

Suggested Law School Modeling Variables

Here is a list of suggested variables to consider using when building a model for predicting law school outcomes..

Applicant Enrollment Probability

- App ID (as an identifier, not a predictor)
- Entry term (as an identifier, not a predictor)
- Undergrad ("UG") GPA
- LSAT
- Gender
- # of applicants from
 - applicant's Undergrad School
 - applicant's region/state/county
- # of days between application date and semester start date
- Age
- Home state
- Distance from school
- Prospect Status (make sure you mark this variable as 'exclude' from model)
- Accepted Flag (0/1) (as a baseline- those you reject cannot enroll)
- Applicant type (online app, regular, etc...)
- Source (where did you get the initial inquiry)
- UG Major
- Legacy student flag
- Visited campus flag
- Financial Aid information
 - Expected Financial Contribution
 - Scholarship types/amounts offered
 - Grant types/amounts offered

Retention Analysis (in addition to information already listed above)

- Previous semester Term GPA (if predicting for current students)
- Student Residential Status (living on campus, off campus, commuter)
- Major
- Involved in campus activities, campus life
- Student employed or not
- Receiving financial aid
- Attrition Flag (1=Attrition, 0=Retention)