

## Message

KarlaAdmissions: Welcome to the chat hosted by Washburn University School of Law. We are joined today by several Washburn Law students as well as Professor Bahadur. We welcome your questions.

LyndzieStudent: Hi, I'm Lyndzie. I'm a 1L. Originally from Arizona.

AlishaStudent: Good evening everyone. I'm a 1L from the US Virgin Islands

RobertStudent: Hello participants. My name is Robert Rojas and I am second year student. Originally from Nevada.

VladStudent: Hi, my name is Vladimir. I am a 2L from Boston, MA.

kswiz: Vlad: You are from the East Coast. What is it like living in Kansas?

adrienne89: Hi. I'm Adrienne. I am currently pursuing my Masters degree in Hawaii.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: Well the geography is only slightly different here. Nice to meet you. Any questions we can answer?

VladStudent: Thankfully so far so good. I miss Boston and NYC (went to Fordham University) but I like the slower pace in the Midwest. I also like the fact that everybody is friendly, making the adjustment from the East Coast to the Midwest a lot easier.

JanessaAdmissions: Our chat tonight is co-hosted by the Law School Admission Council as part of DiscoverLaw.org Months. We encourage you to register with DiscoverLaw.org at <https://discoverlaw.org/user/register>.

LyndzieStudent: Any military folk? Former Air Force gal here.

ap1365: Hello there. I have a question about LSAT score cancellations for admissions. Does Washburn take the average of multiple LSAT scores or the one that's highest?

adrienne89: Thank you. Very nice to meet you as well. Yes, I wanted to find out how far in advance I'd have to apply if I were looking to enroll in the Fall 2012, as well as any requirements to become a student of Washburn.

KarlaAdmissions: ap1365: Washburn Law uses the highest score for admission and scholarship purposes. We do not average multiple scores.

dvizor: I would like to know if my freshmen year GPA of 2.9 will affect me a lot when it come to admission? This is Dornubari.

JanessaAdmissions: adrienne89: Beginning September 1, 2011, our application for Fall 2012 will be available.

voliveira: Hi. I'm from Brazil. I would like to know how the school supports minorities.

drekadavis: My name is Shondreka. I had some question about the application process is registering for the CAS necessary?

KarlaAdmissions: dvizor: A 2.9 as a freshman is not a negative if you are able to increase your overall GPA by graduation. We often see upward trending GPAs. The important part is that you finish college strong.

jvalentin: Hello everyone. My name is Jose. I would to know how intense is it during the first year of law school?

JanessaAdmissions: adrienne89: A bachelor's degree is required as well as the LSAT. In addition to our application, we do require one letter of recommendation, official copies of all transcripts, and personal statement. Application requirements can be viewed at <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/howtoapply/newapplicant.php>.

LyndzieStudent: voliveria: There are a lot of student organizations that are very supportive of each student's different backgrounds. I'm in a couple. It's nice to meet other students with unique stories.

KarlaAdmissions: drekadavis: The CAS is required so that we can get the formal GPA evaluation from LSAC.

VladStudent: Dvizor: I was a pre-med major my freshmen year and I had a 1st semester GPA of a 2.65. I graduated as an economics major with a cumulative GPA of a 3.19. You will be fine.

RoryProfessor: voliveira: Hi. I am from Trinidad in the Caribbean originally and I have lived all over the US. I moved to Topeka from Miami about 3 years ago. Higher than you might think Washburn has very active minority groups and you might be surprised with the diversity present in Topeka given that it is a smaller Midwestern town. Being a state capital the diversity is higher than you might think.

AlishaStudent: Jvalentin: I'm currently a first year student. It is quiet intense, especially in comparison to college. However, it is doable as long as you are ready to dedicate yourself to your education.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: Be prepared to treat it like a job :-)

DLT2008: Hello everyone.

dvizor: What is the average LSAT score of students admitted into Washburn School of law?

AlexFajardo: Hi, I was wondering how law schools in general (and Washburn in particular) look upon older students like me. I am 34, married, and have two kids. Also, I was born in Cuba and migrated to the US when I was 4.

RobertStudent: Voliveira: First of all, the Washburn Law student body encompasses a very diverse group of students. Additionally, the Professional Development Office assists students with diverse backgrounds in achieving summer job placement in the region.

ap1365: Ok great, thank you. Also, for 2L students, can you participate on a clinic then or do you have to wait till 3L?

AlishaStudent: Hey DLT2008 welcome!

renegade: Hi, I am Gerald here in PA

DLT2008: Thanks for the welcome! I know that I would like to attend law school but I'm not sure where, which specific type of law I'm interested in & I am quite concerned about the LSAT.

VladStudent: ap1365: You cannot participate in law clinic until (1) You have completed 60 credits and (2) You take Professional Responsibility.

ap1365: Oh ok. Thanks.

KarlaAdmissions: AlexFajardo: We have many students with families in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Topeka is a very family friendly city and the law school is as well.

VladStudent: Hi Gerald.

LyndzieStudent: DLT2008: Visit all the law schools that you're interested in, if you can. Once I visited Washburn I knew it was right for me.

RoryProfessor: AlexFajardo: Washburn has a higher average student age than most other schools. You will not be alone in terms of students who are coming to law school in their thirties and forties.

AlishaStudent: DLT2008: That is not a problem at all. I was in exactly the same boat last year. Apply! The LSAT is not as scary as people make it out to be!

jvalentin: Thanks Alisha and Lyndzie. Which courses are considered the most difficult in law school?

renegade: I would like to know my chances of receiving a good amount of scholarship with dual bachelor's degrees with a 3.3 GPA and LSAT in the 150s.

VladStudent: DLT2008: Same here. After I visited Washburn, I knew I was coming here.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: It will really depend on you individually. For me, it was Property.

adrienne89: I am curious, what kind of LSAT score would I have to attain in order to be considered for enrollment? And GPA?

dvizor: What percentage of Washburn law school graduates end up passing the bar exam in New York?

DLT2008: Do you all have any suggestions on LSAT prep courses? I heard Testmasters/Score Perfect was a pretty good one.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Vlad is right, it really depends on the course and you're interests. I found Evidence to be a difficult course.

LyndzieStudent: DLT2008: I took a Kaplan course and I found it very helpful.

