# Preparing for Law School as a William & Mary Undergraduate

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# Areas of Study

 There is no single area of study required for application to law school

There are no course pre-requisites for law school

 The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is required for admission to law school

# Necessary and/or Desirable Skills

- Analytic/Problem Solving
- Critical Reading
- Writing Skills
- Oral Communication/Listening Abilities
- General Research Skills
- Task Organization/Management Skills
- Public Service and Promotion of Justice

Each is a part of your liberal arts education at W&M.

(Source: ABA Section of Legal Education)

# Coursework at W&M?

- No "pre-law major"
- Broad exposure to liberal arts
- Writing and oral communication skills
- Close contact with faculty

Hone logical reasoning and analytical skills

#### Coursework at W&M continued....

- Satisfy COLL requirements with broad array of courses
- Choose a major you enjoy, and in which you can do well
- Get involved in activities you enjoy and which allow you to grow into an interesting and wellrounded person

# Preparing for the LSAT

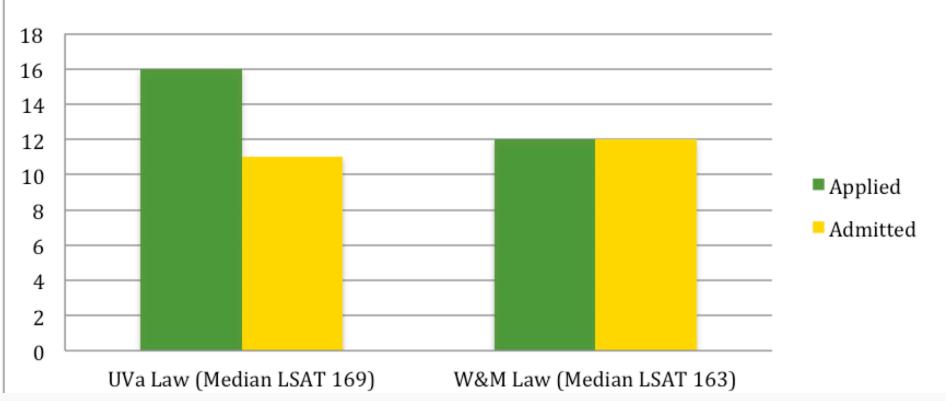
- Typically begin preparation during end of, or summer after junior year
- LSAT is offered multiple times during the year
  - —2018-19 example
    - o June 11, 2018
  - o July 23, 2018
  - o September 8, 2018
  - November 17, 2018
  - o January 26, 2019

### 2016-2017 W&M Undergrad/Alum

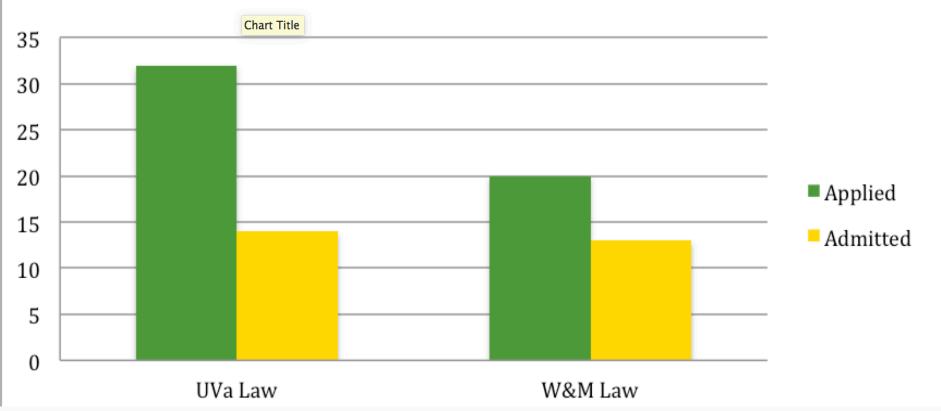
# **Applicant Data**

Number of Applicants	142
Average LSAT Score	161.3 (82 percentile)
Average GPA	3.38
Average Number of Applications	8
Percent Admitted to at Least One Law School	88.7%
Average Number of Admits per Applicant	3.5









# Helpful Resources

- William & Mary Pre-Law Website
  - www.wm.edu/as/government/prelawadvising
- Minority Prelaw Association
  - https://tribelink.wm.edu/actioncenter/organization/ minorityprelaw
- Law School Admission Council Website:
  - http://www.lsac.org