

Philosophy Student Performance on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

Philosophy majors consistently perform best or near best on graduate school admission exams, year after year and across various sections compared to other majors. As is clear from the following data, the success of philosophy graduates on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is persistent, and despite changes in the content and scoring, students of philosophy regularly outperform their peers.

On the LSAT, philosophy majors rank significantly better than any other humanities degree, with an average score slightly lower than economics for the second highest of any field with more than 2,000 students taking the exam for the 2017-2018 year.

Average LSAT Scores by Major

Major	Average Score	Number of Students
Economics	158.9	2,757
Philosophy	157.2	2,238
Engineering	156.2	974
History	156.3	3,138
English	154.8	3,151
Finance	154.9	1,471
Political Science	153.6	11,947
Psychology	152.5	3,736
Communications	150.8	1,183
Criminal Justice	145.9	3,629

Data source: https://www.lsac.org/sites/default/files/media/2017-18_applicants-major_0.pdf

[Prior data](#) also show philosophy students scoring very high: they ranked second overall (first among majors with large numbers of students testing) in 1991-1992, 1994-1995, and 2003-2004.

Some data also indicate that philosophy students may be accepted to law schools at higher rates compared to other popular fields. The following data are from the 2017-2018 law school admissions cycle.

Major	# of Applicants	Average LSAT score	Rate of Law School Admission
Philosophy	2,238	157.2	83.0%
History	3,138	156.3	84.7%
English	3,151	154.8	81.4%
Psychology	3,736	152.5	76.7%
Political Science	11,947	153.6	80.5%
Criminal Justice	3,629	145.9	61.2%

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