

SUMMER ENTRY PROGRAM

Many students are unaware the University of Richmond School of Law offers a Summer Entry Program which allows regularly admitted students to begin their law studies in May. This program is limited to 25 students. Due to this size, students are able to experience a portion of the first year curriculum in a seminar-like environment. This program has been operating since 1986 and has been praised universally by its participants. In a survey which was distributed to our alumni, we received the following comments about the Summer Entry Program:

“I think the Summer Entry Program is the Law School’s best kept secret. Starting law school can be an overwhelming experience. You learn a new way to read, analyze and write ... Starting in the summer is a very relaxing way to adjust to all of those new skills. It makes the transition easier ... in Summer Entry, I felt as if I were being tutored...”

“It is far less difficult to adapt to the experience of legal education while focusing on the limited subject matter of two courses rather than the large number of courses included in the fall curriculum. The limited class size not only provides for class participation in a less intimidating environment, it offers the opportunity for far more individual participation.”

Many students who participated in Summer Entry have elected to graduate from law school in 2½ years. This can be easily accomplished by beginning in the summer and taking one more complement of summer courses after the first or second year of school. Oftentimes, this is accomplished by attending one of our programs abroad, along with a three week class here in the Law School. This was advantageous because it has enabled them to take the Bar Exam in February and enter the job market before most other students.

“Being able to sit for the February bar exam is advantageous. You have an opportunity to take the exam and have the results back before the rest of your class has finished the last semester of school.”

“...The Summer Entry student has the ability to begin work at a firm six months earlier than he would have had he started in the fall. These six months translate into six months of income as an attorney. To me, this is a big deal and is one of the best reasons for starting in the summer.”

As you can see, many students have participated in and benefited from Summer Entry. If you have made the important decision of where to enroll next year, I am writing to suggest that you consider when you will begin your law studies. Should you feel that you would like to take advantage of this unique program, please notify our office as soon as possible. Applicants will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Should you wish to further discuss this option with us, please call 804-289-8189.