

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Have you modified the admission requirements and process to deal with the current issues regarding LSAT testing not being available?

At this time, our admissions requirements have not been modified.

2. When is the latest date that I can sit for the LSAT?

Due to the national pandemic, we will accept the May Flex and June LSAT scores.

3. Is FAMU College of Law accepting the GRE in place of the LSAT?

We are not accepting the GRE.

4. When is the early decision deadline for 2021 admission?

FAMU College of Law does not offer any early decisions.

5. Will FAMU College of Law review the current pool of applications and modify admission criteria?

We will not be modifying our admissions criteria. We operate on rolling admissions; therefore, we are always reviewing our applicant pool.

6. Are you going to notify students who have applied if the process will be modified?

The process will not be modified. Our applicant deadline will remain the same, May 31, 2020. If the April LSAT is canceled and we accept the June score, then we will only be accepting test scores after the deadline.

7. If applications were on hold because of retesting, are you going to use an average or curve system to process these applications?

No, we will not use an average or curve system. If any applicants are on hold, LSAT is giving applicants to option to use a previous score.

8. For how long is an LSAT score valid?

An LSAT score is considered valid by the Admissions Committee for no longer than five years. Candidates applying for admission to the 2020 entering class as regular applicants may submit LSAT scores earned on or after the June 2015 administration, but no later than the January 2020 administration.

9. When is the application deadline?

May 31 of every academic year.

10. Does FAMU College of Law offer application fee waivers?

We have waived our application fee for this cycle.

11. When will I receive an admissions decision?

As a general matter, applications are evaluated on a rolling basis in the order in which they are completed. Typically, the Admissions Committee begins rendering Regular decisions in

late January and continues to release decisions through the end of April. Early Decision candidates are generally notified of their decisions in December.

12. Has FAMU College of Law considered (based on the fact that most schools are educating students online) possibly having classes begin in the Spring for 1L students, rather than strictly every fall?

No, we have not made any decisions to change our entry terms. It remains every fall.

13. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, will classes be online indefinitely?

Classes will remain online for the remainder of the Spring semester and the Summer. There has been no decision made to host online classes indefinitely.

14. Should classes be online indefinitely because of the pandemic, will cost/tuition increase or decrease?

No.

15. What are the eligibility requirements for applying to FAMU COL?

You are eligible to apply if you have a bachelor's degree by September 1 of the year you intend to enroll at FAMU College of Law. You must also take the LSAT as a part of your application requirements.

16. Does FAMU College of Law offer any part-time or evening programs?

FAMU College of Law offers a part-time evening program.

17. Are weekend class schedules available for the part-time program?

There are no weekend classes available.

18. Does FAMU COL offer concurrent or joint degree programs?

FAMU College of Law does not offer concurrent or joint degree programs at this time.

19. How many letters of recommendation should I submit and from whom?

You may submit two letters of recommendation from professional references if you are unable to locate former professors.

20. Can I submit an addendum or additional written materials along with my application?

Yes, you may. The Admissions Committee believes that candidates should be able to expand upon aspects of their candidacy that are otherwise not represented in the required materials. Some examples include statements of strong interest in FAMU College of Law and explanations of undergraduate and/or LSAT performance, etc. We strongly suggest that applicants use their best judgment, in terms of content and length, when considering the submission of supplemental materials.

21. Does the Admissions Committee conduct interviews as a part of the admissions process?

We are unable to interview candidates who submit an application for admission, and we are unable to consider requests for interviews.

22. Is financial aid available?

FAMU College of Law offers a comprehensive financial aid program that includes institutional grants and federal loan programs to help eligible students meet the expenses associated with attaining a legal education. These funds are awarded and administered by the Office of Financial Aid at the College of Law in conjunction with the University's Office of Financial Aid.

23. Does FAMU College of Law offer merit-based scholarships or need-based financial aid?

FAMU College of Law offers a number of highly-competitive merit-based scholarships. There is no separate application procedure; scholarships are awarded based on a holistic review of the entirety of your application for admission. Applicants are generally awarded merit-based scholarships at the time of admission. The College of Law does not offer conditional scholarships.

<https://law.famu.edu/students/current-students/financial-aid/scholarship-opportunities/>

24. How many years of study is the JD program?

The full-time JD program is three years and the part-time JD program is four years (including summers).

25. Where is the law school located?

Our law school is located in the beautiful Downtown Orlando, Florida.

26. What is your median LSAT score and GPA?

Our median LSAT score is a 146 and median GPA is a 3.09.

27. Can I reapply after I have been academically dismissed?

If you have been academically dismissed, you must submit a new application in its entirety. This means that all documents you submit must be new.

28. What does your law school do to help prepare students to take and pass the bar exam?

The Bar Exam Success Training (BEST) Program is a 12-week program available to FAMU students after graduation. Participation is on a voluntary basis; however, alumni are strongly encouraged to participate fully. The BEST Program is free of charge to all FAMU first-time bar takers, as well as alumni who have previously attempted, unsuccessfully, to pass the Florida bar exam. The BEST Program complements the commercial bar review program that each student takes by incorporating essay and multiple-choice writing workshops; by providing essay grading and feedback, individualized tracking and exam training; and by providing a structured study plan to assist students in passing the bar exam. Graduates who participate in the BEST Program pass at a higher overall bar passage rate than their equally situated counterparts who chose not to participate in the structured BEST Program. The BEST Program does not replace the need for a commercial bar review course. Participants in the BEST Program must have access to an updated commercial bar review course.

29. What is the bar passage rate?

Our bar passage report can be found at the following link:

<https://law.famu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ABA-Bar-Passage-Disclosure-2019.pdf>

30. Is FAMU an Accredited ABA Law School?

Yes, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law is an accredited American Bar Association law school.

31. Can I study abroad during my time at the law school?

The College of Law believes study abroad programs can be valuable additions to the law school educational process. Students get the unique opportunity to study law, live in a foreign country, become exposed first-hand to the legal system of another country, and receive academic credit towards their degrees.

There are many exciting study abroad programs available from which to choose. Students interested in any study abroad program should review all policies and procedures before applying. We encourage all interested students to be proactive, thorough, and knowledgeable, to ensure a successful study abroad experience.

32. What type of jobs do your graduates typically acquire after graduation?

Recent FAMU Law graduates are busy serving their communities at large firms such as Holland & Knight, LLP, Morgan & Morgan, P.A., Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.; major businesses such as Lockheed Martin Corporation, Walt Disney World, and Verizon Communications; and governmental agencies such as the Office of the State Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Judge Advocate General Corps in the armed forces.