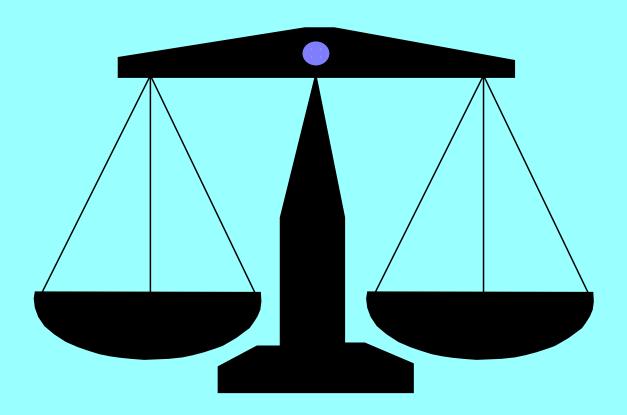# The College of New Jersey

PRELAW PROGRAM

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How many TCNJ students go to law school?

2017-2018 Year:	Seniors	Alumni	Total
Applied	18	29	47
Admitted	17 (94%)	23 (79%)	40 (85%)
Matriculated*	15	20	35

2016-2017 Year:	Seniors	Alumni	Total
Applied	23	31	54
Admitted	22 (95%)	25 (80%)	47 (87%)
Matriculated*	21	20	41

2015-2016 Year:	Seniors	Alumni	Total
Applied	28	39	67
Admitted	26 (92%)	29 (74%)	55 (82%)
Matriculated*	25	28	53

2014-2015 Year:	Seniors	Alumni	Total
Applied	40	35	75
Admitted	38 (95%)	27 (77%)	65 (86%)
Matriculated*	37	19	56

2013-2014 Year:	Seniors	Alumni	Total
Applied	39	36	75
Admitted	38 (97 %)	26 (72 %)	64 (85 %)
Matriculated*	36	17	53

*As First Year Law Students

What do students who want to go to law school major in?

The American Bar Association (ABA) has stated that it:

> does not recommend any undergraduate majors or group of courses to prepare for a legal education. Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline. . . . Whatever major you select, you are encouraged to pursue an area of study that interests and challenges you, while taking advantage of opportunities to develop your research and writing skills. Taking a broad range of difficult courses from demanding instructors is excellent preparation for legal education. A sound legal education will build upon and further refine the skills, values, and knowledge that you already possess.*

*See American Bar Association, "Preparing for Law School" (www.American bar.org/groups/legal-education/resources/pre_law.html – July 2018).

Students should also be aware that the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), an important component of the student's application to law school, asks questions designed to test analytic and reasoning skills but does *not* include questions regarding the content or substance of the law itself.

Accordingly, TCNJ has no designated major for students who want to go to law school. We strongly encourage students to choose majors in areas of great interest to them and that challenge them. In recent years, TCNJ students who went to law school completed the following majors in alphabetical order:

Accounting
Art History
Biology
Business Administration
Business Management
Chemistry
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Criminology
Economics
Education
English
Finance
Health and Exercise Science
History
Interactive Multimedia
International Business
International Studies
Journalism
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Women, Gender and Sexuality

How does TCNJ help students who want to go to law school?

The **Prelaw Advisory Committee** is the main vehicle at TCNJ for helping students who are, or think they may be, interested in attending law school. The committee consists of faculty members and the college's general counsel particularly interested in the law and in preparing students for law school. Members of the Prelaw Advisory Committee include:

- Melinda Roberts, Philosophy, Religion and Classical Studies, Coordinating Prelaw Advisor for the College of New Jersey and Chair of the Prelaw Advisory Committee – robertsm@tcnj.edu
- Tao Dumas, Political Science – dumast@tcnj.edu
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- Kevin Michels, School of Business – michels@tcnj.edu
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What are the components of TCNJ's Prelaw Program?

All components of the Prelaw Program are designed to help students prepare for the law school application process, for law school itself and for the practice of law.

