

RANK
36

Fordham Law School



MAILING ADDRESS¹
150 West 62nd Street,
New York, NY 10023

MAIN PHONE
212-636-6875

WEBSITE
www.law.fordham.edu

REGISTRAR'S PHONE
212-636-6801

ADMISSIONS PHONE
212-636-6810

CAREER SERVICES PHONE
212-636-6926

Overview²⁻⁵

Fordham Law School has provided a complete education in the law for more than 100 years. While the legal profession has changed during that time, the core mission of a Fordham Law education has not. The school continues to value academic excellence and the lawyer's craft, to remain committed to ethics and service, and to impart the warmth of community. Fordham lawyers have been and will continue to be dedicated to the highest standards of the legal profession and to the service of others. We call this the Fordham Law Difference.

Throughout its more than 100 year history, Fordham Law has quickly grown from a competitive New York institution to one of the largest and most respected law schools in the nation. Fordham Law has one of the nation's most select student bodies, an enduring commitment to academic excellence, and a virtually unrivaled record of graduate employment. The School's 19,000 active alumni practice in all 50 U.S. states and in 73 foreign countries.

Student-Faculty Ratio⁶

14.9:1

Admission Criteria⁷

	LSAT	GPA
25th-75th Percentile	162-165	3.37-3.68
Median*	163	3.53

The above LSAT and GPA data pertain to the 2013 entering class.

*Medians have been calculated by averaging the 25th- and 75th-percentile values released by the law schools and have been rounded up to the nearest whole number for LSAT scores and to the nearest one-hundredth for GPAs.

Admission Statistics⁸

Approximate number of applications	5067
Number accepted	1917
Percentage accepted	37.8%

The above admission details are based on 2013 data.

Class Ranking and Grades^{9,10}

Student grades are calculated on both a letter and a numerical scale. There are no official class standings. At the end of the 2013-2014 academic year, a student who attained a true weighted average of 3.643 or better made Dean's List for that year. While students may not round up to compute Dean's List or awards, students may round up to the nearest hundredth of a point when reporting GPAs on their resumes (i.e., "3.278" can be presented as "3.28"). The faculty has adopted a numerical equivalent for letter grades.

Grades awarded by the law school and their corresponding grade point values are:

	Prior to Fall 2014	Effective Fall 2014
A+	4.3	4.333
A	4	4.000
A-	3.7	3.667
B+	3.3	3.333
B	3	3.000
B-	2.7	2.667
C+	2.3	2.333
C	2	2.000
C-	1.7	1.667
D	1	1.000
F	0	0.000
P	Not in GPA	Not in GPA
S	Not in GPA	Not in GPA
*	Not in GPA	Not in GPA

The minimum grade that will be recorded in a course is "F" and the grade of "D" constitutes a passing mark in a subject. To continue in good scholastic standing, however, a student must maintain a true weighted average of at least 2.0 in every academic year. In computing a true weighted average, hours in a pass/fail course that was passed will be disregarded. If such a course was failed, an "F" will be entered on the student's transcript and a 0.0 will be used in computing the student's true weighted average.

Fordham Law School does not rank or provide official class standings; however, below are the approximate or estimated class standings for 2013-14.

Approximate Class Standing	Class of 2015 (rising 3LD/4LE)	Class of 2016/17 (rising 2LD/3LE/2LE)
10%	3.65	3.63
25%	3.5	3.42
33%	3.43	3.35
50%	3.34	3.22

Grade Normalization (Curve)¹¹

By a resolution adopted on April 8, 2008, the faculty made the percentage distribution of grades listed below mandatory for all first year courses (with the exception of Legal Writing). The percentage distribution of grades for first year courses is strictly enforced.

A+	0 - 3%
A and above	0 - 12%
A- and above	15 - 30%
B+ and above	45 - 60%
B	30 - 45%
B- and below	10 - 20%
C+ and below	0 - 10%

Honors¹¹

Honor	Percentage of Class Receiving
Order of the Coif	Top 10 percent of graduating class.
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Top 1 percent of graduating class.
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Top 12 percent of graduating class.
<i>cum laude</i>	Top 33 1/3 percent of graduating class.
Dean's List	Top 25 percent of entire class.

Awards¹²

Name of Award	Awarded for/to
The Actum Foundation Prize	For distinguished work in the Banking, Corporate and Finance Law Program (LL.M. program).
The Chapin Prize	For the highest weighted average throughout law school.

