

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Message</b>
Greeter_Sarah	Welcome Corey!
Greeter_Sarah	We'll be getting started in just a few minutes.
coreyd	Thank you.
Greeter_Sarah	SarahB - welcome! Glad you could join us
SarahB	Thank you!
Greeter_Sarah	We'll get started in just a couple more minutes.
SarahB	okay thank you
Greeter_Sarah	Hi Kathy! Thanks for coming!
Career_Kathy	Hi Everyone!
Greeter_Sarah	Welcome tia2pal!
tia2pal	Hi, thank you Sarah!
Admissions_Bonnie	Glad to have you all with us tonight. Where are your locations?
Career_Kathy	We look forward to answering all of your questions tonight. Let us know what you would like more information on!
Greeter_Sarah	Yes, it is about that time.
Greeter_Sarah	Bonnie, would you like to welcome everyone?
Greeter_Sarah	Welcome KingGoGetter! Please jump right in with any questions.
SarahB	Hi Bonnie, I am located in Towson, Maryland -- thank you for having us tonight
Admissions_Bonnie	I would indeed. We have a host of Reget reps tonight. We'll try to answer your questions and lead you on the journey. Where shall we begin?
corey	I am in Nashville, TN
Greeter_Sarah	Hi wsbuitrago! Glad you could join us.
wsbuitrago	hi
Greeter_Sarah	Corey - I was just in Nashville.
Greeter_Sarah	I visited Belmont and TNState
Greeter_Sarah	Welcome Mark. Glad you are here.
corey	Belmont is a great school.
Admissions_Bonnie	Mark, where are you from?
Mark	Arizona
Greeter_Sarah	Long way
Greeter_Sarah	We have several students from Arizona.
Greeter_Sarah	Kerriel! Glad you're here.
Admissions_Bonnie	My husband and I love Sedona. What city?
Mark	Yes. Wife and I will be moving - Lord Willing
tia2pal	Right here in suffolk, VA
Alumni_Kerriel	Hi Sarah!

Mark I am in Phoenix

Greeter\_Sarah Have you been to our campus yet, tia2pal?  
tia2pal Actually, no don't be mad!!  
Greeter\_Sarah Haha. We won't be mad. But you should come visit!

Greeter\_Sarah We're having an open house next Friday, actually.

Greeter\_Sarah Hi Patrick. Welcome!  
Mark I hear Regent has a beautiful campus. Was there in the mid 90's.

Admissions\_Bonnie Let me toss out some introductory conversation. Our admissions office is busy traveling all over the country this time of year -- looking for our new incoming class for 2010.

Alumni\_Kerriel Visiting the campus is what "sealed the deal" for me. I agree with Sarah, you should visit.  
Greeter\_Sarah It is a beautiful campus. Nothing beats coming here.

SarahB I was fortunate enough to see the campus, it is gorgeous. Very serene.

Greeter\_Sarah But, as Bonnie said, if you're out of state, we do try to come to you.

tia2pal I would love too, I've been in the area for years and i drive by the campus often, (i know i'm terrible) it's actually beautiful Mark

Mark I am planning on coming in Dec.  
Mark Taking LSAT Dec. 5.  
Admissions\_Bonnie We found Kerriel several years ago in California.

Greeter\_Sarah and she is one of our favorites!  
Alumni\_Kerriel Yep, but don't hold it against me

PATRICK Where do we check in for the open house next Friday...I'm planning on attending.

Greeter\_Sarah Jean - welcome! Glad you could join us.  
Greeter\_Sarah Patrick - [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation)  
Alumni\_Kerriel The California part...not the favorite part.  
Greeter\_Sarah You can sign up there.  
Greeter\_Sarah And if you've already registered,  
Admissions\_Bonnie Excellent Patrick. We're expecting around 40 people. You'll be hearing from John Ashcroft during your visit.

Greeter\_Sarah we will have nametags, etc in the lobby of Robertson Hall (the law school building)

tia2pal Ok great!! I will definitely try to attend. thanks for the offer!

SarahB Isn't there an open house in November as well?

Student\_Andrew Ashcroft is great anytime you get to hear him, and having him for class is awesome too.

Greeter\_Sarah There is a preview weekend in November, yes.

Greeter\_Sarah Information on that is at [www.regent.edu/preview](http://www.regent.edu/preview)

Alumni\_Kerriel I agree Andrew, General Ashcroft's class was my favorite exam in law school.

SarahB great thank you  
Jean Thank you, I'm glad to join you guys. I' will be attending the open house on October 09, What can I expect?

Admissions\_Bonnie Are you all looking at Fall 2010 enrollment?  
SarahB I am  
corey I am as well  
PATRICK OK, I may be the old guy in the group (Age 47....CG Retired CDR, Aero Engineer, Pilot wanting to take my technical background in a new direction...Aviation Law. How many folks do you find entering the program with similar backgrounds and desiring to use their "first career" to enhance their law profession?

Greeter\_Sarah Jean - our October open house will be from about 8:30-4:30, and will include a class,  
Greeter\_Sarah lunch with professors, an alumni panel, etc.  
Jean I am too.

tia2pal Sarah, let me be honest what attracted me to Regent is it's bibical background. How is that incorporated into law?

Admissions\_Bonnie We ask that you plan to submit your app by Feb 1.

Greeter\_Sarah It's a very full, very informative day.  
Greeter\_Sarah tia2pal - I will let Andrew and/or Kerriel answer that question

tia2pal ok

SarahB Bonnie I had a question about admissions

Admissions\_Bonnie Patrick, don't be one bit hesitant. This year our age range of incoming students was 20-61. I believe there were two 61 year-olds.

Greeter\_Sarah mwil478 - welcome to our chat!  
Greeter\_Sarah Please jump right in.  
Student\_Andrew Patrick - there are a number of people in each entering class with a similar background...i.e. mature folks who have already had a successful career

mwil478 thank you!  
Career\_Kathy Patrick - from a job perspective often your background is very beneficial as many firms have different specialties

Greeter\_Sarah Andrew or Kerriel - as students, what was your impression of the biblical integration?  
Admissions\_Bonnie SarahB: what are your admis questions?  
Student\_Andrew Patrick - speaking as a current student, we tend to appreciate those more mature students for their insights and additions in class. Their experience is invaluable and truly adds for everyone.

mwil478 Is it beneficial to have 2 years work experience behind you before applying to Regent?

Greeter\_Sarah Hi Dean Gantt - welcome!  
Greeter\_Sarah Thanks for joining us.  
SarahB I have my application completely ready to submit Oct 1st with all my transcripts and 2 of my 3 LORs on LSAC. My 3rd one (clergy) has not yet been recieved but I have spoken to my pastor and he says it has been sent. Should I submit Oct 1st without the 3rd LOR and will it automatically be updated when that LOR hits?

Dean\_Gantt Hi everyone! I forgot that I had to load Java on my computer!

Greeter\_Sarah mwil478 - job experience is taken into consideration, but is in no way necessary.

tia2pal Ha Dean Gantt  
Admissions\_Bonnie Work experience is an added bonus to what a strong applicant will bring to the classroom. We don't discourage students from applying right out of college, but your work experience will be a plus as well.

Dean\_Gantt Sarah B, yes, you can go ahead and submit your application and we will receive your clergy rec later.

Admissions\_Bonnie It's ok to provide the third letter of recommendation a little later.

Student\_Andrew Biblical integration is one of the aspects of coming to Regent that makes the law program stand out from other schools.

Jean How important are your first year grades. I have friends that tell me that internships and employment prospects all depend on your first year grades.

SarahB thank you Dean Gantt

Greeter\_Sarah Dean Gantt - tia2pal asked about the biblical integration. Anything you would like to add to Andrew's answer?

Dean\_Gantt Jean, I would say that first and second year grades are important. Often, students' internships after their second year are very important for job placement.

PATRICK I noticed that Regent University is participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program (part of the Post 9/11 GI Bill) but only 10 applicants will receive those benefits. Can you tell me how those 10 will be selected (i.e., first come, first serve?)?

Career\_Kathy Jean- grades are very critical however most students complete an internship while attending Regent and it is strongly encouraged.

Dean\_Gantt Actually, of course, grades are important for all three years!

tia2pal I was also impressed that Regent's students are above average in passing the bar as well as finding a job, very impressive. So I will be taking the Feb LSAT test is that not a good time to take the test?

mwil478 In a nutshell, how would you describe the culture of Regent Law? I have been able to visit other Law Schools that I am looking into and want to find the right fit. What can I expect in the aspect of student/faculty relationships?

Dean\_Gantt To add to Kathy's comments, grades are important but certainly internships and work experience say a lot to potential employers.

Career\_Kathy Jean- it also depends on the type of work you plan to pursue. Employers look for various things in hiring however grades are definitely important

Greeter\_Sarah Tia - the February LSAT is fine for admissions...provided you like your score the first time around.

Mark Can you tell us about the "Preview Weekend" for prospective law students? I was on the site and I didn't see it address it specifically for the law program. Is there a date you recommend coming to Regent to preview the law school?