The **Law and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration** and the **Law, Politics and Philosophy Interdisciplinary Minor** are designed to give students some experience in studying the law and help students hone their skills in critical reading, analysis and problem-solving. The programs are meant just to give students an *idea* of what studying the law will be like since the law schools themselves take on the job of teaching students the law while the LSAT asks nothing about the content or substance of the law at all.

The **Interdisciplinary Concentration** requires six courses and allows students to satisfy some of their liberal learning requirements by taking courses related to law. Members of the Prelaw Advisory Committee also serve as advisors for this interdisciplinary concentration. For more information, please see Appendix A below and http://prelaw.pages.tcnj.edu/.

The **Interdisciplinary Minor** performs a similar function but requires only five courses. Members of the Prelaw Advisory Committee also serve as advisors for this minor. For more information, please see Appendix A below and http://prelaw.pages.tcnj.edu/.

The **Designated Prelaw Advisor Program** insures that all interested students are assigned a Designated Prelaw Advisor. This advisor, a member of the Prelaw Advisory Committee, supports and counsels students who may be interested in attending law school through all steps of the law school application process, from the choice of major and courses to preparation for the LSAT to deciding which law schools to apply to and how to evaluate offers from different law schools. To secure a Designated Prelaw Advisor, interested students should contact Melinda Roberts (robertsm@tcnj.edu). Students are also welcome to consult with any other member of the Prelaw Advisory Committee as they please and depending on their interests.

Prelaw Information Sessions are typically held once a semester. All are welcome. Topics include how to prepare for the law school admissions process (including a "to do" list) and how to make use of the on-line resources available from the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) and other sources (including the ABA-required 509 reports and employment reports).

The **Prelaw List** is a means of communicating with students who are interested in going to law school. For inclusion on this list, interested students should contact Melinda Roberts (robertsm@tcnj.edu) with their names, email addresses, current or projected major and year of graduation.

The **Prelaw Society**, a student-run organization, sponsors programs designed to inform prelaw students about subjects of interest. Students interested in joining the Prelaw Society may log on to the ROAR application and request membership.

Internships can be of great interest to prelaw students. Students seeking internships may contact the Career Center. They may also contact Dan Bowen in Political Science (bowend@tcnj.edu) or Margaret Leigey in Criminology (leigeym@tcnj.edu). Students interested in applying to the Washington Center Program should contact Brian Potter (potter@tcnj.edu). Academic credit received in connection with an internship, in order to count toward the student's major, must be approved by the student's own department.

Prelaw Center. The Prelaw Center is located in Bliss 103 and houses information regarding particular law schools as well as the law school admissions process. It is open during regular business hours. Please drop in anytime!

Dean's letters. Students asked by a law school to supply a dean's letter or dean's certificate should contact Melinda Roberts (robertsm@tcnj.edu).

Where do TCNJ students go to law school?

In recent years, TCNJ graduates have attended the following law schools:

American University	George Washington University
Boston College	Harvard University
Boston University	Michigan, University of
California, University of (Hastings)	New York Law
California, University of (Los Angeles), i.e., UCLA	New York University
Chicago, University of	North Carolina, University of
Columbia University	Ohio State University
Connecticut, University of	Pennsylvania, University of
Cornell University	Rutgers—Camden and Newark
Delaware (Widener)	Seton Hall University
Drexel University	Texas, University of
Duke University	Vanderbilt University
Emory University	Villanova University
Florida, University of	Virginia, University of
Fordham University	Washington and Lee University
Georgetown University	Washington University (St. Louis)
George Mason University	William and Mary

Where have some TCNJ graduates practiced law?

