

The State of Ohio, Department of Higher Education (OHDE) has approved a pathway for institutions across Ohio to engage with one another to offer students an option to complete their undergraduate and law school degree's in 6 years. Your undergraduate institution has established a 3+3 program with Cleveland State University College of Law (CSU College of Law). Here are the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How does the 3+3 Program affect the process for applying to law school?

Typically, the educational requirements to become a lawyer are four years of undergraduate study plus three years in law school – a total of 7 years. The 3+3 program allows participants the opportunity to condense this course of study into six years by completing three years of undergraduate study, at which point they enroll in their first year of law school, which satisfies the remaining required undergraduate hours. The 3+3 Program Agreement between CSU College of Law and your college/university allows 3+3 Program students who have completed the equivalent of 3 years of undergraduate coursework and who have met their undergraduate Program requirements and who have applied to CSU College of Law and have met the Program LSAT and GPA requirements to receive automatic admission.

2. What is the process and timing submitting my 3+3 Program documents?

Make sure to review your college/university's 3+3 Program Admission requirements to submit the necessary materials to your advisor to ensure that you have met the undergraduate 3+3 Program requirements. Your college/university advisor can direct you to the **"3+3 Program Intent to Enroll" form** that must be submitted to the CSU College of Law and that serves as notice of your intent to pursue the 3+3 Program. 3+3 Program applicants to the law school must: a. Meet CSU College of Law requirements for eligibility and acceptance; b. [Complete the law school application online](#); and c. Submit required credentials and a Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) portal. (See Question 12 below.); and d. Have your Advisor complete and submit your **3+3 Program Eligibility Verification Form** when you submit your law school application.

It is recommended that you complete the **3+3 Program Interest form** at the earliest point that you may have an interest in law school. **Completing this form does not commit you to law school attendance at CSU College of Law** and is not binding in any way.

3. When should 3+3 students begin submitting application materials for law school?

During their sophomore year, 3+3 students should complete and submit the **3+3 Program Interest Form** and schedule an appointment with their undergraduate Advisor. They should take the LSAT no later than January of their Junior year. These steps will ensure that eligibility can be determined, required coursework is completed, and students have enough time to submit [their application materials](#) for fall semester enrollment at CSU COLLEGE OF LAW.

4. What are the requirements for 3+3 Program automatic admission to CSU COLLEGE OF LAW?

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is scored on a scale of 120 -180. 3+3 Program applicants are eligible for admission if: a. they receive an LSAT score at or above a 155; b. have an undergraduate GPA \geq 3.45; c. Submit an application by the end of February in their Junior year; d. have an application that does not present Character and Fitness issues; and e. Submit a signed 3+3 Program Eligibility Verification Form when they submit their law school application.

5. Are 3+3 students required to enter CSU College of Law directly from their undergraduate institution after meeting eligibility in order to take advantage of the program?

Yes. Acceptance to CSU College of Law through the 3+3 Program is contingent on direct enrollment in the fall after the completion of 3-years' worth of required undergraduate coursework.

6. How is a 3+3 student's undergraduate degree actually conferred?

3+3 Program participants enter their first year of law school once they have completed 3-years' worth of required undergraduate work, leaving elective coursework for the final year. Upon satisfactorily completing their first year of law school at the end of your 1L year, the undergraduate degree will be conferred.

7. What happens if a 3+3 Program student does not enroll in law school?

Participants may complete their college/undergraduate school's elective courses for regular graduation requirements instead of fulfilling these requirements as a first-year law student to earn their undergraduate degree. A 3+3 Program participant may apply for law school at another time; there is no penalty for not pursuing the 3+3 Program option.

8. Are 3+3 Program students eligible for C|M|LAW's part-time program?

3+3 students must enter as CSU College of Law full-time students; however, after completing their first year of law school, they may elect to change their enrollment status.

9. May 3+3 students pursue a dual degree?

Yes. However there may be other requirements necessary for entry into the other degree program. Check for further details on our [Dual Degree Programs](#).

10. Are 3+3 students eligible for law school scholarships?

All students admitted to CSU College of Law are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships.

11. What is a Character and Fitness assessment?

To be permitted to practice law, all applicants to the Bar must pass a character and fitness screening by Bar examining authorities in addition to passing the Bar exam itself. The screening is designed to determine whether the applicant's past conduct justifies the trust of clients, courts, other lawyers, and the public. All applicants to CSU College of Law must disclose Character and Fitness issues on their application. Applicants may be denied admission to the law school based on such disclosed information. All law students are encouraged to determine their character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the Bar in the state(s) in which they intend to practice.

12. Are there fees for registration and LSAT testing involved in applying for law school?

Yes. Please visit the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) website to learn about [registration](#) and [fees](#) associated with your Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report.

Questions?

Feel free to contact the CSU College of Law, Office of Admissions:
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