DePaul University BA/JD 3+3 FAQ Sheet (revised September 26)

What are the participating colleges and majors?

Students must be part of either the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (LAS) or the College of Communication. Within LAS, students must pursue one of the following majors:

- African and Black Diaspora Studies
- Anthropology
- Art, Media, and Design
- Chinese Studies
- Criminology
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- History of Art and Architecture
- International Studies
- Islamic World Studies
- Italian
- Japanese Studies
- Latin American & Latino Studies
- Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Writing and Rhetoric

Within the College of Communication, students must pursue one of the following majors:

- Communication and Media
- Communication and Technology
- Communication Studies
- Journalism
- Media and Popular Culture
- Organizational Communication
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Sports Communication

To see the most current and up to date list of participating majors, please visit this site.

What do I have to do to maintain good standing as an undergraduate in the program?

To maintain status in the program, students must demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completing, in three years, coursework for the major field, Liberal Studies Program or Honors Program and the Modern Language Requirement. The credit total after three years must be at least 148.5 quarter hours. Students who enroll in the BA/JD program in 2022 or later must achieve a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.7 by the end of their second year of undergraduate study and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.7 in their third and final year of undergraduate study.

What classes do I have to take as an undergraduate?

In addition to completing the required coursework listed above in your first three years, students must complete a series of two-credit courses, one in each of their first three spring quarters as an undergraduate. These courses are PRELAW 150: The Practice of Law, PRELAW 151: Recent Controversies in Law, and PRELAW 152: Thinking About the Law. These three pre-law courses are graded as Pass/Fail courses. All three courses are currently offered online asynchronously. Students will be registered for these courses by their college prior to the start of each Spring Quarter. Students should not attempt to register for these pre-law courses on their own.

I am a current DePaul University undergraduate who is not part of the BA/JD program but would like to join. How do I apply?

Currently, only first year applicants to DePaul University who are academically eligible are invited to apply for the BA/JD program by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

When do I have to apply to the College of Law by?

To maintain conditional admission to the College of Law, students must submit a completed application by February 1st of their third year (e.g., If you wish to begin law classes in Fall 2027, you must submit a completed application by February 1st, 2027). Students in their third year of the program may still submit a completed application after February 1st of their third year, but conditional admission is no longer guaranteed.

What does a 'completed application' mean?

To see the full requirements, please visit this page. Be aware that, although the DePaul College of Law does not charge an application fee, there are still other fees associated with applying to law school. Additionally, certain items such as the CAS Report and requesting an official transcript take time to process, so please give yourself plenty of time to complete your application.

Do I have to take the LSAT?

As part of a completed application, applicants to the College of Law must submit an LSAT score. Please note that you must register in advance for this test. Additionally, please note that the LSAT is only offered nine times per year (as of December 2023), and it typically takes around one month for scores to be released from the time you take the test.

If I have conditional admission, why is my test score and GPA important?

While there is no minimum score required to gain admission to the College of Law (provided all other requirements are met), your Dean's Achievement Scholarship is a merit-based award that relies in large part upon your test score and GPA when determining its amount.

When do I earn my Bachelor's Degree?

Although it is often called a '3+3 program,' students in the BA/JD program ***do not*** graduate, earn their Bachelor's Degree, until ***after their first year of law school classes*** (the fourth year in the program), as your first year law school credits 'double count' toward your undergraduate electives and contribute to your total credit hour requirement of 192 quarter hours. Students are eligible to walk in the June Graduation ceremony at the conclusion of their fourth year. The application for Graduation in June of the fourth year is due February 1 of that year.

Does DePaul Law operate on the quarter system?

DePaul Law operates on the semester system. For the latest Academic Calendar, please click here.

How do scholarships work?

Students receive undergraduate scholarships and financial aid during their first three years of the program. Once students begin classes at the College of Law, they are eligible for a Dean's Achievement Scholarship, a merit-based award that is awarded separately from undergraduate aid. ***Students forfeit any undergraduate scholarships once they begin classes at the College of Law.*** For any questions about financial aid, loans, FAFSA, etc., please visit OneDePaul.

Is there a Double Demon discount for BA/JD students?

There is no Double Demon discount for BA/JD students.

What happens if I leave the program?

If a student exits the program before beginning at the College of Law, they will continue toward their Bachelor's Degree completion and should work with their undergraduate academic advisor to ensure they are on track for Graduation. If a student is in their first semester at the College of Law and wishes to leave the BA/JD program after the fall semester, they will return to their home college (LAS or Communication) to complete their Bachelor's Degree. If a student is in their second semester at the College of Law and wishes to leave the BA/JD program after the spring semester, they will earn their Bachelor's Degree from their home college (LAS or Communication) provided all Graduation requirements are satisfied.

All BA/JD students with the intent to withdraw from the program, should email:

- *LAS* – Amanda Noascono, Assistant Dean of Admissions, at anoascon@depaul.edu; and Tania Rodriguez, Director of Advising, at trodrig7@depaul.edu.
- *Communication* – Amanda Noascono, Assistant Dean of Admissions, at anoascon@depaul.edu; and Ginny Nightingale, Assistant Dean, at g.nightingale@depaul.edu.

If a student has already begun classes at the College of Law and wishes to withdraw, they should email Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Maria Vertuno at mvertuno@depaul.edu.

Can I still go to law school if I leave the program?

If you decide to leave the BA/JD program before earning your Bachelor's Degree, you will still have an opportunity to apply to and attend law school in the future. While you no longer have conditional admission, you are still welcome to apply to DePaul Law.

Can I visit the College of Law?

Absolutely. The Law Office of Admissions would love to host you in-person or virtually for a visit. Please go to this site to see all upcoming visit opportunities.

Who should I contact if I still have questions?

If you have questions about undergraduate coursework, credits, or graduation requirements, please contact your academic advisor or your college point of contact:

- *LAS* - Tania Rodriguez, Director of Advising, at trodrig7@depaul.edu
- *Communication* - Ginny Nightingale, Assistant Dean, at g.nightingale@depaul.edu

If you have questions about the College of Law or law school applications, or any other questions and you do not know whom to reach out to, please contact:

- Amanda Noascono, Assistant Dean of Admissions, at anoascon@depaul.edu