Arizona Summit Law School
Phoenix Law

Institutional Information

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Survey Says...
Great research resources, Abundant externship/internship/clerkship opportunities, Diverse opinions accepted in classrooms

Students

Enrollment of law school 947
% male/female 48/52
% from out-of-state 48
% part-time 34
% underrepresented minority 42
% international 1
# of countries represented 2
Average age of entering class 29

Academics

Phenomenal professors are very devoted to their students and “will work with you on any issues and really encourage excellence.” The mix of adjunct and full-time teachers “are very accessible, treat us as colleagues, and devote hours to practical, hands-on applications of the law.” Arizona Summit has “great teachers and very high expectations” (including a strict attendance policy and a C curve), making the achievement of the elusive A difficult, but there’s ample help available from the “knowledgeable, intelligent” professors, and the school even offers intersession classes, which provides even more class availability. “There are many options for class times, if you are willing to take a night class.” “The school’s administration could not do more to try to help and encourage students to succeed. Every school activity and function is centered toward student success,” says a student.

Though the name of the school could certainly use some rooftop screaming, its strong practical focus on experience is highly employable, which bolsters its reputation among those firms that are familiar with Arizona Summit. The externship programs and Center for Professional Development are well-lauded, leading one student to claim that “more than any other school I researched, it really bridges the gap between law school and a law career.” The school has also recently begun small-sized review classes, “which are very informative because they discuss how to approach bar questions.”

Academic Experience Rating 70
Profs interesting rating 89
Profs accessible rating 94
Hours of study per day 4.24

Academic Specialties
Civil Procedure, Criminal, International

Advanced Degrees Offered
JD

Combined Degrees Offered
JD part-time, 4 years; JD full-time, 3 years
Life

There’s a lack of competition at Arizona Summit, due to the friendly, Southwestern nature of the students. “When someone wants notes because they missed class, notes are provided. When someone needs help understanding something, there’s always student help nearby. I think the cooperative nature of the student body is a huge asset of this school,” says a 3L. Most students are from Phoenix and the sprawling suburbs, and many have come here to embrace a career change. The increased attempt by the administration to gain student opinions is reflected in their recent strides of reaching out to night students to help them to participate in school functions.

Though the school itself doesn’t have much of a campus, “It feels like a law school” in its aesthetics. Classes are held in one building located in downtown Phoenix; outfitted with high tech classrooms and common areas designed to facilitate student collaboration. The library is “clean and organized, and the staff is incredibly helpful.” Most students have some form of transportation at their disposal but “There is also a light rail and bus system with which people can get anywhere in the city.” Social events do exist but typically occur in the city itself. The older average age of students means that many must attend to full-time jobs and families instead of socializing with their fellow classmates.

Getting In

Class sizes have only grown since the school’s formation, as has the applicant pool. For Fall 2013, admitted students at the 25th percentile had LSAT scores around 141 and GPAs in the 2.7 range. Admitted students at the 75th percentile had LSAT scores in the high 148s and GPAs of approximately 3.38.