Career\_Kathy And I echo Dean Gantt that internships and practical experience are vital as well

Greeter\_Sarah We usually recommend the Sept. or Dec. tests, in case a retest is needed.

Admissions\_Bonnie The Yellow Ribbon Program is brand new to us. We're excited to be a participant. I confess that you'll need to speak with our financial officer to answer that specific question. Mr. Foley is recruiting in Colorado and couldn't join us tonight. Please do email him directly at [tfoley@regent.edu](mailto:tfoley@regent.edu)

Alumni\_Kerriel As for the Biblical integration question, each day, each class, each discipline in the law is ripe for integration. From class devotions to weekly chapel. God as the lawgiver, is the foundation of all law.

Greeter\_Sarah However, February is still acceptable for admission.

Student\_Andrew mwil478 - the culture of Regent Law is very eclectic - as in taking the best from a variety of sources. I believe you will find Regent's campus to be welcoming and to have a very strong community feel.

Greeter\_Sarah Regarding Preview,  
Greeter\_Sarah the content will be similar to our Campus Visitation Days , which are one day events.  
Greeter\_Sarah Preview is a weekend long event, so it provides a more thorough look at the whole campus

Greeter\_Sarah all of our campus visitation dates are at [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation)

Student\_Andrew the sense of community is something that so important during such a competitive and rigorous process

SarahB Does regent provide church services or do you recommend churches in the area?

mwil478 Have you heard from any graduates that it is hard to find specific jobs due to getting a degree at a christian based law school? Do employers find it jaded in any sort of way therefore will not hire from those certain schools?

Jean When can a student qualify to participate in moot court? and what are the requirements?

Dean\_Gantt mwil478: Student-faculty relationships are very strong at Regent. Students always rate us highly in terms of "quality of life," and relationships students have with faculty are key to that. Some faculty members, for instance, even hold small group Bible studies with their students.

Mark Sarah: Thank you.

tia2pal So there is a relationship there at the school between faculty and students.. I just read some of the other users questions, work experience is good does it matter how long you've worked meaning how long I've been out of school? thaks Sarah

Admissions\_Bonnie We aren't looking for any specific work experience when considering applicants. Many of our students come to us right out of undergrad.

Greeter\_Sarah Regent does not have church services on campus, although chapel is offered twice a week. There are plenty of churches in the area, though, and we could certainly make some recommendations of ones that our staff attends.

Dean\_Gantt Jean, we have a moot court program for first-year students during the spring semester. Second and third-year students compete after that through competitions at Regent and interscholastic ones as well.

PATRICK I'm a bit nervous about even the parttime enrollment should I be selected into the program. I leave in Va Bch but work at the USCG Base in ECity, NC. It's a good 1.2 hours back and forth. When can I expect part time classes to commence (after 5 pm?). Additionally, with the initial fall semester requiring 10 credit hours how often might I anticipate during the work week being in class (i.e., M, W, F or every night, etc..)

Career\_Kathy We have graduates working in all areas of the law. Employers are opening doors to Regent students in record numbers. For instance, 93% of students were working 9 months out from graduation last year. This is very comparable to other law schools.

Greeter\_Sarah Jean - all first year law students participate in a moot court competition. Beyond that, we do have a moot court board, which you are welcome to get involved in, should you really enjoy moot court.

Career\_Kathy Also, often times we have firms that contact us - and judges as well that recruit only from Regent.

Student\_Andrew mwil478 - in general, from the Regent graduates I know, they have not had a hard time finding jobs in the areas they search for them

Student\_Andrew it really depends on the area you are returning to as far as how employers will react

Dean\_Gantt Patrick, our part-time program is a day program, so part-time students need to be able to take classes during the day. Part-time students, however, experience more flexibility during the day because they take a reduced course load.

tia2pal Question for Dean Gantt and Sarah, there have been rumors that Regent shies away from African Americans, now I don't believe the rumors because the background the school holds. But I had to ask the question sorry : (

Student\_Andrew with Regent being in the Hampton Roads area, the employers in this area know the school and its history & reputation more intimately than other parts of the country do

Greeter\_Sarah tia - I'm not sure where that rumor came from, but it is absolutely untrue!

tia2pal Sorry the questions is, are the rumors true?

Admissions\_Bonnie That's is absolutely untrue. Not sure where that rumor came from.

Greeter\_Sarah we have a very active chapter of BLSA - the Black Law Students Association

Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: I appreciate the question, but definitely would not agree with that. For instance, we have a very active BLSA chapter on campus, and many of our African-American students are very active on campus.

Career\_Kathy We have a large percentage of minority students and a very active BLSA organization - Black Law Students Association

Mark Taking LSAT in Dec. What is the median LSAT score -- so I know if I should consider retaking the test should I not do as well as I may have hoped.

Student\_Andrew past Regent graduates have done a remarkable job of paving the way for us future graduates, that Regent students do not generally experience a lot of negative stigma based on the school being Christian

tia2pal Thanks!!! Wow thanks Sarah

Greeter\_Sarah Our average LSAT is a 153.

mwil478 What is the diversity of undergrad degrees? Are you very open to different ones or do you tend to go towards more usual degrees?

Dean\_Gantt Mark: our average score is a little over 153. Beat me to it Sarah.

Mark Thanks.

Admissions\_Bonnie This year's incoming class diversity percentage was 15.43%

Mark Unfamiliar with the Part Time Program, is this program nights tailored for working students?

tia2pal How strong does the admissions members take the personal statement?

Student\_Andrew                   mwil478 - there are a huge variety of degrees; of course there are a number of students with history/political science degrees, but you can find a mixture of undergrad/graduate degrees in each class

mwil478  
Dean\_Gantt                        Thank you Andrew - good to know!  
mwil478: we have students with all different undergraduate degrees. In fact, our Admissions Committee does not focus on "pre-law" majors; we like to see diversity in the class.

Admissions\_Bonnie               The personal statement is very important to the admission process, along with solid academic credentials, letters of rec, and strong writing skills. Of course, we're looking for students who value the mission of our school.

Dean\_Gantt                        tia2pal: I'm on the Admissions Committee, and I would add that the personal statement is very important. As Ms. Creef says, it's like your "silent interview."

Greeter\_Sarah                    wsbuitrago and KingGoGetter - you're a little quiet. Any questions for us?

Jean                                Are there any programs or clinics at Regent for students who are interested in Family Law?

mwil478                         Do you take into consideration the career path the individual is wanting to take based on the undergrad degree mixed with the JD degree they are wanting to obtain in the admissions process?

tia2pal  
wsbuitrago                        Agree Mr. Dean Gantt!!  
i plan on staying in the hampton roads (more specifically va beach) area for a while. are there a lot of corporate law opporunities around here?

Dean\_Gantt                        Mark: the part-time program is designed for working students who have flexibility in their schedules. They take a reduced course load, but they have to be able to take some classes during the day.

Student\_Andrew                   Jean - there are a variety of opporunities for students interested in family law

Admissions\_Bonnie               We are interested in your career path of course, but it's not a crucial part of the decision process.

Student\_Andrew                      our family law professor recently had students working with the Alabama Supreme Court on a custody case

SarahB                                      Do you offer any study abroad courses?

Greeter\_Sarah                      Each summer Regent Law hosts a program in Strasbourg, France, focusing on the areas of international law and human rights. Strasbourg students enroll in three, 2-credit-hour courses: Comparative Law, International Human Rights, and Origins of the Western Legal Tradition. Biblical perspectives are incorporated into the Strasbourg program classes, just as with courses taught on the Virginia Beach campus. The cost for the 2008 summer program, including tuition for 6 credit hours, lodging and most meals, was approximately \$6,016. Additional information and an application may be obtained from the Office of Admissions or by visiting <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/programs/strasbourg/>

Jean    Can you please clarify the opportunities for me?

Greeter\_Sarah                      We also have a summer study in Israel, as well as semesters in China, Korea, and Spain.

SarahB    Wow great thank you Sarah! Are you eligible after your first year?

Student\_Andrew                      and several of those students went down to Montgomery this past August to discuss their research/help draft a concurrence

PATRICK                                      Back to the part time issue...This could ultimately end up being a show stopper then for me as I'm a full time aero engineer supporting the CG during core work hours (6:45 am till 3:15 pm every day) supporting my wife and two daughters currently in college and one daughter at a private middle school. I would have to get special permission from the CG to alter that work schedule. Would it be possible to take part time classes exclusively in the afternoon (after 3:00 till early evening)?

Dean\_Gantt wsbuitrago: There are some corporate law oppts in the area, but Hampton Roads is not a huge legal market. Many attorneys in the area work in general practice environments.

Greeter\_Sarah Yes. I do believe that upcoming 2Ls may attend the Strasbourg program.

wsbuitrago ok, thank you  
SarahB thank you!  
tia2pal Since the admissions office doesn't require work experience, can I submit a resume

Greeter\_Sarah That tuition might be a little off, though. Sorry about that.

Career\_Kathy We have many law firms in the area that practice corporate law and many students that complete internships with these firms. If you are referring to in-house counsel, we also have a lot of opportunities in that area with large companines that are local such as GEICI, Norfolk Southern, etc.