Patterson and Belknap (New York)
Skadden, Arps (New York)
Pietras Saracino Smith & Meeks
McCarter & English, LLP
Volpe and Koenig P.C.
Chambers of the Honorable Mary L. Cooper, United States District Court for the District of NJ
Hogan Lovells (New York)
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (New York)
Sidley Austin LLP (New York)
Pepper Hamilton LLP (Philadelphia)
Stark and Stark
American Bar Association Commission on Disability Rights
Bedell & Forman LLP (New York)
Golden, Rothschild, Spagnola, Lundell, Boylan & Garubo, PC
Togut, Segal & Segal LLP (New York)
Goldberg Segalla LLP's Princeton, NJ office.
Lowenstein Sandler PC.
Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division
Taylor, Taylor & Leonetti
U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps
Faust Goetz Schenker and Blee, LLP
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Office of Counsel to Governor Chris Christie
Hewlett Packard Enterprise, General Counsel
New Jersey Department of Health
Urban Justice Center (New York)

The following table contains law school admissions data for TCNJ students who have applied to law school in recent years and have consented to the release of their anonymized data to us. The data comes to us directly from the LSAC, with the most recent data having been released by the LSAC in March 2019.

Law School	Applied 2017-18	Admitted 2018*	Attending 2018	Applied 2016-17	Admitted 2017*	Attending 2017	Applied 2011-16	Admitted 2012-16*	Attending 2012-16
University of Akron School of Law	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Alabama Law	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Albany Law School	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	0
American University	6	2	0	6	3	0	46	27	6
Appalachian School of Law	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
University of Arizona	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0
Arizona State University	3	3	0	2	0	0	6	3	0
Arizona Summit	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Atlanta's John Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	0
Ave Maria School of Law	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0
Baltimore, University of	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	2
Barry University- Andreas L.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
Baylor University	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Belmont University College of Law	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benjamin Cardozo Sch. of Law	6	0	0	3	2	0	37	21	3
Boston College	7	2	0	9	5	0	48	20	1
Boston University School of Law	8	2	1	15	5	0	54	25	1
Brooklyn Law School	11	3	1	11	8	0	49	21	2
University of Buffalo SUNY	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
California, Univ. of (Berkeley)	2	0	0	4	0	0	21	4	0
California, Univ. of (Davis)	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	2	0
California, Univ. of (Hastings)	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
California, Univ. of (Irvine)	2	0	0	1	1	0	5	2	1
California, (Los Angeles) UCLA	4	0	0	6	2	0	23	4	0
Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Case Western	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
Catholic University	3	2	0	3	3	0	14	11	0
Chapman University Law	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Charleston School of Law	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	4	0
Charlotte School of Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
University of Chicago	2	0	0	5	0	0	11	4	0

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University of Cincinnati Law	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
City University of New York	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	8	2
University of Colorado	2	2	0	3	1	0	14	8	2
Columbia University	12	0	0	5	0	0	40	7	2
University of Connecticut	0	0	0	4	3	1	16	8	3
Cornell University	3	0	0	6	1	1	30	10	3
Creighton University of Law	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Dayton Law School	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
University of Denver Sturm	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0
DePaul University Law	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia, Univ. of	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Drexel University	5	1	0	10	8	0	64	45	5
Duke University	6	0	0	8	1	0	34	6	1
Duquesne University Law School	1	1	1	3	2	0	2	2	0
Elon University of Law	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emory University	5	1	0	3	1	0	24	9	2
Faulkner University	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Florida A&M University	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Florida Coastal University	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	1
Florida International	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Florida State University	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
University of Florida	2	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	0
Fordham University	15	1	0	13	7	2	97	31	4
George Mason University	2	2	0	4	0	0	20	8	1
George Washington University	9	6	0	12	6	0	62	22	4
Georgetown University	9	0	0	8	1	1	55	11	3
University of Georgia	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Georgia State	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0
Golden Gate University	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
Gonzaga University Law School	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harvard University	6	0	0	4	0	0	28	7	5
University of Hawaii Law	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hofstra University	9	6	0	8	6	2	38	31	1
Houston, University of	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Howard University	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Indiana, Bloomington	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	4	0
Indiana, McKinney	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
University of Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