RoryProfessor: DLT2008: Most students have no idea what they actually want to do when they come to law school. One of the great things about law school is that you are exposed to so much new law and so many new concepts that even the people who thought they knew what they were going to do end up very often doing something else when they graduate.

AlexFajardo: How easy is financing Law School with a family? Especially if my wife will not be working until she finds a job in a new city.

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: LSAT and GPA numbers are only part of the considerations for admission. Our quartiles last year were 153-158 and our GPA quartiles were 2.91 to 3.55.

JanessaAdmissions: Stats for the entering class of 2010 can be viewed at <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/aboutus/studentlife/profile/>.

ap1365: Another question: What field of law is Washburn particularly known for? Say IP, corporate, family, etc?

AlishaStudent: Jvalentin: I think the most difficult part of law school is that you have to train yourself to study in a totally different way. Once you get a hold of what the professors are actually looking for it is not as difficult.

RobertStudent: DLT2008: I took the Kaplan LSAT course as well. The structure of a formal class setting and multiple practice tests helped a lot in preparing for the test.

LyndzieStudent: ap1365: Because we are so close to Texas, we have some really great Oil & Gas professors.

jvalentin: I did hear that Property, Torts, and Evidence tend to be of the tougher courses to handle?

RobertStudent: AlexFajardo: It sounds like you are in a situation similar to me. I also moved to Topeka with my wife and she had to find a new job as well. Luckily, she was able to find a job rather quickly.

ap1365: I see. Then immigration law probably as well?

dvizor: How is the weather in Kansas? I have no idea since I am from Arizona?

RoryProfessor: ap1365: Washburn is nationally recognized for its clinic and its centers, which allow students to specialize in various areas of the law. For example we have a Business and Transactional Center, Children and Family Law Center, Center for Advocacy, and our Government Law Center. Also, Washburn is one of the two schools that host the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning.

DLT2008: Thanks! This is great insight. I know that law school is pretty expensive. Would it be safe to assume that many young lawyers graduate in massive amounts of debt? Is financial aid generously available?

jvalentin: Vlad: How often do you go home to visit? I'm from NYC.

AlexFajardo: I have a 153 LSAT, 3.35 GPA and will graduate with two BA's (one in philosophy and one in religious studies), I am Cuban. Do I have any chance of scholarship money?

JanessaAdmissions: renegade: Our academic scholarships are based on a combination of high LSAT score and cumulative undergraduate GPA. The academic awards for the 2011-2012 academic year range from \$11,000 per year for three years to \$20,000 per year for three years.

adrienne89: Thank you! So since I'm pursuing my Masters degree, do you still need my undergraduate GPA?

RobertStudent: Alex: Additionally, the cost of living in the Midwest is substantially lower than most other parts of the country.

KarlaAdmissions: Renegade: Most are three year awards.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: Well you won't have to worry about Evidence until your second year. If you have any questions about Torts, Professor Bahadur was my Torts professor and I really enjoyed the class. Since he's here in the chat, feel free to ask him questions if you want.

jclaycamp: I have reviewed some of the log and would like input from the students about the time commitments required particularly for first year students. I am 27, married and have 2 children.

MartinWebsite: ap1365: Here is more info about our Centers: <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/aboutus/centers/>

jclaycamp: I also have an hour commute to campus. 1st year requirements seem that it will be necessary to have classes 5 days a week

AlishaStudent: Dvizer: It gets cold here. I'm from the US Virgin Islands so I might find it to be colder than someone from the United States lol! But if a person from the Caribbean do well in this weather you'll be fine. :)

renegade: Thank you very much for answering my question.

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: It is a very, very big time commitment but several law students are handling the same issues and do just fine.

RobertStudent: dvizer: Coming from Nevada, the weather in Kansas has been different that what I am used to. We have had a bit of snow this winter but I have honestly found it enjoyable.

ap1365: Also, for out of state students, how hard was it to find housing near the campus? If you rent an apartment, how much is the average rent there?

jvalentin: Thanks Lyndzie. I'm actually a member of a CLEO program. This upcoming Saturday will be an actual mock law class dealing with property and torts.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: That sounds exciting :-)

jclaycamp: Thank you Alisha. Can you tell me about how much time is required outside of classrooms? How much of that is suggested in group study or activities?

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: Many students live in the KC metro area and have comparable commutes. With I-70 you don't have the traffic associated with larger metro areas.

KarlaAdmissions: AlexFajardo: We offer significant scholarships to students who represent a variety of life experiences. It certainly sounds like you would have a good likelihood for a scholarship.

drekadavis: Are there any tips for working on a personal statement?

dvizor: Right now as a sophomore I have a 3.2, but started with a 2.9 freshmen year. Does trending upward with my GPA help eliminate the freshmen year GPA when it comes to admission?

ap1365: To the admissions, what is the percentage of students who find jobs upon graduation?

AlishaStudent: Jclaycamp: About 50 hours I would say.

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: Consider the time commitments of a first year law student similar to holding a full time job working 50 hours a week on average. Time management is essential in law school. I think you will find that with successful time management skills you will be able to balance family and school life adequately.

DLT2008: I have heard stories that once you become a student, you eat breathe sleep law school, would you say there's any truth in this? Do you have time, even if it's a small amount, to have a "social life?"

LyndzieStudent: ap1365: My apartment is only \$775 and next year it's going down to \$665. And they are brand new apartments.

RoryProfessor: ap1365: The housing in Topeka has been repeatedly rated as one of the top 10 most affordable markets in the country.

RobertStudent: drekdavis: I would encourage you to honestly assess your reasons for coming to law school and write about those reasons.

VladStudent: dvizor: Unfortunately we do not know the numbers in regards to Washburn law graduates that take the NY Bar Exam. However, if you do intend on taking any bar exam, BARBRI and Kaplan (2 bar prep programs) are always on our campus if you want to sign-up for either program. In addition, BARBRI has an essay advantage program that will prepare you for the state bar exam in any state. Lastly, Professor Ho (the Bar Service advisor) can provide you more information about the NY Bar exam too.

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: All law schools require undergraduate transcripts since that is the basic requirement for application. We will want to see your graduate work as well.

jclaycamp: Thank you Alisha! Is there much group required? If so are most students understanding of those of us who have other commitments of our time?

JanessaAdmissions: ap1365: 86.6% of our students find jobs nine months after graduation.

