– = 10–15%
C+ = 2.33	C+ = 0–7.5%
C = 2.00	C = 0–7.5%
D = 1.00	D = 0–7%
F = 0.00	F = 0–7%

Distribution of Honors in a Typical Graduating Class:

*Summa cum laude: 4.20 GPA
Magna cum laude: 3.97 GPA
Cum laude: 3.65 GPA*

Accelerated JD (2-Year JD)

Northwestern Law is the first top tier law school to offer an accelerated JD program. The Law School enrolls a limited number of highly-motivated students to this two-year program. Students in the Accelerated JD program complete the same number of credit hours as traditional three-year JD students in five semesters over the course of two calendar years. While this faster pace means students have a more set schedule of classes, they also have the opportunity to select from the full-range of electives offered by the Law School and have the opportunity to participate in all extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including journals.

Two-Year JD for International Lawyers

Northwestern Law was one of the first law schools in the country to offer a Two-Year JD program for foreign-educated attorneys. Students who are admitted to the program receive one year of credit for their foreign law degree. During their first year at Northwestern Law, Two-Year JD students must complete the required 1L coursework for JD students. Their second year is spent taking elective courses. Two-Year JD students are completely integrated into the regular JD program and are considered 2Ls during the fall on-campus interviewing process. Graduates of the Two-Year JD program receive a Juris Doctor degree, making them eligible to take the bar examination in any U.S. state.

LLM Programs for International Students

Northwestern Law offers two LLM programs for outstanding graduates of foreign law schools: a nine-month general LLM program and a twelve-month joint program with Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management. Graduates of the joint program are awarded an LLM degree and a certificate in business administration.

The LLM in Taxation Degree Program

Northwestern Law offers students who have obtained a JD or JD equivalent the opportunity to specialize in the study of tax law. The Tax Program emphasizes mastery of the tax code and attendant regulations while exploring the underlying legislative purpose of tax-related enactments. In addition to traditional LLM applicants, the Tax Program is open to third-year JD students who have the written approval of their law school dean and are in good standing.

Accelerated JD Program

As you may be aware, we just completed a multi-year strategic planning initiative which resulted in a report entitled, [*Plan 2008: Building Great Leaders for the Changing World*](#). Throughout that process and in addition to the extensive array of internal and external reports that we reviewed, we conducted focus groups with more than 60 of today's most influential industry leaders throughout the US and in London. From those discussions, it rapidly became evident that the most successful graduates must possess additional foundational abilities in communication, strategic understanding, basic quantitative skills, cross-cultural understanding, project management, and leadership.

This spring, we will enroll the inaugural class of 20-25 students for our [Accelerated JD Program](#) (brochure attached). The Accelerated JD Program arose from this endeavor and we are pleased to share some preliminary information about this talented group of students whom you may meet when you are here this coming fall. As you can see, these students already have begun to acquire many of the abilities we identified and this program will enhance and refine them through additional required coursework and programs in these areas.

Here are some statistics on the students whom we have admitted:

- Median LSAT: 170
- Median UGPA: 3.7
- Median Years of Work Experience: 6
- Percent Students of Color: 42%
- Percent with Advanced Degrees: 60%
 - 5 have PhDs
 - 8 have MBAs, including from Northwestern University (Kellogg), University of Chicago (Booth), University of California-Berkeley (Haas), New York University (Stern), and Notre Dame (Mendoza)

Here also is just a sampling of their work experience (several also have been successful entrepreneurs):

- Nonprofit
 - Founder of prep school for Amish & Mennonites
 - University professor
 - Production Manager for a theater in Houston
- Finance/Banking
 - Vice Presidents of Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank
 - Finance Manager, GE Capital
 - Director, Smith Barney
- Consulting
 - Manager, Ernst & Young
 - Senior Consultant, Accenture
 - Product/Project Manager, QuinStreet, Inc.
- Technology/Science
 - Project Manager, eBay
 - Executive Director, Pinnacle Technical Resources
 - Senior Biometrician, Merck

New Lawyers for the Changing World

10 REASONS TO LOOK AT NORTHWESTERN

- 1** The academic quality of our students, as measured by combined median LSAT scores and GPA, ranks 7th in the country.

Our entering class's median LSAT score has climbed to 170 in recent years. The median undergraduate GPA has risen to 3.7 and ranks 7th highest among the nation's top schools.
- 2** Our students are academically superior across the board.

It's not only the students at the top of the class who have boosted our academic standards. The middle range of LSAT scores — the 25th to 75th percentiles — has risen and narrowed (it's gone from 159–167 in 1996 to 166–172 in 2008).
- 3** We're the only major law school that tries to interview every applicant to assess personal as well as intellectual potential.
- 4** Our student body comes from all over the country. In fact, it's the most geographically diverse among American law schools.

More than 70 percent of our students come from areas outside the Mid west.
- 5** More than ninety percent of our students enter with full-time work experience.
- 6** About half of our law students are women, and more than 40 percent are racially or ethnically diverse.
- 7** Some of the most talented lawyers and legal professionals from around the world come to Northwestern for postgraduate study, enriching the environment for all students.
- 8** Our students graduate ready to hit the ground running in the modern work environment.

Our curriculum emphasizes teamwork and cross-training in management skills.
- 9** Our alumni become leaders in society as well as their fields.

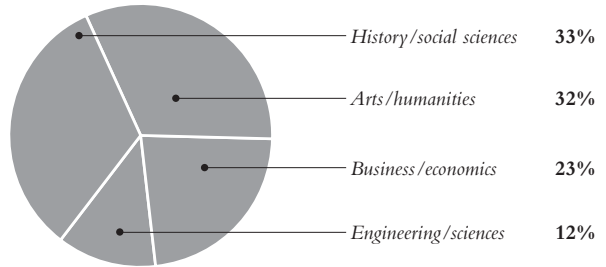
Our alumni are past and present mayors, governors, Supreme Court justices, senators, secretaries of state, presidential candidates, and chairs of government agencies. Northwestern Law graduates have also been top executives and general counsels of leading companies.
- 10** Hundreds of the nation's leading firms and businesses recruit Northwestern Law graduates.

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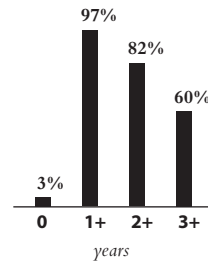
General Statistics

TOTAL APPLICANTS	4,868
APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED	3,797
ENROLLING STUDENTS	242
LSAT PERFORMANCE	
<i>Median score</i>	170
<i>Middle 50%</i>	166–172
UNDERGRADUATE RECORD	
<i>Median GPA</i>	3.71
<i>Middle 50%</i>	3.4–3.8
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED	128
STATES REPRESENTED	33
STUDENTS WITH GRADUATE DEGREES	19%
STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID	82%
FEMALE	46%
STUDENTS OF COLOR	41%
<i>(number of students)</i>	
<i>African Americans</i>	25
<i>Asian Americans</i>	42
<i>Hispanic Americans</i>	28
<i>Native Americans</i>	1
LIVED ABROAD ONE MONTH OR MORE	67%
AVERAGE AGE AT MATRICULATION	26
AGE RANGE	20–41

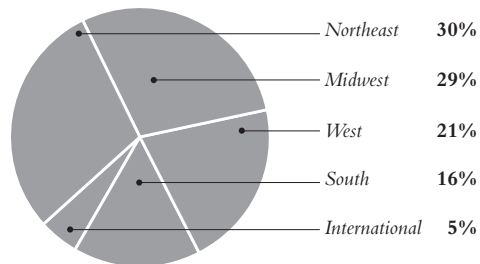
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