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John Marshal Law School	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
University of Kansas Law School	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
University of Kentucky Law	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis and Clark	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Louisiana State University	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
University of Louisville Law	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Loyola-Marymount	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Loyola-New Orleans	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1
University of Maine	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
Marquette University	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	0
University of Maryland	0	0	0	2	1	0	25	14	4
University of Miami	3	2	0	4	3	0	18	12	3
Mass., Univ. of (Dartmouth)	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	0
Mercer University	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
University of Michigan	4	1	1	4	1	0	31	8	2
Michigan State University	0	0	0	3	1	0	16	4	1
Minnesota, University of	1	1	1	0	0	0	9	3	0
Mississippi, University of	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
University of Nevada Las Vegas	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
New England School of Law	0	0	0	1	1	0	10	8	0
University of New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
University of New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
New York Law School	8	5	2	6	5	2	65	47	5
New York University	11	0	0	11	0	0	52	12	2
North Carolina Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
University of North Carolina	1	0	0	1	1	0	20	10	2
University of North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Northeastern University	6	1	1	10	2	0	32	12	0
Northwestern University	3	1	0	5	1	0	22	2	1
University of Notre Dame Law	2	1	1	5	1	0	16	8	3
Nova Southeastern Univ.	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	4	0
Ohio Northern	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	3
The Ohio State University	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Oklahoma City University	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Oklahoma, University of	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
University of Oregon	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0

Law School	Applied 2017-18	Admitted 2018*	Attending 2018	Applied 2016-17	Admitted 2017*	Attending 2017	Applied 2011-16	Admitted 2012-16*	Attending 2012-16
Pace University	8	5	0	2	1	1	33	26	5
Penn State/Dickinson	1	1	1	1	0	0	29	13	1
Penn State U./Penn State Law	4	2	0	5	5	1	7	3	0
University of Pennsylvania Law	8	1	1	11	2	1	75	12	5
Pepperdine	1	1	0	5	5	1	8	5	2
University of Pittsburgh	2	0	0	2	1	0	8	4	0
Quinnipiac University	1	1	0	0	0	0	20	17	1
Regent University	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
University of Richmond	2	1	0	5	1	0	19	6	0
Roger Williams School of Law	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	6	1
Rutgers University-Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	60	28
Rutgers University-Newark	28	19	10	38	28	11	186	107	43
Saint John's University	7	2	0	5	2	1	44	22	2
Saint Thomas University Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
University of San Diego	3	1	0	4	2	0	7	4	1
University of San Francisco	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	2	0
Santa Clara Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Seattle University School of Law	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
Seton Hall University	25	17	5	34	25	4	187	132	38
SMU Dedman School of Law	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
University of South Carolina	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Southwestern Law School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
University of Southern California	5	0	0	6	3	0	14	5	0
Stanford	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	1	0
Stetson University	1	0	0	3	2	0	9	5	1
Suffolk University Law	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Syracuse University	2	0	0	4	4	1	21	13	3
Temple University	12	7	2	16	7	1	97	52	9
University of Tennessee Law	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
University of Texas	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0
Texas A & M	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Thomas Jefferson School of Law	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Touro College, Fuchsberg Law	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
Tulane University Law School	2	0	0	3	2	0	2	1	0
University of Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
University of Utah	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Valparaiso	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vanderbilt University	6	2	1	8	2	0	26	4	1
Vermont Law School	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Villanova University	10	2	1	21	7	3	75	48	14
University of Virginia	8	0	0	5	1	0	38	10	5
Wake Forest University	1	0	0	1	0	0	22	14	1
Washington and Lee	1	0	0	4	1	0	21	11	1
University of Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0
Washington University-St. Louis	4	1	0	3	1	1	16	3	0
Wayne State University Law	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Western New England	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	0
West Virginia, Univ. of	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	1
Widener University Commonwealth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Widener University Delaware Law	5	5	4	6	5	1	49	37	5
William and Mary Law School	3	2	0	10	4	1	63	27	3
University of Wisconsin Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Yale University	2	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0

*Excludes deferrals.

