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*Is it Time to Self-Regulate? Devising More Formal Standards and Guidelines in
Post-Graduate Legal Education*

BEST PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS IN POST-JD AND NON-JD ADMISSION POLICIES



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OVERVIEW



- **GENERAL ADMISSION POLICIES FOR POST-JD AND NON-JD PROGRAMS**
- **POST-JD AND NON-JD ADMISSION POLICIES - ISSUES & CONCERNS**
- **BEST PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW**

ADMISSION POLICIES FOR POST-JD & NON-JD PROGRAMS

	Campus Based Study		Online Study	
GENERA ADMISSION POLICIES	US Applicants	International Applicants	US Applicants	International Applicants
APPLICATION FORM	X	X	X	X
ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS	X	X	X	X
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	X	X	X	X
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	X	X	X	X
CURRENT RESUME OR CV	X	X	X	X
TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION		X		X
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORES (e.g., TOEFL or IELTSL)		X		X
VISA/IMMIGRATION STATUS		X		
CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS	X	X	X	X
AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS	X	X	X	X

POST-JD & NON-JD ADMISSION POLICIES: ISSUES & CONCERNS

	Campus Based Study		Online Study	
GENERA ADMISSION POLICIES	US Applicants	International Applicants	US Applicants	International Applicants
APPLICATION FORM	Whether to use the LSAC application form or use an internal school application form.			
ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS	Whether to require a minimum GPA for admissions.			
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	How many should be required?			
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	Whether to require a statement or a personal interview.			
CURRENT RESUME OR CV	Whether to require a certain number of years in legal practice or years of professional work.			
TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION	Which agency should be used? Are they reliable?			
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORES (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS)	Whether this requirement can be waived and whether there are alternatives for assessing English proficiency.			
VISA/IMMIGRATION STATUS	Whether this should be a consideration for admissions.			
CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS	When should this be allowed?			
AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS	Should all students receive scholarships?			
NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED	When are programs too small or too large?			

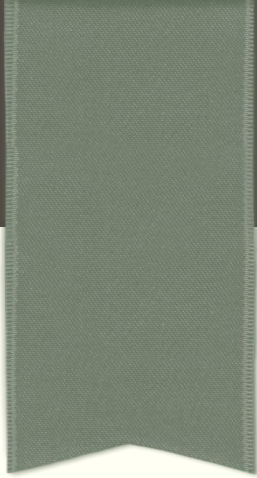
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	Campus Based Study		Online Study		
GENERA ADMISSION POLICIES	US Applicants	International Applicants	US Applicants	International Applicants	LOYOLA
APPLICATION FORM	Whether to use the LSAC application form or use an internal school application form.				Both are accepted.
ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS	Whether to require a minimum GPA for admissions.				2.5 (Dean's approval needed for lower)
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	How many should be required?				1 to 2 depending on the program
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	Whether to require a statement or a personal interview.				Statement is required; personal interview may also be required
CURRENT RESUME OR CV	Whether to require a certain number of years in legal practice or years of professional work.				Required for online degree programs
TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION	Which agency should be used? Are they reliable?				LSAC, Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), or Educational Perspectives
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORES (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS)	Whether this requirement can be waived and whether there are alternatives for assessing English proficiency.				Generally, TOEFL 100 IELTS 7.5; additional internal assessment for lower scores
VISA/IMMIGRATION STATUS	Whether this should be a consideration for admissions.				Not considered by law school; status determined by University's international student services
CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS	When should this be allowed?				Low GPA - years out of school; TOEFL - years living and working in the US
AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS	Should all students receive scholarships?				External grants or university award; merit and need based
NUMBER OF STUDENTS ADMITTED	When are programs too small or too large?				Currently, no set limit; however, careful consideration and planning is required to ensure student needs can be efficiently and effectively managed

BEST PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

OVERALL BEST PRACTICE!

**CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF
ADMISSION POLICES FOR POST-JD AND NON-JD PROGRAMS TO
ENSURE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCIES**



THANK YOU!