MartinWebsite: ap1365: You may review our apartment survey to see what some of our student think about apartment complexes in Topeka: <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/apartments/>

RobertStudent: DLT2008: You will still be able to maintain a social life, but you do want to make sure you stay on top of your coursework.

drekadavis: Thanks. It's hard to sell yourself sometimes.

jvalentin: Are there any sports teams or intramural sports for students?

VladStudent: Jvalentin: 1L year I went back to Boston and NY during winter recess and for a week during the summer. Otherwise, it is sporadic.

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: Yes, in fact I have a student in my first year class who plays football for the university. There are many activities for students here; softball and soccer leagues.

adrienne89: Thank you! I've heard from a lot of other people that once you become a law student, you will not be allowed to work. Is this true?

AlishaStudent: jclaycamp: Groups are not required and yes everyone here is very nice and understanding of other commitments. We actually have a lot of students that are married with children

RobertStudent: drekdavis: That is completely understandable, perhaps you can think about some of the times when you have overcome "life's obstacles" and write about that.

LyndzieStudent: If any one has any questions about using the G.I. Bill to help pay for law school, let me know. I'm using mine.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Many students play on intramural teams, competing against undergraduate teams.

JanessaAdmissions: jvalentin: We also have a soccer organization here at the law school. You can view more organizations at <http://washburnlaw.edu/students/organizations/>.

dvizor: When you say 86.6% of your student find employment after 9 months. Do they find employment in law related services or do you count working at Wal-mart after graduation as employment also?

VladStudent: dvizor: Trending upward generally will help you with college or law school admissions.

AlishaStudent: jvalentin: There are also intramurals for basketball.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: The ABA rule is that you cannot work more than 20 hours in your first year and we STRONGLY SUGGEST you do not work in your first year.

ap1365: Regarding career services, are there any career fairs for law students for internships, externships, or FT/PT placement jobs?

jclaycamp: Is it pretty much required to schedule classes five days in a week?

jvalentin: Thanks for the information. That was the one question I forgot to ask the representative during the Houston LSAC Forum.

AlishaStudent: jvalentin: There are actually lots of intramurals such as for tennis, soccer, even Wii bowling lol!

gcburchell: Are there any scholarships available to international students?

LyndzieStudent: ap1365: We have what's called OCI (On Campus Interviews). I actually just had an interview today.

jvalentin: Lol. Wii bowling sounds like fun.

RoryProfessor: ap1365: Yes, we have a very active career placement office. The director is Margann Bennett and you should also feel free to contact her and ask her about the programs they offer.

RobertStudent: ap1365: The Professional Development Office works closely with students as the summers approach to help them find externship, clerkships, and summer associate positions at law firms.

JanessaAdmissions: gcburchell: We do not have any scholarships specifically for international students.

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: In the first year the ABA requires classes be scheduled 5 days per week. Washburn like all other law schools is bound by this requirement.

RobertStudent: ap1365: The PDO office works by facilitating interviews with prospective employers and law students. All in addition to helping students secure employment after graduation.

dvizor: I was thinking about internship and I was wondering what area do you guys recommend someone intern in? Does it have to be law related in some way?

gcburchell: So, do international students qualify to apply for those scholarships you have available?

adrienne89: I see. So how many courses can a law student take per semester?

jclaycamp: Can anyone provide opinions on beginning first year in the spring versus fall?

ap1365: Ok thank you for the info!

KarlaAdmissions: dvizor: That number includes graduates known to be employed.

AlishaStudent: dvizor: I've done a lot of internships before law school and none of them have to do with the law. Anything you are interested in helps, of course one related to law helps too.

RobertStudent: dvizor: Finding an internship in a law related area will help you gain legal experience in a practical setting. That experience can be valuable in obtaining employment post-grad.

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: I know that the spring start group is much smaller and it really just depends on when you would like to start and finish.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: 15 is full time and in the first year you take 15 in the first semester and 16 in the second. You can pick and choose to do more in the following semesters and can even take courses in the summer to free up your regular fall and spring semesters

JanessaAdmissions: gcburchell: Once admitted, you are automatically reviewed for scholarships.

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: By the end of the first year the difference is nonexistent, because Spring starters usually take summer courses and many graduate in 2 years instead of three.

VladStudent: jclaycamp: If you start in the fall, you will be done with all of your 1L year requirements by the end of your 1L year. If you start in the spring, you will not be done with all of your 1L year requirements until your 3rd semester of law school. Otherwise, there is no difference.

dvizor: Do you guys offer any scholarship to minority law student that get admission into your school?

jclaycamp: For those of already living relatively close to campus does anyone have any suggestions about making the transition from undergrad to law school?

jvalentin: I was wondering what stands out the most for those reviewing an applicant?

gcburchell: If I apply for admission for fall 2011 but because of circumstances could not begin as planned, could I ask to be deferred for the following semester?

adrienne89: That's awesome! Are classroom sizes big, meaning how many students per class?

dvizor: How can I receive more information in the mail about Washburn school of law?

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: To be honest, undergrad and law school are two completely different worlds. The main differences will be the workload and making sure you stay on top of it.

KarlaAdmissions: dvizor: We offer discretionary scholarships to a variety of students, including many minority students. We also have a premier award, the Polsinelli Diversity Scholarship.

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: We have about 80 students in each class however the 2L and 3L classes are smaller

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: The transition is really one related to what you do in order to study effectively. In undergrad the focus is on knowledge. In law school the focus is not only on knowledge but mainly on application of the knowledge. The case method of teaching also takes some getting used to. It is rigorous but by 6 weeks in your whole way of thinking and approaching problems begins to change and before you know it you are "thinkin' like a lawyer."

MartinWebsite: dvizor: Please see our Scholarships page. Note in particular the Polsinelli and the Legal Opportunity scholarships:

JanessaAdmissions: dvizor: You can request an information packet through our website at <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/getpacket/>.

LyndzieStudent: adrienne89: The major courses are fairly large, but LARW (Legal Analysis Research Writing) course is much more intimate. About 20 students and is great for more one-on-one approach.

jclaycamp: Is there assistance of any type if I become overwhelmed by the courseload? Study skills, classes, or tutors for example?

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: 1L classes are a lot larger.