The David F. and Mary Louise Condon Prize	For the highest grade in American Legal History.
The Benjamin Finkel Prize	For excellence in Bankruptcy.
The Fordham Law Alumni Association Medal in Constitutional Law	For the member of the graduating class who excelled in Constitutional Law.
The Whitmore Gray Prize	For the graduating student who has been outstanding in courses or activities relating to International Law.
The Emily C. and John E. Hansen Award	For the graduating LL.M. student in the Intellectual Property and Information Technology Program who attains the highest cumulative average.
The Edward J. and Elizabeth V. Hawk Prize	For the graduating LL.M. student in the International Business and Trade Law program who attains the highest cumulative average.
The Hugh R. Jones Award	For the highest combined weighted average in the subjects of Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility.
The James Leitner Award	For the graduating LL.M. student in International Law and Justice who attains the highest cumulative average.
The Emmet J. McCormack Foundation Prize	For the highest grade in Admiralty Law.
The Lawrence J. McKay Prize	For the graduating students who represented the Law School in the National Moot Court Competition.
The Honorable Joseph M. McLaughlin Prize	For the highest combined weighted average during the first year.
The Addison M. Metcalf Labor Law Prize	For the highest grade in the basic Labor Law course.
The Henrietta Metcalf Prize	For the highest grade in Contracts.
The Peter J. O'Connor Prize	For the highest weighted average in Evidence and New York Practice.
The Thomas F. Reddy, Jr. Prize	For the highest grades in courses in Intellectual Property.
The Robert Schuman Prize	For the highest grades in courses in European Union Law.
The Senior Prize	For the students in each division of the graduating class who attain the highest weighted average throughout the year.
The James E. Tolan Fellowship in International Human Rights	For a post-graduate fellowship that funds a graduate to work for an international human rights organization for one year.
The William Michael Treanor Award	For the graduating LL.M. student in the U.S. and Comparative Law Program who attains the highest cumulative average.
The Milton Young Prize	For that member of the graduating class who has excelled in courses in the field of Taxation.

The Philip R. Fusco Memorial Award	For a student who participated in the intramural athletic program while demonstrating dedication, enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and academic achievement.
The Eugene J. Keefe Award	For the most important contribution to the Fordham community.
The Adjunct Teacher of the Year Award	For excellence inside and outside the classroom and for exhibiting the highest level of education to his or her students.
The Teacher of the Year Award	For a master teacher.

Journals¹³

The **Fordham Law Review** is a scholarly journal serving the legal profession and the public by discussing current legal issues. Each volume comprises six books, three each semester, totaling over 3,000 pages. The Law Review is managed by a board of eighteen student editors and membership is considered among the highest scholarly achievements at the Law School. The Law Review is the fifth-most cited law review in cases and other journals, and ranked eleventh in Washington & Lee University's most recent annual study.¹⁴

The **Fordham Urban Law Journal**, now in its 42nd year, is the second oldest publication at the law school. The Journal annually publishes five books that address policy issues affecting urban areas. The "City Square" is the Journal's online companion. City Square features five literary discussions at a time and is regularly updated with new content.¹⁵

The **Fordham International Law Journal** is one of the most competitive international law periodicals in the world—and, according to a recent study, one of the most frequently cited student-edited legal publications dedicated to the study of international law. ILJ attracts contributions from prominent statespersons and members of the academic, legal, and political communities. Journal pieces have been cited in numerous US federal court decisions, US Supreme Court briefs and decisions, international courts decisions, law review articles, and CFR and ALR annotations. ILJ publishes six books annually that contain articles, essays, and book reviews, as well as notes and comments written by Fordham Law students, covering topic areas that have a nexus to international law. Every spring, ILJ hosts a symposium covering current issues in the international community.¹⁶

The **Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal** is one of the leading scholarly law journals dedicated to the publication of Articles, Essays, Comments, Addresses, and Notes in all areas of intellectual property law including patent law, copyright law, trademark law, telecommunications, Internet law, counterfeiting, bootlegging and piracy issues, entertainment and sports law, First Amendment rights, and mass media law. In 2014, according to surveys compiled by Washington & Lee University, IPLJ was the number one ranked entertainment, arts and sports law journal, and the number fourth ranked intellectual property law journal. IPLJ articles have been read into the Congressional Record, as well as cited in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and in amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court.¹⁷

The **Fordham Environmental Law Review** publishes three volumes annually, addressing topics in environmental law, legislation and public policy. ELR also sponsors an annual symposium featuring scholarly papers and panel discussions centered on an environmental issue. Since its inception, ELR has explored a broad range of domestic and international environmental issues ranging from the regulation of air, water, and soil pollution, to social policy issues such as corporate responsibility

and environmental racism. ELR hosts an annual symposium each spring that draws leading scholars, lawmakers and regulatory officials in the environmental law field, as well as environmental advocates and concerned citizens. ELR recently hosted its annual symposium entitled Eye of the Storm: Hurricane Sandy Response and Rebuilding Strategies through the Lens of Environmental Justice.¹⁸

The **Fordham Corporate Law Forum** is the nexus between the Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law and the Corporate Law Center. The Forum is a platform for students, professors, practitioners, and the public to weigh in on matters covering the full spectrum of business law, including corporate governance, finance, securities, bankruptcy and much more, in a format that is more dynamic and flexible than that of a traditional Journal. Additionally, the Forum is the institutional repository for coverage of both the Journal and Corporate Law Center's events.¹⁹

Moot Court²⁰

Fordham has developed a tradition of accomplished advocacy through the Moot Court Board, consistently fielding championship competition teams year after year. All first-year students are introduced to appellate briefs and arguments as part of their Legal Writing Course. Many students follow this initial experience with voluntary participation in the Moot Court Program during their subsequent years at the school. The Moot Court Editorial Board consists of forty-six third- and fourth-year students who have been chosen as a result of outstanding performance in previous competitions and who have completed one year as a member of the Moot Court Board.

