

When do I have to make a decision whether to apply to law school?

Sometime in your junior year of college.

Freshman year

- Do well in academic course work. You need to keep your undergraduate grade point average as high as possible.
- Seek advice/counsel from a pre-law advisor.
- Talk to lawyers and law students about their experiences.
- Contact your college's undergraduate pre-law society.

Sophomore year

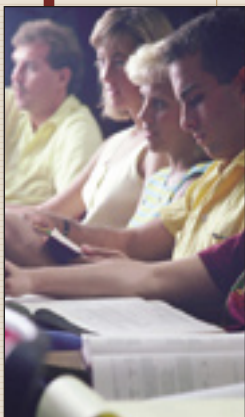
- Continue strong academic preparation.
- Become involved in a pre-law society.
- Consider pursuing a summer work opportunity or an internship in a legal setting.
- Read a book suggested by a pre-law advisor that helps you think about a legal career.
- Contact a law school admissions representative about applying to law school.
- Keep your undergraduate grade point average as high as possible.

Junior year

Fall

- Continue strong academic preparation.
- Research the different ways to study for the LSAT to see which is best for you.

Spring



- Begin serious preparation for the LSAT.
- Send in registration for the June LSAT by mid-April.
- Register for the LSDAS service when you register for the LSAT.
- Solicit two faculty members to write letters of recommendation for early next fall.
- Take LSAT preparation course if it is part of your strategy.

Summer

- Keep your undergraduate grade point average as high as possible.
- Take the LSAT in June.
- Release college transcripts to LSDAS.
- Request applications for law schools.
- Visit law schools to which you have applied – pick up applications if available.

Senior year

Fall

- Continue strong academic preparation.
- December LSAT is the last opportunity to take or retake the LSAT for application to many law schools.

- Register for LSDAS if you have not already done so.

- Give recommendation forms, personal information to faculty for letters of recommendation (September, if possible).

- Law schools may require you to write a personal statement. Draft your personal statement and consult with a pre-law advisor. Edit well. This is the only chance you have to show your personal qualities outside the numerical data law schools consider.

- Submit law school applications early (October, if possible).

Winter

- File forms for financial assistance by February at the latest.

- There is a February LSAT. However, many law schools do not accept the score for admission in the same year, so check with the school you wish to apply to first.

- Check with law school admissions offices to ensure that your file is complete.

Spring

- Hear from law schools about admission decisions.

- Visit law schools where you have been admitted or put on a waiting list.

After Graduation

- Attend law school or, if you are denied, talk to an advisor about alternatives or ways to strengthen credentials for next year.