VladStudent: jclaycamp: If your question is in regards to where to live, I would recommend either living close to school or living west of the school. I live at the Chalet apartments and I have enjoyed my stay there. I am only 10 minutes away from school. I also know some law students who commute from Lawrence so that is also a possibility too.

RobertStudent: adrienne89: Some of the more specific upper level course can range from 15 - 50 students.

MartinWebsite: dvizor: Here is the link to Scholarships: <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

KarlaAdmissions: dvizor: Our Director of Professional Development, Margann Bennett, can provide the specific breakdown of employer types of our graduates. I can have her contact you directly if you'd like to get me your email address. Or you can email her directly at [margann.bennett@washburn.edu](mailto:margann.bennett@washburn.edu).

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: For your first semester you will be placed in a study group which is very helpful in relieving stress and venting :-)

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: Another benefit here at Washburn is the Professors' open door policy. Whenever I had trouble during my first year courses, I was able to spend additional time with Professor's during their office hours to better understand some of the material.

jclaycamp: Are there any ways we can prepare ourselves to "think like a lawyer" before classes begin?

KarlaAdmissions: gcburchell: Deferrals are determined on an individual basis but are most often approved for one semester or two semesters. Since we have a Spring Start program so you could begin law school in January, there are two options for requesting a deferral.

jclaycamp: Thank you Lyndzie and Robert.

adrienne89: How would you rate professor-student relationships? Are professors easily approachable? Easy to talk to? Always there to guide the student in the right direction, as far as course-related work is concerned?

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: At Washburn there is a study group program which attempts to teach people how to learn and provides support for students. Each of the groups is headed by an upper division student and is meant as an alternative environment for assimilating material. Also here at Washburn there is a heavy focus on progressive teaching methods catering to different learning preferences and styles. Professor Mike Schwartz is perhaps the nation's leading expert on legal education and effective teaching. He travels around the country explaining to various law schools how to incorporate effective and modern pedagogical methods.

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: Washburn Law has a suggested reading list for incoming students. I suggest getting a couple of those suggested books to read this summer.

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jclaycamp: Lyndzie is that available on the web or are they flagged in the library?

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: Professors are always willing to answer questions. They have office hours and most professors keep their doors open for any questions for students who can't make it to their office hours.

gcburchell: How diverse is the student body at Washburn?

LyndzieStudent: adrienne89: As you can tell, we have a professor joining the chat today. They really do care and all of my professors so far have an open-door policy.

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: I was very concerned with the "thinking like a lawyer," and preparing to study the law. There are always a few common books that give some insight about the 1L process, but my best advice is to be prepared to study (a lot), and be prepared to devote a substantial amount of time to your studies. The rest will follow.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: Washburn has an official open door policy for student-professor interaction.

VladStudent: adrienne89: One of the reasons I chose to attend Washburn is because the law school is smaller. As a result, you can develop better relationships with your professor at a school such as Washburn than at other law schools. In addition, the professors have an open door policy and want to help you too.

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: The student to faculty ratio is 12.9 to 1.

MartinWebsite: jclaycamp: You can find the optional reading list mentioned by Lyndzie at the bottom of this page: <http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/admitted/>

jvalentin: What skills do students normally get from a clinic?

jclaycamp: For those of us who may not have the best studies skills, but by no means have struggled academically, will first year be the end of a dream to be a lawyer?

adrienne89: That's really great!

LyndzieStudent: adrienne89: Here is the link <http://www.washburnlaw.edu/admissions/admitted/index.php> Go to the Option Leisure Reading and you'll find a whole list.

RoryProfessor: gcburchell: The current entering class is 16% ethnic minority on average. However there are many students from different parts of the country and many nontraditional students at Washburn.

AlishaStudent: jclaycamp: I was also one of those students who barely studied but always got good grades, law school isn't like that. As long as you dedicate yourself to your studies then you'll be fine. Law school makes you form good study habits :)

jclaycamp: That is quite a list. Start at the top and work down or does anyone have a recommendation on a good one to start with?

adrienne89: What is the success rate for students graduating from Washburn School of Law in passing the bar exam?

jclaycamp: Was it easy to find that will power Alisha?

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: I read [1L of a Ride](#) and it was great for giving me a general overview of what to expect. Plus, it was written by a law professor too.

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: Our clinic is an actual law firm. Students represent clients under the supervision of Professors. Students actually handle cases, client interviews and go to trial and argue exactly like they would as a lawyer. The clinic provides litigation experience and transactional experience. It is a wonderful experience for a student.

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: I will admit that I was worried about transitioning from an undergrad student to a law student and how my study habits would prove problematic. The first year is tough, but it's not impossible. I ended up gaining a lot of my study skills from Washburn's Ex-L program which focuses on beginning and adapting to life in law school.

AlishaStudent: jclaycamp: For me it was, but I simply kept on reminding myself why I decided to go to law school, and that helps encourage me.

VladStudent: Jclaycamp: "Getting to maybe" is recommended all around the country

gcburchell: If I am not really interested in trial law will Washburn still be beneficial for me?

jvalentin: Thanks Professor.

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: Also if you just want some feel-good lawyer novel, read [Gideon's Trumpet](#). It's about the landmark case that changed the right to counsel for criminal defendants. It gives you that warm and fuzzy feeling about wanting to be an attorney, lol.

RobertStudent: I read [Angels and Demons](#) before starting law school and I just turned out just fine.

jclaycamp: Aside from the readings, does anyone have any advice for a new graduate that is unsure if law school is the best option or the best time?

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: You are welcome.

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: Our graduates score at or above the state average. Last July our grads scored 87% for first time test takers in Kansas.

jclaycamp: Thanks Lyndzie some warm and fuzzy is sounding good at the moment!

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: Come sit in on a class and see what it is like and then speak with our students.

VladStudent: Gcburchell: That is not a problem. We have a business and transactional law clinic and a family law clinic. In addition, we have externships in other subject area. I currently intern at the Kansas Bankers Association in a non-litigation capacity.

jclaycamp: Professor would I arrange that through the admissions office? Or is there another point of contact that would be better?

gcburchell: Great.

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: It was also shocking to realize that the right to counsel has only been around since the late 60s, before that criminal defendants were on their own :-)

RobertStudent: gcburchell: The law school does not have a focus on Trial Law. Even with opportunities in the Clinic's Business and Transactional Law Center, you will have opportunities to help people with contractual and business matters.