SarahB haha that is okay :)  
Student\_Andrew Jean - in addition to research and writing opportunities, I know Professor Kohm, the family law prof, works with students who are specially interested in family law

Greeter\_Sarah tia - we do require a resume  
Admissions\_Bonnie tia, a resume is required.

tia2pal I don't recall seeing the price for law school  
Dean\_Gantt Partick: the best we could do is after 1:00 p.m. We actually have some active duty military in our part-time program; they have been able to arrange special accommodations.

wsbuitrago thank you kathy  
Greeter\_Sarah Legal education requires a significant investment of time, energy and financial resources. Tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is \$975 per credit hour. For a full time student, the required 31 credits for the first year total about \$30,225. For a part-time student, 23 credit hours is \$22,425. The School of Law awards money based on academic merit and financial need. There are also private and federally funded loans available through Central Financial Aid.

Student\_Andrew I do not know of specific clinical experiences off the top of my head

Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: Our tuition is \$975 per credit hour; less than average for private law schools.

Student\_Andrew but professor kohm really does try to help students with a family law interest to get hands on experience

Admissions\_Bonnie The good news is the law school awards about \$2.7 million in finaid to help defray some the costs.

Career\_Kathy We also have several alumni that work in family law that are willing to mentor students as well

tia2pal WOWWWWW!!!! That's not bad, considering how much the private schools cost

Jean Thank you Andrew.

Alumni\_Kerriel There are also many Alumni (like me!) who practice family law. I know there are individual opportunites for individuals, rather than programs per se.

Greeter\_Sarah Welcome, Jay! Glad you could join us.

jay Good Evening!

tia2pal This school has it all !!!!

Greeter\_Sarah Any questions for us, Jay?

Dean\_Gantt Jean, if you were asking for clinical opportunities, we do have a Litigation Clinic run by Prof. Kathleen McKee.

Alumni\_Kerriel One of our adjuncts in Family Law is also a highly respected local practitioner.

Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: Glad to see that you think so!

Alumni\_Kerriel I agree! Regent does have it all.

Greeter\_Sarah Hi dwd1957! Welcome, and please jump right in!

Dean\_Gantt Hi Kerriel, I didn't know you were in the chat!

jay I am interested in enrolling in the part-time Law Program. What percentage of students currently attend the part-time program?

Alumni\_Kerriel Hi Natt. Ooops, I mean Dean Natt Gantt.

Mark I have returned to school to finish my degree, (Multi-Disciplinary Studies - Psych. Govt, Theology). I did poorly before (15 years ago), but now I received 4.0 and Dean's List. I graduate in May - but will not get my GPA to a 3.0 unless I retake several classes - which will push back Law School another year. At 38, any recommendations?

SarahB If we are to get accepted when is the earliest we can apply for financial aid and scholarships? Immediately after the decision has been made?

Dean\_Gantt Jay: I don't know that exact percentage but we usually have fewer than 10 students in each class.

Admissions\_Bonnie Typically, only a small number of our incoming class are part-time students. This year 10 of our 162 came in as part-time students.

tia2pal Some school's in the D.C area have accepted some students that don't meet the lsat median, has Regent ever accepted such student?

Greeter\_Sarah SarahB - financial aid decisions usually come about two weeks after admission.

Admissions\_Bonnie SarahB: We encourage our applicants to submit the finaid (scholarship/grant) app along with the admissions app -- or shortly thereafter.

SarahB okay great thank you!  
Greeter\_Sarah That application is at [www.regent.edu/lawfinances](http://www.regent.edu/lawfinances)

SarahB thank you Sarah & Bonnie

tia2pal I did read in the FAQ's how large the classes are but i don't remember. can someone tell me please?

Admissions\_Bonnie tia, the median is just that -- the middle, not the minimum.

Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: Oh sure, our median is just that; half of our students has LSATs below that number. Beat me to it, Bonnie!

jay Is the small class size for part-time students preferred by the University

Dean\_Gantt Jay: It is not preferred; it is just that that is the number of students who can make it work into their schedule.

dwd1957 Hi. I'm in the "non-traditional" age bracket, female, from Texas. I see Regent is coming to the UT Austin Law Fair Oct 26? How can I best prepare for such an event?

Mark Dean\_Gantt: Sarah is fast!!  
Greeter\_Sarah That'd be me coming to UT!  
Alumni\_Kerriel I was there last year!  
tia2pal Too fast HAHAAH (Sarah)  
Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: Our average entering class is about 160.

Admissions\_Bonnie I hope you'll be sure to visit at UT-Austin. Just come with your questions and we'll be delighted to see you. And we'll have a special thank you gift for you as well.

Greeter\_Sarah No need to prepare. Just contact UT to make sure you know where to go, and then look for me at the Regent table. I'll be glad to meet you!

Dean\_Gantt Wow, Austin seems nice this time of year!

Mark Any answer to my question regarding my GPA at 38 yrs old?

Jean Dean Gantt, When can a student participate in the litigation clinic? Does the student actually get to help create briefs for actual court cases or hearings? I mean will we be prepared to competently argue or feel that we can argue an actual case in court?

Admissions\_Bonnie I'm up at UVA in Charlottesville tonight. It's expected to be a chilly 48 degrees.

Greeter\_Sarah I did wear a sweatshirt tonight, even in Va. Beach. I love fall!

mwil478 Do you ever make the trip to Denver for recruitment

tia2pal I feel like everyone is asking the same questions that I've so I'm reading the responses for the staff

Career\_Kathy Jean, for the clinic you actually are assigned your own clients that you work with under the supervision of a professor so it is a very unique opportunity to experience representing somebody.

Admissions\_Bonnie Our finaid officer Tom Foley is in Colorado right now. They met with YWAM, Navigators, Colorado Christian and perhaps others.

Alumni\_Kerriel Many students with their Third Year Practice Certificate are prepared and able to actually represent a client in court.

Admissions\_Bonnie You can find our recruitment schedule on our web page.

Dean\_Gantt Mark: We, of course, will see your full transcript, but from my experience on the Admissions Committee, I can say that we look at the recent academic experience more closely--especially if you explain in your personal statement what happened the first time around.

Greeter\_Sarah  
dwd1957 Greetings, raeann! Glad you could make it!  
Yes, the temps have finally dropped down to double digits here in Texas! Thanks. My GPA from decades ago wasn't the greatest, but I've improved since then. I had just enough seminary to be dangerous, but really want to explore law, and a faith-based law school sounds great.

Mark Yeah, what happend is I was young and dumb - on my parents dime at the time, and obviously not thinking the Lord would mature me and call me into the ministry of Law. :)

Dean\_Gantt To add about the clinic experiences, yes, students are able to work under the supervision of Prof. McKee to represent real clients. It's pretty exciting.

Admissions\_Bonnie You can actually do a joint degree with Law and Divinity.

SarahB does regent offer its own church services or do they recommend churches in the area?

Dean\_Gantt Mark: you're not the first one for whom that has happened!

Alumni\_Kerriel The faith-based legal education is what drew me to Regent. I wanted to study the law from the foundation of a Lawgiver rather than at a school that denied or attacked my faith.

Greeter\_Sarah Regent does not have church services on campus, although chapel is offered twice a week. There are plenty of churches in the area, though, and we could certainly make some recommendations of ones that our staff attend.

Dean\_Gantt SarahB: we have weekly chapel services--one for hte entire University and one of the law school. Our staff and students go to a variety of churches in the area.

Alumni\_Kerriel And as a solo-practitioner, I am able to integrate my faith with my law practice every single day!

PATRICK Is there anyone directly at the University we can discuss the part time program and find out if there is any flexibility in the part time class times and if any exceptions can be made to allow any classes to be taken in the evenings or is that door to evening classes closed and/or not an option? I'm in prayer right now because this goal that I believe the Lord was leading me to investigate in becoming a Lawyer at this type of University appears to be closing if the only option is early afternoon classes. I just don't have that kind of vacation time saved/earned monthly to make up for leaving a full time work position from ECity early enough to get to classes by 1:00 pm. Thoughts? Suggestions?

SarahB great thank you Sarah and Dean Gantt!  
Mark Wonder Kerriel!! Amen!  
Greeter\_Sarah Patrick - Dean Gantt is that person  
Dean\_Gantt Patrick: I am the one to work with the part-time students. Feel free to call me or meet with me if you'd like. My work number is 757-352-4640.

tia2pal Do the admission office look at the transcript in it's entirety or just at the over all gpa, for example if a person had a 3.0 or higher during the first 3yrs then fell during the last year, would that hurt the applicant?

jay Patrick, I am in the same situation as you and would like any recommendations or advice that anyone could give

Admissions\_Bonnie Your entire transcript is reviewed.  
tia2pal I would like the part-time program, is there a difference between the requirements?  
mwil478 How do first years go about attending law school and living expenses when they are not able to work?

Admissions\_Bonnie While we hope to see a consistent or upward trend, we welcome explanations of the circumstances surrounding the decline.

