

▶ DIVERSITY IN LAW

1. Why are law schools interested in recruiting students from diverse backgrounds?

Law schools know that a diverse student body translates to an enriching learning environment. That's why they select students who have a wide range of life experiences and different backgrounds, not just of races and ethnicities, but also geographical areas, sexual orientations, personal experiences, and so on. Law school diversity enables individuals from a wide range of backgrounds help create change and put themselves in a valuable career position that's in demand.

As a lawyer, you can help shape future laws and provide legal services that help address equality in the justice system, represent athletes and entertainers, help yourself to start a new business, and so much more.

2. Do law schools apply different admission criteria to minorities?

Law schools do not accept minorities on racial or ethnic status alone. Law schools are genuinely interested in student diversity, but race or ethnicity is only one factor among many. Aside from your LSAT scores and UGPA (undergraduate grade point average), they also consider your letters of recommendation, personal statement, work experience, community service, and so on.