RoryProfessor: jclaycamp: Sure Karla our admissions director is here and she can answer you now.

MartinWebsite: jvalentin: Here is info about the Clinic and various practice areas: <http://washburnlaw.edu/clinic/>

KarlaAdmissions: jclaycamp: Email us at [www.washburnlaw.edu](http://www.washburnlaw.edu) or call us at 800-927-4529 to set up a personal visit. You can meet with an admissions counselor, tour with a student ambassador, and attend a first year class.

jclaycamp: Will a representative from the law school be at the graduate fair tomorrow?

adrienne89: Thanks! So how diverse is Washburn School of Law? What race/ethnicities does it consist of?

KarlaAdmissions: jclaycamp: More specifically, email [admissions@washburnlaw.edu](mailto:admissions@washburnlaw.edu).

jvalentin: Thanks for the information, Martin.

gcburchell: When is it considered late for fall admission?

VladStudent: I unfortunately have to run to class (Pre-Trial Criminal) but if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [vladimir.viaud@washburn.edu](mailto:vladimir.viaud@washburn.edu). Good luck with the law school admissions process and I hope you choose to attend Washburn!

CReyes: Washburn seems attractive to me for economic reasons: the area's relatively low cost of living and the granted resident tuition rate within six months. It is rare for a state school to offer state rates within so short a period. I am wondering how much rates may increase within the next three years. Is the state budget in Kansas stable? Is there a big deficit? Can we expect major budget cuts and much higher rates in the near future?

KarlaAdmissions: jclaycamp: Washburn Law will have a table at the Washburn University Career Fair tomorrow.

JanessaAdmissions: gcburchell: Our priority application deadline for Fall 2011 is April 1. However, we will continue to review applications after that time.

jclaycamp: If I take the LSAT in June how quickly can admissions be finalized?

gcburchell: Thanks Janessa.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: The Fall 2010 class had 7 foreign nationals, 7 Mexican Americans, 9 Hispanic/Latino, 10 American Indian/Alaska Native, 11 Asian/Pacific Islander and 16 Black/African American

LyndzieStudent: gcburchell: If you're talking about taking the LSAT, I took the February one and was admitted, no problem.

JanessaAdmissions: jclaycamp: It generally takes 3 weeks to receive the LSAT score from LSAC. So, I by the end of July, you would know whether or not you are admitted.

adrienne89: That's GREAT!

jvalentin: Would joining too many organizations would affect my studies? Example: joining 2 to 3 organizations

AlexFajardo: How are the public schools for children around the Law School's area? My wife is very concerned about that.

RobertStudent: CReyes: Coming from the West Coast, I noticed that the state's economic stability in was much better than Nevada's where I am from. In the couple of years since I've been in law school, tuition rates may have increased slightly but given the economic times, it hasn't been too bad.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: Yes I think so too. Especially given our geography compared to the coasts which are more easily accessible to international students. I am originally for Trinidad and am part Indian as well. I feel quite at home here in Topeka and my kids also love it. And we moved from Miami 3 years ago.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: I'm in 3 student organizations and I feel that it's helpful to network and build a support system.

KarlaAdmissions: CReyes: Washburn Law is a public institution so not funded solely by the state. We are funded primarily by the city. Our tuition increases have been lower than those of state schools. Last year, tuition increased just 3%. Historically increases range from 2-5%.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: With respect to joining organizations, it depends on the organization because the time commitments differ depending on the organization.

gcburchell: Are there many employers who come in to recruit students from Washburn?

jvalentin: Which 3? If you don't mind me asking.

CReyes: I am sure it beats California. Rates, I think, typically go up about 9%, much more than the regular rate of inflation.

adrienne89: That's so awesome! I'm actually half Indian and half Samoan. I'm very used to being in a diverse population; I don't want to deviate from that.

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: I am the treasurer for the Hispanic American Law Student Association (HALSA), an event coordinator for the Veterans' Legal Association of Washburn (VLAW) and a member of the Christian Legal Society (CLS).

RoryProfessor: AlexFajardo: I have three kids in the public schools here. Two in high school and one in elementary school. They are still thrilled at the difference from the big city Miami schools they left. There are no portable classrooms, the sports are free and the facilities are excellent. My kids are in the Washburn Rural School District. The most incredible thing for me is how accessible the teachers and administrators at the public schools are.

jclaycamp: For those of us stretched for time is there one organization or event that you feel would offer the best opportunities to network with not just students but alumni or potential employers

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Academic organizations such as Law Journal, Moot Court, or the Trial Advocacy Team carry considerable workloads. On the other hand, other organizations don't require quite as much of your time.

jvalentin: Thanks for the information Robert.

KarlaAdmissions: gcburchell: Yes, we have a variety of employers who come to campus. Most metro law firms in Kansas come to campus to interview students.

MartinWebsite: gcburchell: We also help students network with government agencies:  
<http://washburnlaw.edu/career/governmentforum/>

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: I'm originally from Mumbai India but was raised in the US Virgin Islands so I totally understand where you are coming from. Topeka will be different in that sense but everyone here is very nice and interested in learning about new cultures!

AlexFajardo: That sounds great Prof. Rory. Consider my application submitted.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: You will feel very welcome here at Washburn Law. Really the Midwest is also a wonderful place. People tend to have great work ethics.

gcburchell: Thanks Martin & Karla.

adrienne89: Thank you! I'm VERY glad to hear that.

RoryProfessor: AlexFajardo: That's great we look forward to having you in class. What part of the country are you in now?

jclaycamp: Are their particular majors that fair best in law school?

adrienne89: How many weeks long are regular semesters?

RobertStudent: jclaycamp: Joining the "right organization" really depends on your interests. For instance, Moot Court and Trial Advocacy organizations will provide you with experience in the courtroom. Alternatively, academic writing on the Law Journal or the Family Law Quarterly will provide you with opportunities to hone and develop your writing skills.

CReyes: Is there a Federalist Society on campus?

jvalentin: That's great Lyndzie. I ask because my parents are from Honduras and I am very much an Afro Latino, so I'm deciding whether to join the BLSA or HALSA or even both.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: The fall semester usually starts in mid August with exams in the middle of December. The Spring is comparable.