Dean\_Gantt                      And, Patrick, my e-mail is nattgan@regent.edu. To both you and Jay, we work with part-time students so that their classes can be clumped in the morning or afternoon, but they have to be able to take classes at some point during the day.

Greeter\_Sarah                   Most will finance whatever is not covered by scholarship through loans.

Admissions\_Bonnie             Most law students pay for school with a combination of loans, scholarships/grants if they qualify, some part-time work, and a commitment to a very modest lifestyle.

Admissions\_Bonnie             Your loan package includes tuition, books, fees, living allowance, etc.

jay  
Dean\_Gantt                      Thank you, Dean Gantt!  
tia2pal: the admission requirements are the same although applicants for the part-time program must also explain why they want to go to law school part-time.

Career\_Kathy                    We also have several offices on campus and faculty members that hire graduate assistants. That is a great way to earn some extra money in a flexible setting

PATRICK                         Thank you Dean. I'll make a point of giving you a call. I was planning on taking the LSAT Prep (3, 10 OCT) as well as making the Open house on the 9th.  
Question...what the earliest classes could be offered in the morning?

jay  
Student\_Andrew  
Student\_Andrew  
Dean\_Gantt                      Are all classes offered Monday - Friday  
Jay there a small number on saturday  
but not for 1Ls  
mwil478: Students find a variety of creative ways to finance their education although many take loans to pay for living expenses. I should add to Ms. Creef's comment earlier that we offer generous scholarships for those who have good academic credentials, so study hard for that LSAT!

Student\_Andrew                 and it is a very small number each semester  
jay  
Career\_Kathy                    That was going to be my next question..:)  
You also can earn credits through externships (internships with credits) and through participating in summer abroad programs

Student\_Andrew                 i like to anticipate the questions  
Dean\_Gantt                      Patrick: classes start between 8 and 8:30.

Jean  
Admissions\_Bonnie

What are the hours for the law library?  
Classes are mon-Fri. Some classes are M/W/F while others are T/Th.

dwd1957

Bonnie, perhaps some of my seminary credits would be applicable? I like Kerriel's comment; most schools seem so liberal. I also have old student loans from seminary (in forbearance). Hopefully I can get financing...my husband recently became disabled and I'm going to be the primary breadwinner. A modest lifestyle is no problem for us.

mwil478

Thanks, Dean - I am definitely hittin those books hard!

Dean\_Gantt

Jean, I'm not sure of the exact hours. Mark, do you know? But I believe that it opens around 8 and closes at midnight during the school year.

Admissions\_Bonnie

If you're asking whether your former seminary (grad) classes might apply to a joint with Law and Divinity, that would be for the Divinity school to assess. They would not apply or transfer to Law.

mwil478

How is it that Admissions scores the rigour of the courses we take?

Dean\_Gantt

I should add to Kerriel's comment that our integration of faith and law is what drew me to Regent as a faculty member!

Greeter\_Sarah

Welcome, Chuck V! Please jump right in with questions.

Greeter\_Sarah  
dwd1957

\*questions  
Thanks, Bonnie, that's what I meant (not a very fast typist here :) Ditto Dean Gantt.

Jean

8am to midnight, appears to be very flexible hours.

Student\_Andrew

Jean: M-F 7:30 am - 12:00 am☐  
Sat 8:00 am - 12:00 am☐  
Sun 2:00 pm - 12:00 pm

Admissions\_Bonnie

Our committee recognizes the rigor of certain difficult majors; i.e., Philosophy, Engineering. Consequently, a slightly lower GPA is that type of program view in light of the rigor of the program.

Greeter\_Sarah

Hi MGA! Welcome.

Dean\_Gantt mwil478: On your LSDAS report, we are able to see the LSAT average for your school and where you fall in terms of your GPA among LSAT takers at your school. Then, we also try to assess the rigor of your major based on the specific courses you have taken.

Mark Married w/ two children in later 30's. Do you recommend Part-time because of the schedule a family calls for? (Obviously a family calls for much more attention from those than many students who are single).

mga Hi there. It's taken me nearly an hour to get the webpage to load. you must be popular

Student\_Andrew Mark - i know a number of students who have a similar family situation, but they are all full time

Admissions\_Bonnie 23% of our 1Ls are married students. It's a 'family' decision, but doesn't necessarily direct you toward the part-time program.

Mark great. Thanks Andew. That is what I want to do.

Greeter\_Sarah Ha. I'm sorry it gave you trouble - glad you're here now!

Dean\_Gantt Mark: It's hard for me to assess that in the abstract, but I added to Andew's comment that many of our students have families and are able to do well academically.

Alumni\_Kerriel I was married, late 30s when I was in law school. I originally applied for part-time program, but I ultimately chose to go full time. I think that there are many ways to balance family with law school.

Mark Thanks Alumni. : )

Admissions\_Bonnie And then one day the whole family graduates!

Student\_Andrew Balance is something that is talked about from the beginning for every law student.

Dean\_Gantt Amen to that!

Alumni\_Kerriel Sure Mark. I'd be happy answer any other questions you have.

jay Kerriel, what made you decide to switch from the part-time program to the full-time program

Alumni\_Kerriel Yes, graduation is a family affair!

Chuck V I am in a similar situation as Mark. How many hours per week of out of class study is recommended?

Dean\_Gantt Indeed, prioritizing our time is a life lesson that I discuss with my students at the beginning of law school.

wsbuitrago Andrew, do you work while in school? I've heard that it is difficult for law students to have a job while studying

Student\_Andrew Chuck - 3 hours for every one hour of class  
Admissions\_Bonnie We recommend about 3 hrs of study for every credit hour you're in class.

mwil478 Dean Gantt: I am a hotel management major with a concentration in Entrepreneurship - how is it that you look at those students over a usual degree like econ, phil, or business?

mga I'm excited about seeing Regent represented at the ATL LSAC forum.

Student\_Andrew wsbuitrago - i do work; I am a graduate assistant with Law School Admissions (this is not what I normally do for that job).

Greeter\_Sarah Bonnie will be in Atlanta!  
Admissions\_Bonnie mga: I'll be in Atlanta along with one of our '09 graduates.

wsbuitrago how does that affect your studies (if at all)  
mga Wonderful. I look forwrd to seeing you there.

Student\_Andrew I did not work my 1L year  
Dean\_Gantt mwil478: It's hard for me to answer that without seeing your full transcript, but I can say that it's nice to see some quantitative-type courses on the transcript and courses that develop students' analytical skills.

Student\_Andrew but as was said earlier - finding balance is key

PATRICK Standardized tests (SATs, GREs) have never been in my opinion a solid indicator of performance in the academic arena. How are other factors besides LSATs such as past universities attended (i.e., USCGA, BS; RPI ME) and the GPA from those institutions to include, extracurricular activities, community service and LO recommendations weighed when selecting applicants?

Alumni\_Kerriel Time management is important. Dean Gantt offers workshops that can help you study smarter.

Student\_Andrew i have not found it too hard to balance school and work

wsbuitrago thank you

Greeter\_Sarah Patrick - I'm sure others will chime in on this, but let me mention that the bar exam is, unfortunately, a standardized test.

Alumni\_Kerriel I have no idea what just happened! Andrew, I'm not whispering at you, I promise!

Student\_Andrew the key is time management  
Dean\_Gantt Patrick: The LSAT and GPA are important, but we look at the whole application and therefore weigh those other things heavily.

wsbuitrago very true  
Student\_Andrew and you have to have that in order to survive your first year anyway

Student\_Andrew no problem Kerriel!  
Admissions\_Bonnie Other factors are certainly considered and help to complete the overall portrait of the applicant. However, LSAT scores are a good indicator of 1L performance.

Mark I am sure this was one of the first questions. But what is the application vs. acceptance rate?

Admissions\_Bonnie For fall 2009, we received nearly 900 applicants; accepted about 350, and enrolled 162.

Dean\_Gantt I add to Ms. Creef's comment that the LSAT, although certainly not perfect, is indeed a good indicator of 1L academic performance. We have students with all different LSAT scores that do very well, but again, it is an important indicator.

Greeter\_Sarah Welcome, Tonya! Glad you could join us.  
Mark Admissions\_Bonnie. Thanks. Can you tell me the discrepancy between accepted 350 and enrolled 192?

Dean\_Gantt That's WITH all different LSAT scores, by the way!

Student\_Andrew wsbuitrago - the law school really discourages students from working their 1L year, mostly because of the transition to law school can be tough and because of the requirements it puts on you; but after your 1L year, students find they have more time/are better able to manage their time so that taking on a job is not too much of a stress.

wsbuitrago understandable, thanks for your input  
Student\_Andrew no problem

Admissions\_Bonnie Sure, we admit on a rolling basis. We begin delivering decisions in early January. Some students defer, get cold feet, or may ultimately chose a different program or law school.

Mark I am assuming, not all who applied and were accepted, chose to go, but does that mean, you had 350 seats available, or do you weigh that nearly half of those students who apply, won't come?

Chuck V What makes year one so tough? Is it the transition?

