



PRE-LAW CHECKLIST

First year/Sophomore year

- Take classes and pick a major that interest you and in which you will do well.
- Keep up your GPA; it determines which schools will admit you.
- Develop relationships with professors who could write letters of recommendation.
- Get involved with extracurricular opportunities and student organizations to build leadership skills.
- Explore career options with a law degree; you can do more than be a lawyer.

Junior year

- Create a Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) account (www.lsac.org).
- Start searching for law schools: explore websites, request info, meet with admissions counselors.
- Study for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- Decide when to take the LSAT (usually summer between your junior and senior years, but this varies with your plans).

Senior year (the year you will apply!)

- Take the LSAT in September (if you haven't already, or retake if you need to improve your score).
- Subscribe to LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) to coordinate all your applications.
- Create a timeline with application deadlines and a checklist for materials you need to submit.
- Request letters of recommendation.
- Request your official transcripts to be sent to CAS.
- Write your personal statement.
- Submit your applications in the fall (the earlier the better).
- As acceptances roll in, research each school more thoroughly and narrow your list (don't forget to think about scholarships or funding).
- Visit schools and ask questions.

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