RobertStudent: CReyes: Washburn Law has a fairly active Federalist Society on campus.

AlishaStudent: jclaycamp: Not really, I was a Sociology and Political science double major, and I know someone in our class was a music major. That's one great thing about the law, everything relates to it!

LyndzieStudent: jclaycamp: Washburn has a mentorship program that pairs 1Ls with alumni, and it's a great opportunity to network.

JanessaAdmissions: Our chat tonight is co-hosted by the Law School Admission Council as part of DiscoverLaw.org Months. We encourage you to register with DiscoverLaw.org at <https://discoverlaw.org/user/register>.

MartinWebsite: adrienne89: Here is our 2010-2011 academic calendar showing you when classes begin and finals end: <http://washburnlaw.edu/students/academiccal/>

adrienne89: Thank you.

KarlaAdmissions: jclaycamp: You may know that you can have any major but those that involve lots of reading, and writing are helpful. Our most common majors include English, history, political science, business.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: You could probably join both HALSA and BLSA.

AlishaStudent: jvalentin: You can definitely join both. I'm joining BLSA this semester and taking on the co-president position for AALSA you can do it!

CReyes: Thanks, Robert. That's good to know.

jvalentin: Robert: Cool.

jclaycamp: Are most of the scholarships renewable?

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: Yes, join both! Speaking of Honduras, what part? I was stationed in Comayagua back in 2007 and I was in Tegucigalpa.

jvalentin: AlishaStudent: Sounds like a plan.

KarlaAdmissions: jclaycamp: Most of our scholarships are three year awards so long as you maintain at 3.0 GPA.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Washburn also offers scholarships to 2L's and 3L's who may not have had scholarship offers to begin with.

jvalentin: My parents are from Limon. It's a small village along the coast. I was born and raised In Harlem, NY so I lack Honduran knowledge. Lol.

jclaycamp: Is there an easy way to export the chat log? I know there is info that will be useful aside from the notes I've taken.

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: Is Limon that village that is the jumping off point for Roatan and Utilla?

jvalentin: Robert: That is good to know. I made Washburn my top choice after the Houston LSAC Forum.

JanessaAdmissions: jclaycamp: The log will be posted on our website.

jclaycamp: Awesome thank you Janessa. Thank you everyone for all of the great information! Have a good night!

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Congratulations, I made Washburn my top choice after the forum in Las Vegas.

RobertStudent: Who else has a question?

jvalentin: RoryProfessor: I'm not sure if it's near Roatan, but I do have family in Roatan. I will have to ask my mom

adrienne89: How big is Washburn School of Law campus?

jvalentin: Robert: Were there other schools you had in mind after leaving the forum in Las Vegas?

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: The campus is a half mile square. The law school is contained in one building on the campus.

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: When I worked on ships I worked with many people from the Bay islands and fully intend to do some SCUBA there someday.

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: One thing's for sure the law school is very cool in the sense that everything you need is in this one building -- classes, library, and professor offices, which is nice!

KarlaAdmissions: adrienne89: The law school student body is about 450 students so everything happens here under one roof.

adrienne89: I see!

RobertStudent: jvalentin: To be honest, I had not planned on attending Washburn Law or law school in the Midwest for that matter. The majority of the school's I applied to were in California. After visiting the campus and area with my wife, and weighing some of the factors such as tuition, we decided to move to Kansas!

jvalentin: RoryProfessor: you were doing Maritime work at the time?

adrienne89: How is the workload for law school classes? I know it's a lot and of course, tough, but what kind of work would a student be asked to do?

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: I worked as a fisheries biologist in Alaska for four years on the boats like the ones you see on the series "Deadliest Catch.: Then I spent 4 more years as an environmental consultant for the army corps of engineers on dredges which are ships that rebuild beaches and keep shipping channels deep before going to law school in Miami.

jvalentin: Robert: That's interesting. How do you juggle school and marriage? Do you speak Spanish?

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Before making my decision to attend Washburn, I visited multiple schools, and also found that Washburn had a very close-knit feel where other students and Professors took an interest in one another.

jvalentin: Professor: That's awesome!!

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: The workload requires persistence. The workload in the first semester is high. You get used to it after about a semester and you become much more efficient at absorbing material. Yes. It is hard but it can be done as many others have before.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: I speak a little Spanish. My wife, on the other hand, is close to fluent.

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: Thanks it was fun, but I like this more at this stage of my life.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: I am very fortunate to have a very supportive and understanding spouse. I spend a considerable amount of time at school and on my course work, so I try to manage my time very well so that I can spend quality time with her.

jvalentin: Robert: My Spanish has diminished over the years. I do get a kick when people have shocked look on their faces when I do speak Spanish.

adrienne89: Are students assigned cases and then asked to brief them? What other coursework do the classes consist of?

Beau234: Greetings everyone. How is life in Topeka, KS?

LyndzieStudent: adrienne89: That's pretty much what we do. lol

RoryProfessor: Beau234: Refreshingly warm as of this week. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Additionally, I try to incorporate my wife into my studies. She helps quiz me with homemade flashcards, listen to my oral arguments, etc.

adrienne89: OH! Haha. Thank you!!!

jvalentin: Robert: It's great that you have someone to help you out.

LyndzieStudent: All the time. Read cases, brief them, pull out the rules and reasonings and repeat :- ) It's a very different way of learning than undergrad but very effective.

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: We are assigned a lot of readings and it best helps to brief them. Our LARW class however has a lot of research and writing assignments.

jvalentin: How does grading curve work?

adrienne89: Oh ok!

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: Don't limit yourself to just reading and briefing. It also helps to read supplements and creating outlines for each class.

RoryProfessor: I have to leave in a few minutes so if you have any more questions.

jvalentin: If I wanted to teach law rather than practice, how would I go about it?

adrienne89: @Alisha: What do you mean by create outlines for each class?

Beau234: This is a question for an admissions representative: Does Washburn offer an online application status? If not, when are decisions usually sent and are the sent via e-mail?

dolanwilliams: Hello! I had a quick question. Someone may have already asked this question, but I live on the West Coast and just joined the chat. What is life like in Topeka for families? What are some of the things to do?

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: Basically putting everything you learn from class notes, case readings, and supplements and making it into your own study aid.

jvalentin: Karla: On average how many applications does Washburn receive per year?

adrienne89: Oh ok. Thank you!