Admissions\_Bonnie We admit on a rolling basis between Jan-June. When we hear from someone that they will not be joining us, we offer their seat to another candidate.

Student\_Andrew Chuck - it can be the transition or the fact that law school is so different from any other type of graduate program

Mark Okay, now I understand. Sorry for my ignorance. : )

dwd1957 Perhaps I should know this, but how does it work when one wants to go out of state from Texas to, say, Virginia for law school, but then will probably return to Texas? How much of a law school curriculum is state-specific, if any? Where would I learn about the law as it pertains to Texas? I understand one returns to the state in which they wish to practice law to take the bar exam?

Dean\_Gantt Chuck, Andrew would be good to answer this, but I believe it's the level of detail and analysis we expect from our students. Law school is not about memorizing a list of laws; it's about developing your analytical skills so that you know how to apply the law to different situations.

Student\_Andrew you learn a new way to think and analyze during your first year

Student\_Andrew and that can require "rewiring"  
jay How heavily is someone's GPA from a Masters Program weighed?

tia2pal To add to Patrick's question, should a applicant keep taking the Isat to get the score they like or should he/she just apply with the score they've?

Mark Is the 2010 class going to be, still about 192?

Admissions\_Bonnie A Master's degree augments the file. It brings another level of discovery to the application.

Dean\_Gantt dwd1957: That's an excellent question. Regent, like many law schools, is national in scope, so we teach you the general state of the law in the country. For state-specific law, students learn that through their bar preparation course.

Admissions\_Bonnie Tia, we tell our applicants that they should consider a retest if they score below 149/150.

Greeter\_Sarah Mark, the class was actually 162, but yes, we do anticipate a class around that size again this year.

Mark Thanks Sarah.  
Greeter\_Sarah You're welcome!  
tia2pal Thanks Bonnie!!!  
PATRICK This may have already been asked...any classes offered on Saturday?

Chuck V Do you have many applicants with an undergrad degrees in engineering? If so, how do they do in law school?

Dean\_Gantt Jay, it would depend on the program, but many graduate programs have higher mean grades than undergraduate programs. We therefore factor that when evaluating a graduate GPA.

Alumni\_Kerriel dwd1957: Most topics for both law school and the bar exam are based on either federal law (which applies to all states) or encompass law from many states. For state-specific coursework (like family law for example) you would research the law in your state, not Virginia law.

Admissions\_Bonnie Students with Engineering backgrounds have done quite well as I recall. They often have an interest in Patent Law.

Student\_Andrew Patrick - there are a very few classes offered on Saturday, but none for 1Ls

tia2pal Do the school offer a joint degree in other areas? Sorry if this question has been asked..

PATRICK Thanks Andrew!

Greeter\_Sarah Law Students enrolled in either the full time or the part-time program may obtain another graduate degree in business, communication and the arts, psychology and counseling, divinity or government, in addition to the juris doctor (J.D). Joint degrees students are able to obtain the J.D. and another graduate degree in significantly less time than would be required if the two degrees were pursued separately. Individuals interested in the joint degrees program must meet all admissions criteria specific to each academic program. Please contact the individual school for admissions information. Joint degrees offered with the juris doctor are: Master of Business Administration (MBA), MA in Communication, MA in Counseling, Master of Divinity (M. Div), M.A. in Management, M.A. in Political Management, M.A. in Practical Theology, Master of Public Administration (MPA), M.A. in Public Policy.

Student\_Andrew you're welcome  
Alumni\_Kerriel When it comes time for the bar exam, you would study specifically for your state.

dwd1957 Thank you, Dean Gantt. When/where is the bar preparation course taken?

Alumni\_Kerriel but your bar study is still building on the foundation in the law you learn while in law school.

Student\_Andrew and it seems Regent grads do well on the bar wherever they take it

SarahB is it possible to take the bar exam for multiple states at the same time?

dwd1957 Thanks Kerriel. Sorry I'm such a slow typist.  
Career\_Kathy Yes- often times you are able to take two bar exams

Greeter\_Sarah Hi tguer1. Welcome!  
SarahB thank you Kathy  
Mark Applying for a Joint Degree program, I am assuming that requires both the LSAT, but also the GMAT?

tguer1 thank you  
Career\_Kathy Also, certain states offer reciprocity with other states

Admissions\_Bonnie The Government schools works with the LSAT and waives the GMAT.

Dean\_Gantt                      dwd1957: We actually offer a general bar preparation course for our third-year students. We do not focus on state-specific law in that course, though; students take bar prep courses after they graduate in the state in which they intend to practice.

Greeter\_Sarah                    Other programs have diverent policies regarding the GRE and GMAT.

Greeter\_Sarah                    You would need to check with whichever school you were interested in.

Alumni\_Kerriel  
Mark                               no problem dwd1957  
Thanks Sarah. Is that just the two programs ~ Public Policy and Public Administration?

tia2pal                             Thanks again Sarah!!

Greeter\_Sarah                    Well, the school of government offers several different tracks to the M.A.

Greeter\_Sarah                    Other schools also offer M.A.s, or you could earn your M.Div or MBA

Admissions\_Bonnie              No, we also offer joint degrees with Divinity, Leadership, Psych & Counseling, & Communication,

tia2pal                             Sorry if this question has been asked, what time are the classes for both full and part-time...

Alumni\_Kerriel                   SarahB: you would have to check the requirements and dates for the particular states you are interested in. But some states (CT, MASS, NY, NJ) have a Tuesday-Wednesday bar exam and an adjoining state has a Wednesday-Thursday bar exam, with the middle day being the multi-state day. You would then only take ONE of the multi-state exams with a state-specific exam on the Tues/Thurs

Student\_Andrew  
Dean\_Gantt                       tia - classes start either 8 or 8:30  
tia2pal: For first-year students, classes are spread throughout the day from about 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.

SarahB  
PATRICK                           great info Kerriel, thank you!  
If my interest lies in Aviation Law...when would one start to focus in on a specific area of law...after earning your JD or during Law School? I ask because this particular field of Law I did not see listed in the various disciplines of law offered at Regent.

Alumni\_Kerriel There is also the special rules regarding the District of Columbia. If you score high enough on the multi-state you can apply to waive in to the DC bar. That's what I did after passing the VA bar exam.

tia2pal Some schools set the schedule for the students, do you all do the same?

Dean\_Gantt I should add that select upper-level classes are offered at night, as they are taught by adjunct professors who may practice during the day.

Greeter\_Sarah Hi Gabrielle! Welcome to our chat. Please jump right in!

GabrielleAsh Thanks :)  
Admissions\_Bonnie tia, first year students do not have to select a schedule.

Admissions\_Bonnie Unless they are part-time students.  
Career\_Kathy Patrick - we would help you research law firms that practice that type of law and connect you with attorneys or alumni in that practice area so that you could potentially intern with a firm that practices the type of law you are interested in.

Dean\_Gantt tia2pal: Upperclass students are able to select their schedules, though, as long as they meet our curriculum requirements.

PATRICK Kathy...perfect...thank you. :)  
Mark(same\_as\_before) I got booted. Hmm that other "Mark" guy is me! LOL

SarahB thank you Kerriel!  
tguer sorr I also got booted  
tguer sorry  
Student\_Andrew no problem - welcome back  
Mark(same\_as\_before) We will be moving from Arizona, any recommendations or web links for those with families to consider? We want to rent a home.

mwil478 how strong is your corporate law program?  
Alumni\_Kerriel NO problem SarahB. Just keep in mind that if you are taking say VA and CT, you will have to schedule flights after the first exam, arriving in time for the second bar exam. If your flight is cancelled, that would be a problem (and huge expense too)

Admissions\_Bonnie No problem. You just missed some minor discussion on full scholarships and how to earn a 180 lsat score.

Greeter\_Sarah Hm...people keep getting booted. Let me see if there is anything I can do about that.

tia2pal Thanks Dean Gantt and Bonnie!!

Greeter\_Sarah Oh, Bonnie's got jokes tonight!

Mark(same\_as\_before) LOL Bonnie

Mark(same\_as\_before) Yeah, please e-mail me those secrets. LOL

PATRICK Haivng endured the college preference for computers and operating systems for my two college aged daughters, does Regent U. have a preference (Windows/Apple)?

SarahB that is a good point, so there is no way of taking another states exam out of state then

PATRICK oops Having

Admissions\_Bonnie All you have to do is come to our open house next Friday, Oct 9th. And we'll reveal all!

Student\_Andrew Patrick - it is really up to you as far as which you prefer

Student\_Andrew we have students who use both

Dean\_Gantt mwil478: We offer several courses in the corporate/transactional area of law. You can access our course descriptions on line at [http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/student\\_life/studentresources.cfm](http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/student_life/studentresources.cfm).

Jean How open are the lines of communications between the faculty and student body? If a student is faced with an academic or personal issue, Does Regent offer an environment that encourages an open line communication?

Student\_Andrew Communication btw students and faculty are very open

jay For those that will be unable to attend the Oct; 9th Open House, when will the next open house be held?

Greeter\_Sarah WelcomE, Sccato! Glad you could make it.

