

University of South Dakota - 2024 Standard 509 Information Report

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The Basics

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Type of school | Public |
| Application deadline | July 1 |
| Application fee | \$35 |
| Financial aid deadline | July 1 |

Academic Calendar

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| Term | Semesters |
| Months students may begin studying law | August |
| Months the Law School confers degrees | May, August, December |
| # of credit hours required to earn the JD | 90 |

Curricular Offerings 2023-2024

2023-2024

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| Average first-year section size, excluding Legal Research & Writing | 43 |
| Number of course titles, beyond the first year curriculum, offered last year | 79 |
| Number of upper division class room course sections with an enrollment: | |
| Under 25 | 59 |
| 25 to 49 | 13 |
| 50 to 74 | 4 |
| 75 to 99 | 3 |
| 100 + | 0 |
| Number of seats available in law clinics | 24 |
| Number of field placement positions filled | 208 |
| Number of seats available in simulation courses | 92 |
| Number of seminars | 7 |
| Number of co-curricular offerings | 8 |

2024 First Year Class (Oct 6th 2023-Oct 5th 2024)

| | 2024 | | |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Completed Applications | 366 | | |
| Offers of Admission | 240 | | |
| Acceptance Rate (Percent) | 65.57 | | |
| Enrollees from Applicant pool | 83 | | |
| Enrollment rate from Completed Applications | 22.68 | | |
| Enrollment rate from Offers of Admission | 34.58 | | |
| Other first-year enrollees | 3 | | |
| | All | Full Time | Part Time |
| Total in First-year class | 86 | 86 | 0 |
| LSAT | All | Full Time | Part Time |
| LSAT Admissions Enrollees | 83 | 83 | 0 |
| 75th Percentile | 155 | 155 | 0 |
| 50th Percentile | 152 | 152 | 0 |
| 25th Percentile | 149 | 149 | 0 |
| UGPA | All | Full Time | Part Time |
| 75th Percentile | 3.87 | 3.87 | 0.00 |
| 50th Percentile | 3.55 | 3.55 | 0.00 |
| 25th Percentile | 3.15 | 3.15 | 0.00 |
| # not included in UGPA calculation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRE | All | Full Time | Part Time |
| GRE Admissions Enrollees | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| JD-NEXT | All | Full Time | Part Time |
| JD-NEXT Enrollees | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Under ABA Standard 503, law schools are required to use a valid and reliable admission test to help assess an applicant's preparedness for the study of law. Because schools may choose what admission tests they will consider for admission, this section may look different for individual law schools. Only law schools with a variance from Standard 503 allowing them to use JD Next are able to report JD Next scores. Test score data for first year enrollees is presented for each type of test accepted by the law school, with one exception: where the number of students who were accepted using a particular test is fewer than 10, score percentile data is collected but not published in order to protect student privacy. In all other cases, statistical data will be presented for each test that is accepted by the particular law school.

The UGPA data is aggregated across the law school's entire first year class, regardless of admission test.

J.D Enrollment as of October 5th 2024

| | JD1 | | | | | JD2 | | | | | JD3 | | | | | JD4 | | | | | Total |
|---|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-------|
| | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T |
| Hispanics of any race | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Asian | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Black or African American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Two or More Races | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Total People of Color | 14 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| White | 71 | 33 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 34 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 39 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 |
| Race and Ethnicity Unknown | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Total | 89 | 38 | 47 | 4 | 0 | 80 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 49 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 253 |

Please note in demographic information in tables above US nonresident is no longer a separate category in 2024 and nonresidents have been added in the appropriate race/ethnicity and gender categories.

Faculty Resources 2023 - 2024

| | Male | Female | Another Gender Identity | Prefer Not to Report | People of Color | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Full-time faculty members | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| Non-full-time faculty | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| Total | 25 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 44 |
| | Full Time | | Part Time | | | Total |
| Librarians | 3 | | 0 | | | 3 |

J.D. Degrees Awarded 2023-2024

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| Hispanics of any race | 3 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 |
| Asian | 0 |
| Black or African American | 1 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 |
| Two or More Races | 5 |
| Total People of Color | 11 |
| White | 60 |
| Race and Ethnicity Unknown | 3 |
| Total | 74 |

1L Tuition and Fees 2024 - 2025

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| Per Annual: | Resident | Annual Fees | Non-Resident | Annual Fees | Other | Annual Fees |
| Full-Time | \$11,736 | \$5,057 | \$31,276 | \$5,057 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Part-Time | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| Per Credit: | Resident | Annual Fees | Non-Resident | Annual Fees | Other | Annual Fees |
| Full-Time | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Part-Time | \$391 | \$4,117 | \$1,042 | \$4,117 | | |
| Tuition Guarantee Program | | | N | | | |

Living Expenses 2024-2025

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Estimated Living Expenses for singles | |
| Living on Campus | \$16,804 |
| Living Off Campus | \$18,650 |
| Living At Home | \$11,258 |

Grants and Scholarships 2023-2024

| | Total | | Full Time | | Part Time | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Total # of students | 247 | 100 | 247 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Total # receiving grants | 138 | 56 | 138 | 56 | 0 | |
| Less than 1/2 tuition | 93 | 38 | 93 | 38 | 0 | |
| Half to full tuition | 26 | 11 | 26 | 11 | 0 | |
| Full tuition | 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | |
| More than full tuition | 11 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 0 | |
| 75th Percentile grant amount | | | | \$10,000 | | \$0 |
| 50th Percentile grant amount | | | | \$3,425 | | \$0 |
| 25th Percentile grant amount | | | | \$582 | | \$0 |

The term "full tuition scholarships" refers to scholarships that cover tuition and mandatory fees. The term "more than full tuition" refers to scholarships that cover more than tuition and mandatory fees.

Conditional Scholarships 2023-2024

| Students Matriculating in | # Entering with | # Reduced or Eliminated |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2023-2024 Academic Year | 1 | 0 |
| 2022-2023 Academic Year | 1 | 0 |
| 2021-2022 Academic Year | 1 | 0 |

Academic Attrition 2023-2024

| | JD1 | | | | | | JD2 | | | | | JD3 | | | | | JD4 | | | | | UL |
|---|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|----|
| | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | % | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | % |
| Hispanics of any race | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Black or African American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Two or More Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total People of Color | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Race and Ethnicity Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Academic attrition refers to those students who discontinued their education at a time when they were not in good academic standing as defined by the Law School. It includes both students who have been dismissed because they did not satisfy the minimum standards of progress established by the Law School to continue their legal studies at that school, and students who discontinued their enrollment at the school at a time when their GPA was below that required for good academic standing as of the end of the first year.

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Other Attrition 2023-2024

| | JD1 | | | | | | JD2 | | | | | JD3 | | | | | JD4 | | | | | UL |
|---|-----|---|---|-----|-----|------|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | % | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | T | M | W | AGI | PNR | % |
| Hispanics of any race | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Black or African American | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Two or More Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total People of Color | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| White | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| Race and Ethnicity Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |

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Transfers 2023-2024

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|-------------------------|---|
| JD1 Transfers Out | 1 |
| Transfers In* | 2 |
| 75th Percentile JD1 GPA | 0 |
| 50th Percentile JD1 GPA | 0 |
| 25th Percentile JD1 GPA | 0 |

*GPA Percentiles provided if School has 12 or more transfers in. If more than 5 but less than 12 transfers in only 50th percentile will be provided.