

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the overall bar passage rate of Thurgood Marshall School of Law?**

The overall bar passage rate for TMSL for the past five years is 77.43%.

**When will TMSL begin reviewing Applications for Fall?**

The Admissions Office begins processing in September and the Admissions Committee normally begins its review in December.

**What is your application fee?**

\$55 payable by Money Order or Cashier's Check.

**When is your application deadline?**

We suggest April 1st as the priority date to complete your application.

**When should I take the LSAT?**

The LSAT is offered in October, December, February, and June. We recommend that you take the test either the summer before your senior year or during the fall of your senior year.

**Should I take the LSAT more than once?**

Only if you believe you can substantially increase your score.

**How do you compare two (or more) LSAT scores?**

LSDAS reports both scores, but also includes an average.

**Do you take the higher score or an average?**

The Admissions Committee will consider the higher score if there is a substantial increase.

**What is the average LSAT score for TMSL?**

147

**What is the average GPA for TMSL?**

3.00

**Do you have an Early Bird program?**

No, the School of Law has rolling admissions.

**Does the school participate with the CLEO program?**

Yes, we generally accept students who satisfactorily complete the CLEO program.

**How much is tuition and fees?**

In-State Tuition: \$14,972

Out-of-State Tuition: \$18,722

**Do you have an Evening/Part Time Program?**

We have a Full Time Program only.

**Do you have any Joint Degree Programs?**

We offer a JD/MBA and a JD/MPA.

**What is the size of your law school?**

Approximately 600.

**Is it possible to visit the law school and sit-in on first year class?**

Absolutely. Call the office in advance at 713.313.1149 or at [www.TSULaw.edu](http://www.TSULaw.edu).

**How can I find out if my credentials are competitive with your applicants?**

The Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools is an excellent source of information, available in most bookstores.

**Do you have Spring Admission?**

No, applicants are admitted for the Fall Semester only.

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**Do you provide an off-campus housing service?**

Feel free to contact our apartment locator: Karen Reichek at 713-826-6527.

**What is the cost of housing in Houston?**

Approximately \$750 - \$900 per month.

**Do you have study abroad programs?**

Our students are frequently approved for study abroad programs offered through other ABA accredited law schools.

**When should I apply for financial aid?**

Applications are available in December. Students may complete the FAFSA on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**What is the school's financial aid code?**

003642

**What types of scholarships are available for incoming students?**

Incoming students may be eligible for Merit Scholarships based on their undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores.

**What is the average age for students entering the first-year class?**

The average age of incoming students is 26 years old — 60% of our students are under 30 years old — 32% of our students are over 30 years old.

**What is the faculty-student ratio?**

12 to 1 (approximately)

**Is a laptop computer required?**

There is no laptop requirement.

**How can I contact the Admissions Office?**

You may contact the Admissions Office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 713-313-7114. You may also e-mail the office at [lawadmit@tmslaw.TSU.edu](mailto:lawadmit@tmslaw.TSU.edu).

**Does your law school offer any programs or areas of specialization?**

TMSL offers several opportunities for students to specialize in diverse areas. The Institute for International Law, The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, and The Institute for Environmental Law.

**May I submit my letter of recommendation directly to your office?**

Absolutely. Be sure to have the recommender include your full name in the documents submitted.

**What is TMSL's affiliation with Texas Southern University?**

TMSL is part of the Texas Southern University System. We are one of the many colleges the university houses.

## HOW DIVERSE IS THE STUDENT BODY?