Student\_Andrew if you have questions, faculty are very open to meeting and discussing with you

Greeter\_Sarah Jay - our campus visitation schedule is at [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation)

Student\_Andrew either before class, after class, or during their office hours

Dean\_Gantt Patrick: we don't have a preference; students use both.

Alumni\_Kerriel Jean: YES! You will find that Regent professors are totally and completely amazing! They are available, accomplished, and truly look at their work as a ministry too.

Student\_Andrew  
Mark(same\_as\_before) or via email/phone  
Bonnie: I am taking my LSAT Classes starting Oct. 13, then off to Christian Legal Society '09 National Conference in San Diego, than resuming LSAT Classes till Dec. 3. Take LSAT test on Dec. 5. I wish I could Bonnie. :(

sccato Thank you. I am thankful for the opportunity to chat with you

Student\_Andrew  
dwd1957 whichever works for you  
Do most law students have laptops along with their home computers?

Greeter\_Sarah If none of those dates work for you, however, please contact our office and we will be happy to set up something individually for you.

Career\_Kathy Jean, the faculty and staff are very open and willing to talk with you about personal and professional problems. Many of them mentor students as well.

Dean\_Gantt I would add to Kerriel's comment that I do see my work as ministry to the students and to the legal community.

Admissions\_Bonnie We will host a reception for alumni and prospective students at CLS.

Student\_Andrew dwd1957 - most students bring laptops to class for note-taking purposes

Student\_Andrew i don't know if most have desktops at home too

tguer Guys I'm 56 years old and a semi retired stockbroker(15 years). I have a certificate in paralegal studies and would like to take it one step further and go to law school. I was suppose to take my LSAT the other day but didn't. I took the Kaplan extreme course and the highest I scored was a 130. I have a degree in Mass Communications and I am interested in your joint law and communications program. With my LSAT score is there any hope for me?

Dean\_Gantt dwd1957: But don't feel that a laptop is required. In fact, a few professors know do not allow students to type their notes on laptops in class.

Admissions\_Bonnie tguer, there's always hope, but you will need to increase your lsat score in order to be a competitive applicant for law school. I believe you have the opportunity to repeat your Kaplan course with prior enrollment.

PATRICK Being a full time engineer...if work (i.e., an Aircraft Accident investigation) were to take me away from Regent for a week or longer unexpectedly, how willing is the university to work with part time students under these types of situations to get the course material to the student?

Dean\_Gantt tguer: As Ms. Creef said earlier, we suggest that students re-take if they make below a 149/150. Perhaps if you take another type of course you might find that that instruction clicks with your learning style.

Student\_Andrew tguer - the kaplan program is a good indication of what you might score on the LSAT, but it is not for sure. i know a few individuals who scored higher than what was predicted by Kaplan

Student\_Andrew Kaplan is a great program though  
Alumni\_Kerriel Mark: I'm jealous! I wish I were going to CLS. This will be the first one I'll be missing. It's a great organization and I know you'll be blessed.

Mark(same\_as\_before) I am taking the PowerScore course. Anyone have thoughts about it. Be honest now!! : )

Student\_Andrew Patrick - i would think you would need to talk to your professors

Admissions\_Bonnie I would not sit for an actual LSAT administration until your practice tests are at least approaching 150.

Admissions\_Bonnie Since those scores stick with you for five years.

Student\_Andrew but missing that many classes is not recommended

Alumni\_Kerriel Mark: I really like the PowerScore Logic Games Bible. It was very helpful when I took the LSAT

Dean\_Gantt Mark: I'll be at CLS on Saturday and Sunday. I hope to see you there! Regent will have a booth at the conference.

Student\_Andrew Mark - i know a number of people who really felt like powerscore was helpful

GabrielleAsh I took the Kaplan course and it actually decreased my LSAT score by 7 points. I found that studying on my own with the books Kaplan provided and finding my own methods to be more helpful.

dwd1957 Thanks Dean Gantt. I've seen fellow seminarians surfing the Internet during classes, and one of my profs would surf the Drudge report which had nothing to do with class! I've been reading a law student blog from Texas Wesleyan University, and they say that one has to really sharpen his/her note-taking skills; some use laptops in the classroom and some don't. Guess I'll have to drag myself into the 20th century, now that it's the 21st...:)

Career\_Kathy :)  
Dean\_Gantt dwd1957: You raise some excellent points. Laptops can be very helpful for notetaking, but they should be used wisely!

Mark(same\_as\_before) Dean\_Gantt. I am familiar with Mr. Schutt, Dean. I mentioned he would introduce me to the Dean. Perhaps that is you.

Jean Good night, I hope learn more about Regent on October 09.

PATRICK I am signed up for the LSAT Prep at Regent (3, 10 OCT)...comments from anyone on the success of those that have attended it on how well they typically did during the LSAT exam? What other prep would anyone recommend?

Mark(same\_as\_before) Not referring to Mr. Schutt as a Dean, I was referring that to you. Sorry. :)

sccato Aren't other factors taken into consideration in the application process? Is it mainly based on LSAT and GPA?

mwil478 Is Regent a 100% online process or do you take mail-in applications and rec. letters for admissions?

Dean\_Gantt Mark: Prof. Schutt was probably referring to Dean Jeff Brauch. I am the Associate Dean, but I do know Prof. Schutt very well. His book Redeeming Law is excellent.

Admissions\_Bonnie      sccato, Academics (including LSAT score(s)), are very important to the decision process. Other factors are certainly considered, but academic credentials are extremely important for law school admission.

Mark(same\_as\_before)      Yes. I think he was. Just wanted to make sure. : )

Alumni\_Kerriel  
Student\_Andrew      Ditto about Mike Schutt's book!  
Patrick - having read through all of the reviews of participants for both of last years LSAT programs, everyone who attended wrote they felt the prep course was helpful and extremely valuable

Greeter\_Sarah      Patrick - unfortunately, we are not able to maintain stats on how people who take our workshop ultimately do on the LSAT, since not all apply to Regent.

Mark(same\_as\_before)  
Admissions\_Bonnie      Yes. It is a great book.  
You may apply on line (LSAC's eapp service) or you may download an application (PDF) from our website.

Student\_Andrew      Patrick - i am a fan of Kaplan and i did both a Kaplan course and used their other materials to study

Mark(same\_as\_before)      Any recommendations for formats for the LOR (Letters of Recommendation)?

Greeter\_Sarah      We also have some recommendations on our website at [www.regent.edu/lSAT](http://www.regent.edu/lSAT) of other LSAT prep

Alumni\_Kerriel  
Alumni\_Kerriel      Jump right in tguer7!  
any questions?  
Greeter\_Sarah      Tguer - I'll see what I can do.  
tguer7      thanks  
sccato      Thank you  
Dean\_Gantt      In fact, I recommend that book as a good one to help all applications think about how to integrate their Christian faith into their outlook on the law.

Admissions\_Bonnie      We have placed some LOR formats on our website to provide an example. You may use those forms IF you like, but not required. We do prefer for you to use our Spiritual Rec form.

Chuck V      The focus on Christian values in law has drawn me to Regent. How much of a role do these values play in the day to day atmosphere? and individual classes?

Student\_Andrew Chuck - every class starts or end with a devotion, either led by the professor or a student

Mark(same\_as\_before) Bonnie, looking at the Regent Law page - any direction where that may be?

Chuck V Thank you, Andrew. That is awesome to hear!!

Mark(same\_as\_before) (the LOR examples)  
Dean\_Gantt Chuck V: All the faculty members are Christian, and we seek to integrate that faith-based perspective into our teaching. As Andrew said, we do have devotional times, but professors will also discuss Christian principles at times when they are discussing the legal doctrine for the day.

Student\_Andrew Chuck - there is also the christian foundations of law class that every 1L takes; and then there is the more general biblical integration that occurs in the classes where the professor ties in biblical principles to the subject matter you are studying

Greeter\_Sarah LOR examples are at [www.regent.edu/lawapply](http://www.regent.edu/lawapply)

Student\_Andrew it is a very active part of the curriculum  
Greeter\_Sarah well, the forms are.  
Student\_Andrew but not forced at all  
Mark(same\_as\_before) Thanks Sarah. : )  
Alumni\_Kerriel Chuck: Just like any other Christian endeavor, there will be people at all different levels of relationship with Christ. Those who are stronger can encourage you, those who are younger in the faith can be ministered to by the stronger believers. It's quite extraordinary!

Greeter\_Sarah Welcome Tee!  
SarahB sorry I'm behind -- had to take dinner out of the oven. But I just finished a Kaplan course and I have to say it was EXTREMELY helpful -- I definitely recommend it! I just took the LSATs this september and I felt confident and prepared:)

Admissions\_Bonnie Rec forms are located at:  
<http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/admissions/apply.cfm>

Dean\_Gantt Well said, Kerriel.  
mwil478 Are there any more upcoming chats like these within the next couple months?

Greeter\_Sarah We will have another chat on Dec. 8.  
Alumni\_Kerriel I LOVE my alma mater!  
Greeter\_Sarah and again on Feb. 9.  
Admissions\_Bonnie Next chat is Dec 8, but you can call in any time to personally speak with an Admissions Counselor.

