



Law School Application Timeline

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS

- Attend a Pre-Law Advising Workshop at the UCI Division of Career Pathways (see details on Handshake at uci.joinhandshake.com)
- Consider an internship or part-time position in any field
- Get involved in pre-law student clubs or organizations
- Check out the Law School Admissions Council for complete application information at lsac.org

JUNIOR YEAR

- Research law schools and make a preliminary school list
- Set up your LSAC account at lsac.org
- Attend a Law School Forum where you can talk with representatives from various law schools. Dates and locations are available at lsac.org
- Participate in the Graduate & Professional School Fair during the fall – another opportunity to speak with representatives

END OF JUNIOR YEAR / SENIOR SUMMER

- Start writing your personal statement
- Consider taking an LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) test prep course
- Take the LSAT (offered multiple times per year)
- Start asking professors and employers for letters of recommendation

EARLY SENIOR FALL

- Make a checklist and schedule for each application
- Send transcripts and have letters of recommendation sent or completed through lsac.org
- Finish your personal statement. Tailor it to specific essay topics, if any
- Explore financial aid options (a law school education could exceed \$200k)

SENIOR FALL / WINTER

- Complete online applications through lsac.org as early as possible
- Fill out the FAFSA and financial aid profiles, if required (varies by school)
- Check your LSAC Report for completion

Keep in mind, this is a suggested timeline – your individual deadlines may vary depending on the schools to which you apply.

Division of Career Pathways Resources

- Graduate & Professional School Fair
- Applying to Law / Grad School workshops
- Pre-law advising
- ABA-LSAC Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools
- Online resources



Application Checklist

LSAC REPORT & TAKING THE LSAT

- Subscribe and submit documents (transcripts, etc.) to LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and take the LSAT, usually no later than the November test date for admission of the following year.

APPLICATION FORMS

- Complete ABA-approved law school applications online through lsac.org.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Write your personal statement. Adhere to what each law school is requesting.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Submit letters of recommendation. LSAC has a letter of recommendation service, which is optional unless the law school to which you are applying states that it is required.

DEAN'S CERTIFICATE

- A Dean's Certificate is a verification of your student conduct record and is not required by all law schools. If needed, obtain the certificate through the Student Life & Leadership Office of Student Conduct.

APPLICATION FEE

- Pay the application fee or request a fee waiver.