Clinical Programs²¹

Fordham Law School believes that clinical work is key to the development of many lawyers. Among the school's clinical offerings are the following:

- Appellate Litigation
- Community Economic Development
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Criminal Defense
- Family Advocacy
- Federal Litigation
- Immigrant Rights
- International Human Rights
- Legislative & Policy Advocacy
- Mediation
- Queens DA Prosecution
- Samuelson-Glushko Intellectual Property and Information Law
- Securities Litigation & Arbitration
- Tax

Placement Facts²³

Starting Salaries (2012 Graduates Employed Full-Time)

Private sector (25th-75th percentile)	\$85,000 - \$160,000
Private sector - Median	\$160,000
Public service - Median	\$55,000

Employment Details

Graduates known to be employed at graduation	54.5%
Graduates known to be employed nine months after graduation	68.9%

Areas of Legal Practice

Graduates Employed In	Percentage
Law Firms	54.3%
Business and Industry	13.9%
Government	12.2%
Public Interest Organizations	9.2%
Judicial Clerkships	7.4%
Academia	3%
Unknown	0%

Externships/Internships

Externships^{24, 25}

Fordham's Externship Program allows students to develop the skills, experience, and confidence necessary to become a complete lawyer. Fordham offers externships with:

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Government Agencies
- Local, State, and Federal Courts
- Legal Departments Focusing on IP or Media Law
- New York City Council

Internships²⁶

International internships

Fordham Law School offers students the opportunity to work as interns in excellent law firms and courts around the globe.

The Dean Acheson legal stage program

The Dean Acheson Legal Stage (traineeship/internship) Program at the Court of Justice of the European Communities is facilitated through the United States Embassy in Luxembourg and lasts for not more than three months.

Student Organizations²⁷

- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Catholic Law Student Association

- Committee on Diversity in Business Law
- Fordham Law Art Club
- Fordham Law Democrats
- Fordham Law Follies
- Fordham Law Republicans
- Fordham Law Softball
- Fordham Law Tortfeasors
- Fordham Law Women
- Fordham OutLaws
- Parents Attending Law School
- Fordham Sports Law Forum
- Global Law Society
- Irish Law Students Association
- Italian American Law Students Association
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Media & Entertainment Law Society
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Record at Fordham Law, The
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Couture Counselor Student Fashion Law Society
- Fordham Christian Fellowship
- Fordham Information Law Society
- Fordham Labor and Employment Law Society
- Law Students Supporting Science
- Society of Secularists

References

1. <http://www.fordham.edu/info/21443/directory>
2. <http://www.fordham.edu/info/20630/about>
3. <http://law.fordham.edu/about-fordham/4938.htm>
4. <http://www.fordham.edu/info/20612/admissions>
5. <http://www.fordham.edu/info/20001/academics>
6. <http://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/fordham-university-03107>
7. <http://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/fordham-university-03107/admissions>
8. <http://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/fordham-university-03107/admissions>
9. <http://law.fordham.edu/career-planning/1416.htm>
10. http://www.fordham.edu/info/21439/academic_regulations
11. http://www.fordham.edu/info/21439/academic_regulations
12. <http://www.fordham.edu/info/21644/awards>
13. <http://law.fordham.edu/student-edited-journals/journals.htm>
14. <http://fordhamlawreview.org/information/about>
15. <http://urbanlawjournal.com/about/>
16. <http://fordhamilj.org/about/>
17. <http://iplj.net/blog/about>
18. <http://www.fordhamelr.org/about-elr/>
19. <http://fordhamcorporatecenter.org/about-forum/>
20. <http://law.fordham.edu/moot-court/mootcourt.htm>

21. <http://law.fordham.edu/clinical-legal-education/clinics.htm>
22. <http://law.fordham.edu/clinical-legal-education/2268.htm>
23. <http://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/fordham-university-03107/career-prospects>
24. <http://law.fordham.edu/clinical-legal-education/2158.htm>
25. <http://law.fordham.edu/clinical-legal-education/2300.htm>
26. <http://law.fordham.edu/international-non-jd-programs/1986.htm>
27. http://www.fordham.edu/info/20674/current_students/2643/student_organizations