

PreLaw Timeline

Freshman & Sophomore Years

- Develop a well-rounded curriculum. There are no required courses. Emphasis should be on planning a program that meets your needs and interests.
- Make an appointment with a PreLaw Advisor.
- Expand your education by seeking summer jobs or internships in fields of interests.
- Get to know faculty members and let them get to know you.

Junior Year

- Continue strong academic preparation.
- Start collecting letters of recommendation.
- Plan to take the LSAT in June after your junior year, if possible.
- Register with LSDAS.
- Begin to investigate law schools, legal education, and legal careers.

Senior Year (or Year Before Entering Law School)

LSAT/LSDAS

- If you did not take the LSAT in June, be sure to take it in October or December.
- Make sure you are registered with LSDAS.
- Send your undergraduate transcript(s) to LSDAS.
- If you retest the LSAT in December and want the law schools to defer reaching a decision on your file until they receive your December score, you must inform the schools yourself.
- Send first semester grades to the law schools via LSDAS.

PRELAW ADVISING

- Schedule an appointment with a PreLaw Advisor to discuss your list of schools, personal statements, and other important concerns and questions.

ATTEND

- Attend prelaw workshops and meet with law school representatives.
- Attend a Law School Forum in September/October.

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APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Be aware of each school's specific application requirements.
- Make final revisions to your personal statements.
- Distribute recommendation forms and other material to professors. Be sure to plan ahead and account for approximately 3 to 4 weeks for the professor to complete the recommendation.
- Maintain good and organized records, keeping copies of all important documents.
- Prepare a thorough checklist, noting dates each task is undertaken and completed.

FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

- Research and apply for grants and scholarships, both school-related and outside award programs.
- Obtain and submit all financial aid forms by deadlines noted.

FOLLOW-UP/DECIDING

- If you do not receive a notification from the law schools that your file is complete, follow-up with them.
- As soon as you begin to get decisions from schools, decide whether you need to apply to additional schools or investigate optional programs.
- Update law schools you have not yet heard from regarding new evidence to support your candidacy (honors, awards, an extra recommendation letter that does more than mirror information in previous letters).
- To help you decide where to matriculate: visit schools, attend classes, speak with current students and faculty members. Compare financial aid packets.