RoryProfessor: jvalentin: The grading curve is a lot simpler than it sounds. The gist of it is that there is a preset mean letter grade for the entire class. The guidelines state what percentage of the grades should be A's, A-'s, B+'s, etc. and you simply line the grades up from highest to lowest in terms of their numerical score and plug the grades in. A link is being posted to the grading guidelines in the next few minutes.

MartinWebsite: jvalentin: Here are the grading guidelines: <http://washburnlaw.edu/policies/gradingguidelines.php>

KarlaAdmissions: Beau234: We do not have an online status check option. We encourage applicants to call or email. We are pleased to visit with you in person about your status.

Beau234: I would love to come and visit but I live in Las Vegas, NV.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Last year we had about 1,100 applications.

RobertStudent: adrienne89: Outlining is one method of putting together the things you've learned into a coherent format. It is not the end all, be all, however. For instance, you can also make flow charts or diagrams that help organize what you've learned.

adrienne89: I see.

RoryProfessor: adrienne89: To follow up with Alisha it is a way to help you take all the rules of law you have learned and create a tool which will allow you to apply, memorize and use the rules to answer new fact situations that arise on exams or in real life when clients come in to see you.

RobertStudent: Beau234: I grew up in Las Vegas as well! I made the trip out the Spring before I started school and found it a very worthwhile experience.

jvalentin: Would it be wise to wait until I hear a decision before visiting?

Beau234: Do a majority of the students utilize the fast track program?

adrienne89: Oh ok.

LyndzieStudent: Beau234: I plan on graduating in 2 1/2. Summer courses help lighten the burden.

RoryProfessor: Beau234: There is an increasing interest but currently less than 10% of our students choose that route.

RoryProfessor: Thanks. It was great to speak with all of you and I have to leave now. My email is

rory.bahadur@washburn.edu and my office phone number is 785 670 1743. I would be happy to answer your questions. Bye.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: I encourage you to visit all the schools that you are interested in.

Beau234: Wow Robert. I was born and raised here in Las Vegas. My fiance grew up in Kansas and she didn't seem too thrilled about moving back when I expressed my interest in Washburn. Any suggestions on how to persuade her?

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Candidates visit at different times in the process. It is probably best to visit following admission, however.

adrienne89: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. This diversity chat was very informative. I hope you all have a good rest of the day. Take care!

LyndzieStudent: Beau234: Just come out for a visit to one of our open houses. It helped to persuade me :-)

AlishaStudent: adrienne89: Take care and thanks for joining us!

jvalentin: Karla: Thanks for the information.

RobertStudent: Beau: Well, my wife and I are both "big city" people. Because Topeka is less than an hour away from Kansas City, we are still able to enjoy life in a large city while at the same time living in Topeka.

Beau234: She is a huge KC Royals fan.

jvalentin: Robert: I think I will have to visit the schools.

RobertStudent: Beau: My wife and I are both very big baseball fans! We average about 15 games per season so you can persuade her with tickets to a game from time to time :)

Beau234: Robert, did you attend UNLV for undergrad?

dolanwilliams: I was wondering about housing. Is the cost of living affordable for a law student with a family?

RobertStudent: Beau: I actually attended UNR. Growing up in Las Vegas, I wanted to "get away" to attend undergrad. You?

KarlaAdmissions: dolanwilliams: Topeka is recognized nationally for being one of the most affordable housing markets in the country.

RobertStudent: Beau: Additionally, you will find that there are many job prospects available in the Kansas City area for Washburn Law grads. Our plan at this point is to move to Kansas City after graduation.

dolanwilliams: That's good news. Thanks Karla. Are law students allowed to work the first year?

LyndzieStudent: dolanwilliams: I'm originally from Arizona. So the cost of living compared to what I used to in AZ, is so much more affordable.

Beau234: Will I even have time to attend games as a first year law student? I attended UNLV, but want to "get away" for law school.

MartinWebsite: dolanwilliams: You may wish to checkout this information on our website:

<http://washburnlaw.edu/admissions/aboutus/affordable/costs/> and this link from our local paper:

[http://cjonline.com/news/local/2010-01-05/topeka\\_housing\\_market\\_lauded](http://cjonline.com/news/local/2010-01-05/topeka_housing_market_lauded)

RobertStudent: dolanwilliams: I currently pay around \$600 a month for a two bedroom house for my wife and me.

jvalentin: Are there any Sports law courses?

dolanwilliams: That's good news! I live in Phoenix where the housing market has tanked and jobs are scarce.

dolanwilliams: I have four kids so I wouldn't want to put them in a bad position while I'm in school.

RobertStudent: Beau: I think you will find that you are able to attend a game here or there. Honestly, I think one of the most valuable skills in law school is time management. Making the most efficient use of your time while at school and while studying will be key in making sure you have the extra time to spend with your wife.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Historically we have one Sports Law course. We also have a Sports and Entertainment Law Student Society.

LyndzieStudent: Ouch. Yep. My dad's still in the Phoenix area and I'm actually going to visit him next month. Compared to Phoenix, Topeka is very affordable for a family.

dolanwilliams: That's good! Thank you all!

Beau234: My fiance is also skeptical about finding a job in Topeka. We both currently work in casinos here in Las Vegas. How is the job market there?

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Our Business and Transactional Law Centers and the extensive curriculum in contracts and related business law courses support that specialized course.

KarlaAdmissions: Beau234: There are three casinos located within 45 minutes of Topeka.

RobertStudent: dolanwilliams & Beau: Coming from the West Coast as well, I think you will be pleasantly surprised with the job and housing markets in the Midwest and Kansas. My wife was able to find a job within a few weeks of moving here.

erika.m.gibson: What LSAT and GPA does an applicant need to receive the most financial aid?

RobertStudent: Beau: There is also a Harrah's in Kansas City.

jvalentin: KarlaAdmissions: Thanks. I will look into the Sports and Entertainment Law Student Society, and the Law Centers that were just mentioned.

jvalentin: I will complete a CLEO program in March. Will that enhance my application?

Beau234: What's the average age of the law students at Washburn?

RobertStudent: Beau: The average age of a Washburn Law student is 26 years old.