Student\_Andrew or with a current student like me!  
Greeter\_Sarah Of course, visiting the campus is even better! Our campus visit schedule is [www.regent.edu/lawvisitation](http://www.regent.edu/lawvisitation)

PATRICK Sarah...thanks on the LSAT Prep response..Yes, another good question on the LORs...Do you prefer they be mailed directly in or do you recommend they be sent in through the LSAC.

Alumni\_Kerriel BTW my new car license plate is the Regent University one with LAW 4 JC

mwil478 alright - thank you! Thank you for providing me answers! I really appreciate it and am really interested in Regent. Hopefully I can make a trip to see the campus within the next couple months! Have a great night!

Student\_Andrew you too mwil478!  
Dean\_Gantt mwil478: We hope to see you on campus!  
Alumni\_Kerriel Bye! Do come for a visit.  
Admissions\_Bonnie We have no preference as to how the recs come to us -- direct or from LSAC -- either way is fine.

Alumni\_Kerriel It's an amazing place  
mwil478 I hope so! Thank you, ya'll have been really helpful!

Greeter\_Sarah Goodbye!  
Greeter\_Sarah (to mwil478!)  
Admissions\_Bonnie We really appreciate your time. Glad you joined us.

Career\_Kathy Bye!  
Chuck V Can the LOR be a regular letter, if they contain all the requested info?

Admissions\_Bonnie Yes, that would be fine.  
SarahB thank you for the chat session!  
Greeter\_Sarah Chuck V - that is no problem, although we do ask for the spiritual life recommendation form, since that is unique to Regent>

Dean\_Gantt Chuck: Yes, we will accept that, but having the clergy rec on the form is preferred.

Greeter\_Sarah Thanks for stopping by SarahB!

PATRICK Besides the cost for tuition and of course books, are there any annual fees?

Mark(same\_as\_before) Does Mr. Ashcroft and Mr. Sekulow still teach?

Student\_Andrew Patrick - there can be annual fees for things like clubs/organizations that you decide to join

Student\_Andrew Mark - yes both do  
Student\_Andrew and are recommended  
Dean\_Gantt Patrick: yes, we do have some University and law school administrative fees. I just saw today that they are projected to be \$602 for 2009-10.

PATRICK Thank you Andrew and Dean  
Greeter\_Sarah Mark - General Ashcroft teaches a one credit course each semester, and is usually involved with our Strasbourg program.

Mark(same\_as\_before) Thanks. Also, Law Journal, for what years is that available? I believe it is invite only?

Student\_Andrew Mark - for 2Ls & 3Ls  
Greeter\_Sarah Mr. Sekulow is an active presence on campus, and does a lot of work with our Israel program, as well.

Admissions\_Bonnie There are some fees. See:  
[http://www.regent.edu/admin/finaid/costs\\_law0910.cfm](http://www.regent.edu/admin/finaid/costs_law0910.cfm)

Student\_Andrew and all journals require participation in the write-on competition at the end of each school year

Mark(same\_as\_before) Thanks Andrew.  
tguer7 will you be at the LSAC forum in New York on October 9th

Greeter\_Sarah Regent will be, yes.  
Career\_Kathy The ACLJ also hires Regent students for internships and they offer a spring DC program

Dean\_Gantt Andrew, we now have three law journals, the Law Review, the Journal of International Law, and the Journal of Law & Public Policy.

Admissions\_Bonnie Our financial aid officer Tom Foley will be in NY along with a Regent alum.

Greeter\_Sarah PeterK - welcome! Glad you could join us!  
Alumni\_Kerriel During my 2L year I was in the DC Program and worked for ACLJ during my 2L summer and 3L years

tguer7 what is the lowest LSAT you will look at?  
PeterK Thanks

Student_Andrew Alumni_Kerriel Mark(same_as_before)	Thanks Dean_Gantt - i'm on RJLPP any questions about those experiences? Also, watching the expenses here... How impertative / important is it for one to attend the Oct. 9 - Campus Visitation. I am already sold on Regent and will be applying. Traveling from Arizona, is costly to us, when I have to be traveling for a few other things during the same time frame.
Admissions_Bonnie	tguer, we encourage you to retest if you've scored below 149/150.
Greeter_Sarah Quontinetta Greeter_Sarah	Welcome, Quontinetta! Thank you Mark - our open houses are not required. Just helpful.
Admissions_Bonnie	Mark, don't feel like you must come to an open house. Not everyone is able to that. We certainly understand.
Student_Andrew	Mark - if you are already sold, complete and send in the application, then try to come in the spring
tia2pal Dean_Gantt	Sorry i was booted off tguer, I will add that we have admitted students with scores lower than that but not below a 145.
tguer7 Alumni_Kerriel	Regent Mark: Also a Preview Weekend might be a better choise for you.
PATRICK	The Post 9/11 GI Bill will support a college program such as Law School but they limit the support to 36 months or 4 academic years. Is it realistic to think that as a part time law student one can expect to finish law school in this time period (I'm assuming that's with taking summer classes between academic years)?
Mark(same_as_before) Dean_Gantt	Thanks Kerriel. :) Patrick: That's a great question. Yes, our part-time students often finish in four years.
Admissions_Bonnie	Our part-time program is designed to graduate students in four years.
PeterK	I have a question. I would like to come to the open house, but I would be coming from Minnesota. Is there a place that I could stay, possibly with the school, the night of Oct 8- the night of Oct 10?

Admissions\_Bonnie We have a hotel on site. The Founders Inn. Be sure to mention that you are coming to visit Regent.

Chuck V Are there any summer classes offered before the fall semester begins to help with the adjustment to law school?

Admissions\_Bonnie Chuck: All students begin in August.  
Greeter\_Sarah Also, Peter, if you email me - lawcounselor@regent.edu, I'd be happy to send you some other hotels in the area.

Dean\_Gantt Chuck, we do offer a Summer Academic Success Program for selected student who are identified in the admissions process. You can learn more about that program on our website on-line.

tguer7 your school is religious isn't it  
Quontinetta I currently attend a private Christian college, are there any scholarships available that's with the Regent

tguer7 religious  
Mark(same\_as\_before) I am taking the LSAT in Dec., does that still leave a good chance for admissions (assuming all other qualifications and standards are met). Is it first come first served, or are all applications reviewed at one time.

Dean\_Gantt Chuck, the specific website is  
<http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/academics/academicsuccess/ASPhome.cfm>.

Admissions\_Bonnie Dec LSAT is fine.  
Student\_Andrew Mark - admissions is rolling  
Dean\_Gantt tguer7: Yes, we are a Christian law school.  
Greeter\_Sarah Quontinetta - what school do you attend? We do have some scholarships like you mentioned.

PeterK Thanks for answering my questions! I will look at the Founders Inn and send you an email Sarah.

Quontinetta Dallas Baptist University  
Student\_Andrew Mark you could submit your completed application and it would be reviewed once we received your LSAT score from the December test date

Student\_Andrew just indicate you are taking the LSAT in December

tguer7 sorry I'm a Catholic

Admissions\_Bonnie I believe Dallas Baptist is on our list of WorldChanger schools that may qualify you, depending upon your credentials, for additional scholarship consideration,.

Career\_Kathy tguer7 - we have students of all believes. We have faculty on staff and numerous students who are Catholic.

Alumni\_Kerriel tguer7: we have Catholics in our law school. We have a Catholic law student organization too.

tia2pal Thank you everyone! This chat room is extremely helpful. It really shows the relationship between the staff and students. I really hope I can attend law school at Regent I'm drawn to the biblical background Regent has, my faith and beliefs means a lot to me. I want to wish everyone a good night and have a bless day tomorrow!!! Take care and be blessed!!

Admissions\_Bonnie Andrew, it's very handy that you also work in the Admissions Office as a grad assistant. Thanks!

Chuck V Does the university have a career opportunities office/center that helps with summer positions, etc? If so do they assist alumni in job searches when they are looking to make a move?

Greeter\_Sarah For more information on the world Changer scholarship, please contact Tom Foley at tfoley@regent.edu

Alumni\_Kerriel bye tia!

Mark(same\_as\_before) Okay, I will do that. (Submit everything early). Is there a date I should shoot for to have everythiing in - I am assuming submitted via the LSAC site.

Dean\_Gantt Nice chatting with you, Tia!

tguer7 my LSAT will never be up there

Admissions\_Bonnie Finish up your app over Christmas break and send it our way the first of the year.

Quontinetta Thanks

Greeter\_Sarah Good bye, Tia. Thanks for the questions!

Dean\_Gantt tguer7: Have you taken an LSAT prep course?

Greeter\_Sarah Chuck - we do have a GREAT Career Services office.

Career\_Kathy Chuck- We have a Career & Alumni Service Office where we work with students individually beginning their first year and our counseling continues to all alumni as well

tguer7  
Career\_Kathy yeah I took Kaplan extreme  
We offer over 50 programs a year - for instance, today a program on the local legal market and how to network

Dean\_Gantt Is the extreme course an abbreviated course? I'm not familiar with that.