APPENDIX A: Information on Law and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration and
Law, Politics and Philosophy Interdisciplinary Minor

Law and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration	Six courses total related to concentration, two of which may double count with major:	Plus additional courses related to liberal learning and other requirements:
	One of: PHL 120 (Intro Logic); PHL 220 (Metalogic)	One quantitative reasoning
	Two of: LIT 370 (Global Words on Terrorism*); BUS/MGT 385 (Business Ethics); PHL 135 (Cont. Moral Issues); PHL 240 (Political Phil.*); POL 270 (Topics in Political Science); PHL 255 (Biomed. Ethics*); PHL 275 (Phil. of Law*); PHL 375 (Law and Ethics*); An appropriate First Seminar	One lab science
	Three, including: One or two from: CRI 201 (Judicature); ECO 365 (Economics of the Law*); INT 300 (Human Rights in Intl Relations; cross-listed as POL 345); NUR 300 (Legal Challenges in Health Care); POL 323 (Law and Society); POL 365 (Origins of the U.S. Constitution; cross-listed with HIS 366); An appropriate First Seminar and One or two from: POL 320 (Constitutional Law); POL 321 (Civil Liberties); POL 337 (International Law); CRI 301 (Criminal Law and Procedure*); BUS 200 (Legal and Regulatory Environment ***); BUS 300 (Business Law*); BUS 325 (Employment Law*); BUS 360 (Issues in International Business Law); BUS 380 (Law, Technology and Business)	Three language courses (*if required by student's major program*)
		Four civic responsibilities courses (community engaged learning; gender; global; race and ethnicity)

Law, Politics and Philosophy Interdisciplinary Minor	Five courses, one of which may double count with major, with no more than two courses from the same department and at least two courses at 300- or 400-level):	Plus additional courses related to liberal learning and other requirements:
	PHL 120 (Intro. Logic)	One quantitative reasoning
	ECO 101 (Principles of Microeconomics)	One lab science
	BUS 200 (Legal and Regulatory Environment for Business***); BUS 300 (Business Law*); BUS 325 (Employment Law*); BUS 360 (International Business Law); ECO 365 (Economics of the Law); BUS 380 (Law, Technology and Business); BUS/MGT 385 (Business Ethics)	One additional quantitative reasoning or science
	CRI 201 (Judicature); CRI 301 (Criminal Law and Procedure*)	Three language courses (if required by student's major program)
	PHL 135 (Contemporary Moral Issues); PHL 255 (Biomedical Ethics*; PHL 275 (Philosophy of Law*); PHL 375 (Law and Ethics*)	Four civic responsibilities courses (community engaged learning; gender; global; race and ethnicity)
	POL 320 (Constitutional Law); POL 321 (Civil Liberties); POL 323 (Law and Society); POL 337 (International Law); POL 345 (Human Rights in Intl Relations; cross-listed with INT 300); POL 365 (Origins of the U.S. Constitution; may be cross-listed with HIS 366)	
	Other Classes: HIS 365 (Topics in North American & US History; counts only when cross-listed with POL 365); INT 300 (Human Rights in International Relations (counts only when cross-listed with POL 345); JPW 308 (Media Law); NUR 300 (Legal Challenges in Health Care); PHL 430 (Advanced Ethics; counts only when topic is suitable); POL 390 (Tutorial in Political Science; counts only when topic is suitable)	

*This course has one or more prerequisites or requires sophomore standing or permission of instructor.

**This course counts only when cross-listed with POL 365.

***Though this course is normally restricted to business majors, students completing this concentration are nonetheless eligible to be enrolled. For permission, please John McCarty, School of Business – mccarty@tcnj.edu

Further information and updates available at: **http://prelaw.pages.tcnj.edu**