KarlaAdmissions: erika.m.gibson: Students who have scores in the mid- to upper-150s qualify for academic scholarships that provide for a significant amount of tuition. GPAs need to generally be 3.0 and above.

Beau234: Will the admissions committee take grade trend into consideration when reviewing my application? I did poorly the first couple years of undergrad but made the dean's honor list my last two semesters.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: Washburn Law was instrumental in helping the CLEO program get established years ago. We continue to support the organization financially and by providing professors to present at CLEO programs. Participation would be of great interest to the law school.

KarlaAdmissions: Beau234: Yes, the committee will consider an upward trending GPA. You can include an addendum to your application discussing your GPA as you'd like, as well.

jvalentin: KarlaAdmissions: That is great to hear! I had no idea Washburn Law took part in establishing the CLEO program.

KarlaAdmissions: We have about 10 minutes left on the chat. Any other questions we can address?

Beau234: Robert, if I do end up making a trip out to visit would it be easier to fly into Kansas City, renting a car, and driving to Topeka or just flying directly there?

jvalentin: How does one go about pursuing teaching law? Is an LLM required?

LyndzieStudent: Anybody have any other questions from a student's perspective?

jvalentin: What's the average class size and how does the grading curve work?

RobertStudent: Beau: I definitely recommend flying into Kansas City and renting a car at the airport. The drive to Topeka is only about an hour. I would recommend staying in Topeka as well since the hotel rates are reasonable and you will want the time to tour the area as well as the school.

Beau234: After your first day of classes did anyone ask themselves, "What did I get myself into?"

RobertStudent: jvalentin: The average class size varies depending on the course. First year courses are always the largest, roughly 75 people or so.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: To teach law, I think it's advised that upon law school graduation, to practice law for about five years. Law professors generally at the top of their classes in law school. A graduate law degree is not required.

LyndzieStudent: The average class size for the first year is pretty big but they get smaller your second year.

LyndzieStudent: For example, Property was about 80 students.

AlishaStudent: Beau234: Don't let that discourage you though! If you want to do this you can!

RobertStudent: Beau: Starting law school can be a "shock" to some. I would just encourage you to be well prepared to dedicate your time to law school and you should be fine.

LyndzieStudent: But the legal writing class is only about 20. Much more intimate.

jvalentin: Is there only one exam per semester?

AlishaStudent: You just have to keep on motivating yourself. It will be worth it in the end.

jvalentin: Legal Writing sounds comfy.

RobertStudent: jvalentin: Typically, most courses consist of one final examination at the end of the semester. However, there are courses that have midterm exams as well.

LyndzieStudent: There is one exam per class per semester. However, some professors may elect to have a midterm, but it's rare.

AlishaStudent: jvalentin: It depends on the class some classes have midterms. Legal writing is completely different from any other type of writing.

KarlaAdmissions: jvalentin: The entering fall class is about 140. In the first year, that group is divided three ways. It's divided in half for several courses. There is a small section class of about 35-40 and your legal writing class is about 21-22 students.

AlexFajardo: How bad is the Socratic Method, really?

MartinWebsite: jvalentin: Here are the grading guidelines: <http://washburnlaw.edu/policies/gradingguidelines.php>

RobertStudent: Some of the upper level courses also consist of writing projects in lieu of a final exam.

LyndzieStudent: Beau234: That's what I thought my first day of basic training in the military and yep I had the same feeling my first week of law school, lol.

AlishaStudent: AlexFajardo: Not a lot of professors teach with the Socratic method, you'll get used to it.

LyndzieStudent: But it passes and you realize it was worth it.

erika.m.gibson: What LSAT score and GPA is needed to receive the most scholarships?

AlishaStudent: AlexFajardo: I am a very shy person. So I hate it when they call on me in class but as long as you've done the reading its fine.

AlexFajardo: Are there any Cuban Restaurants in Topeka?

LyndzieStudent: AlexFajardo: If you come to class prepared it's not that bad, but come prepared. :-)

KarlaAdmissions: erika.m.gibson: Academic awards start in the mid 150s with a 3.0 GPA and go up from there.

jvalentin: On average how many cases do students brief per week in their first year?

LyndzieStudent: jvalentin: It's more about the amount of reading. Some cases are longer than others.

erika.m.gibson: Thank you I took the LSAT in the fall and made a 138 and I have a 3.88 GPA. I also retook the LSAT this past Saturday and will receive my scores on march 7. How far does my LSAT score need to go up?

RobertStudent: jvalentin: It depends on how many cases you are reading per week and how long the cases are. Typically 20-50 case, on average.

KarlaAdmissions: AlexFajardo: There isn't a Cuban restaurant in Topeka but there are in Kansas City, about an hour away.

Beau234: Thank you everyone this has been very informative and especially you, Robert. It's nice to know that someone like me who grew up in Las Vegas made it out of here and didn't end up stuck being a card dealer or valet. Have a great evening everyone.

jvalentin: LyndzieStudent: Thanks. I love the law so reading should not be an issue.

RobertStudent: Beau234: Nice to meet you, if you make the trip out here - I would be glad to give you a tour. Take care.

AlexFajardo: Thank you, also.

LyndzieStudent: erika.m.gibson: I had a high GPA which I think helped to compensate my average LSAT score. It's more about the whole person concept.

KarlaAdmissions: erika.m.gibson: The admissions committee also considers a combination of LSAT and GPA for admission purposes but it would be good to get your score into the 140s to be considered for admission.

erika.m.gibson: Okay. Thank you.

LyndzieStudent: Also, I took a Kaplan course to prepare for the LSAT.

KarlaAdmissions: Thank you all for participating in tonight's chat. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at 800-927-4529 or [karla.whitaker@washburn.edu](mailto:karla.whitaker@washburn.edu). Good night.

RobertStudent: Take care all!

LyndzieStudent: If any of you have any other questions, feel free to email me: [lyndzie.carter@washburn.edu](mailto:lyndzie.carter@washburn.edu)

LyndzieStudent: Goodnight!

Dave\_Arora: Thank you good night!

jvalentin: Goodnight and thanks for the information.

AlexFajardo: Thanks, is there a way to get a transcript of this chat?

AlishaStudent: Good night!!! You can also contact me at [alisha.udhwani@washburn.edu](mailto:alisha.udhwani@washburn.edu). If you have any more questions.