Mark(same\_as\_before) Thanks Bonnie. Do you have a preference for U.S. Mail or LSAC E-App service?

Alumni\_Kerriel As an alum, Career Services is amazing!  
Student\_Andrew Mark - both work. we like both.  
Career\_Kathy We also maintain a full job board and invite employers on campus to interview students

PeterK I have one more question. How is chapel?  
Admissions\_Bonnie And Virginia's Supreme Court Chief Justice is on campus nearly every month offering workshops and counsel to our students.

Admissions\_Bonnie Mark, no preference. Either is fine.  
Dean\_Gantt Yes, it's great that we have that partnership with the Chief Justice!

Greeter\_Sarah However - Transcripts MUST got through LSAC.

Student\_Andrew Peter - there are several chapels throughout the week. the law school chapel is enjoyable.

Quontinetta Are there any programs offered for single family households or would you recommend staying off campus

Career\_Kathy He also has hired several of our grads to clerk directly for him

Admissions\_Bonnie Please visit our housing website: [www.regent.edu/housing](http://www.regent.edu/housing)

Mark(same\_as\_before) Re: Transcripts. If I am not finished w/ the undergrad until May, do I simply state that on the Application? How do I address that?

Dean\_Gantt Quontinetta: The Regent Village is designed for students with families.

Admissions\_Bonnie We have both family and single student housing on campus,.

tguer7 No it's a more intense course it's 109 hours with 6 practice tests and 4 hours of tutoring. I'm 56 years old I finished high school in 3 years I guess you can't teach an old dog new tricks

Student\_Andrew Peter - to clarify, other schools have chapels on different days; the law school chapel is on thursdays from 12 - 1PM

Dean\_Gantt tguer7: Thanks for the clarification.  
Admissions\_Bonnie It's very common for applicants to still be in school. We just need to see at least 90 hrs on your transcript.

Mark(same\_as\_before) tguer, I would recommend keep taking the test over and over.. the LSAT is something you can improve (i.e. learn). IT is not an IQ test. : )

tee What affect does missing the LSAT have on admission.

Admissions\_Bonnie After you graduate in May, you'll need to send us a new, final transcript.

Greeter\_Sarah Tee: missing, as in not having any score?  
Mark(same\_as\_before) Okay, Bonnie. Thank you.  
Student\_Andrew tee - i don't think they give you a score if you weren't there on your test day.

PeterK Alright, thanks. I don't know if a law student would have the time to do this, but could a law student visit other chapels on campus, if there was no class conflict during that time? Thanks!

tee yes. No show  
Dean\_Gantt Tee: we cannot officially act on your application until we receive your score.

Admissions\_Bonnie We see that you missed or cancelled your score, but it doesn't carry significant weight.  
Dean\_Gantt Oh, o.k. Yes, we do see that on your LSDAS report.

tee Thanks  
PeterK Alright, thanks. I don't know if a law student would have the time to do this, but can a law student visit any of the on campus chapels, if there is no course conflict?

Dean\_Gantt PeterK: Sure, a student could visit other chapels if they had the time!

Admissions\_Bonnie Yes, of course.  
Student\_Andrew Peter - we get the announcements about the other chapels too and we are always invited

Dean\_Gantt For instance, the Divinity School has its chapel services on Mondays.

PeterK Ah.  
Student\_Andrew and you don't have to be a law student to come to law chapel!

Dean\_Gantt Good point!  
Student\_Andrew you can be a professor, a spouse, or a visitor  
Admissions\_Bonnie Last week we had Seven Days Ablaze,. It was wonderful. Special chapels and evening services with Paul Wilbur.

tguer7 A little over 20 years ago I passed my series 7 (stockbrokers test) on the first try and that was without taking a prep course. Just reading the material and taking the test and the series 7 is harder and longer (6 hours) than the LSAT. I don't know what it is I just can't score on the LSAT. Maybe I just can't take standardized tests. Maybe i should just give up on my dreams of going to law school.

PeterK Wow!  
Dean\_Gantt Yes, that was wonderful. Regent held joint chapels with CBN (the Christian Broadcasting Network). I was able to attend two, and they were very powerful.

Chuck V Do businesses and law firms come to you when they have an opening for an experienced lawyer? My undergrad university was a huge help in this area. They had a lot of great contacts in the industry to assist with job placement, even years after graduating.

Dean\_Gantt tguer7: we have an LSAT Prep Course starting this week. It's very reasonable in terms of cost. Are you local?

Career\_Kathy Yes, we maintain a job posting board where we post all opportunities in one place for alumni and students to view all postings. We are very proactive and contact hundreds of firms to post with Regent.

PeterK I love the Christian broadcast network. Wasn't that part of Regent's original name?

Mark(same\_as\_before) I need to get ready for our Missions Conference tonight. Thank you Regent for the hospitality and answers to my questions Save me a spot for next year (even standing in the corner would suffice me.) LOL!! Dean\_Gantt, I hope to see you at the CLS Conference. I am Mark Bold, Arizona. Again, thank you!! Blessings!

Greeter\_Sarah 5 more minutes, everyone! Great conversation tonight.

Admissions\_Bonnie Thanks Mark!  
Dean\_Gantt PeterK, Yes, when Regent first started, it was CBN University.

Greeter\_Sarah Good bye, Mark. THANKS!  
Mark(same\_as\_before) Okay, :) Bye.  
Greeter\_Sarah CBN is right on campus.  
Student\_Andrew Have a great night Mark!  
PeterK On campus! I didn't know that!  
PATRICK Regarding LORs: Raised a Catholic; saved in 1982 at the age of 19; attended Baptist church remainder of college years; returned to catholic church while raising three daughters; still strong in "protestant" views on the infallible and literal interpretation of the Bible; reject many catholic doctrines; so, despite years of volunteer work with the local catholic school associated wth the church I attend; having sent two daughters through local catholic schools and one still in catholic school; on the school board at the local catholic HS...how does Regent weigh a Spiritual LOR from a priest whom barely knows me despite all the outside the church support I've given the school associated with the church?

Greeter\_Sarah Yes. You can sit in on a live taping of the 700 Club every morning at 9:00.

Dean\_Gantt PeterK. Sometimes our professors are able to serve as experts on the 700 Club.

dwd1957 Thank you Bonnie, Dean Gantt, Kerriel and everyone for all your helpful comments. I look forward to seeing some of you at the UT-Austin Law Day!

Dean\_Gantt dwd1957: Thanks for your questions. Blessings!

Greeter\_Sarah I'll be there, dwd1957. Thanks!

Admissions\_Bonnie Your spiritual rec doesn't have to come from the pastor/priest. If there is someone else in a position of authority that can speak to the role that faith plays in your life, that would be acceptable.

Alumni\_Kerriel  
PeterK bye dwd! blessings  
Incredible! Thank you for answering my questions.

Dean\_Gantt Patrick: We like to see a clergy rec from your current priest or pastor, but if there is some other clergy member who knows you well, you can have that person complete the recommendation.

PATRICK Folks...this was just great. I'm the Local Tidewater Admissions Partner for the USCG Academy and I can't wait to suggest to the admissions department to run a similar chat. Thank you all so much. Bonnie, thanks for the answer on the Spiritual LOR.

Student\_Andrew  
Greeter\_Sarah  
Greeter\_Sarah  
Alumni\_Kerriel  
Dean\_Gantt  
Career\_Kathy you're very welcome  
Thank you, Patrick>  
We appreciate you joining us.  
good night Patrick  
Patrick, it was nice chatting with you!  
Thanks Patrick! If you think of anything else let us know!

tguer7 No I'm in Connecticut. Besides It already cost me \$1500 for Kaplan

PeterK  
Student\_Andrew  
Greeter\_Sarah  
tguer7  
Alumni\_Kerriel Goodnight everybody.  
good night PeterK!  
Goodnight, Peter. Thanks!  
goodnight PeterK  
Good night Bonne, Natt, Andrew, Sarah, Kathy and all the guests. Big court case tomorrow, I could use your prayers.

Greeter\_Sarah We will be praying, Kerriel. Thank you for joining us!

Dean\_Gantt I'll pray, Kerriel. Unless there are more questions for me, I'll be signing off. Thanks for the chat!

Career\_Kathy We'll definitely be praying Kerriel! Great to talk with you on here!

Student\_Andrew  
dwd1957 consider it taken care of Kerriel!  
Good luck tguer7! I'm close behind you age-wise!

Greeter\_Sarah  
Career\_Kathy Thanks, Dean Gantt. Have a great night!  
Thanks everyone!

Greeter\_Sarah  
tguer7  
Chuck V

Goodbye, KATHY!  
dwd1957 have you taken the LSAT?  
Thank you! This was a very informative conversation

tguer7  
Greeter\_Sarah

dwd you there?  
Well, I am going to get going. I am the admissions counselor, though, so if you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [lawcounselor@regent.edu](mailto:lawcounselor@regent.edu)

tguer7  
Greeter\_Sarah

good night everybody  
Thank you all for coming. Hope we could answer most of your questions.