

# Applying to Law School

## Law School Application Timeline

### Freshman and Sophomore Years

- Attend a Pre-Law Advising workshop at the UCI Division of Career Pathways
- Schedule an appointment with a pre-law advisor who can help you with your individual concerns
- Consider an internship or part-time position in the legal 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 that are a good fit for you
- Attend a Law School Forum where you can talk with representatives from various law schools. Dates and locations are at lsac.org
- Attend the Law School Fair on campus in the fall (another opportunity to speak with representatives)
- Make a preliminary list of law schools you are considering

### End of Junior Year/Senior Summer

- Start writing your personal statement
- Set up your LSAC account at lsac.org
- Consider taking an LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) test preparation course
- Take the LSAT (offered 4 times a year)
- Start asking professors and employers for letters of recommendation

### Early Senior Fall

- Make a checklist and schedule for each application and photocopy all forms
- Send transcripts and have letters of recommendations 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 \$200,000)

### Senior Fall/Winter

- Complete online applications through lsac.org and send off by deadlines
- 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

- Law School Fair (fall quarter)
- Pre-law advising
- LSAC information pamphlet
- Applying to Law/Grad School workshops
- 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 December test date for admission of the following year.

### Application Forms

- Complete ABA-approved law school applications online through lsac.org or go directly to law school sites to obtain application information.

### 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 by the deadline.