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PRE - LAW PROGRAM

Law School Admission Process Timeline and Checklist

JUNIOR YEAR

September

- _____ Make an appointment with a Pre-Law Advisor to discuss your law school interests
- _____ Take the practice LSAT offered through Career Services during 1st block break
- _____ Start playing logic games at least once a week

October

- _____ Research law schools online at www.lsac.org
- _____ Attend the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Law School Forum in Chicago

November

- _____ Create a preliminary list of law schools you are interested in attending
- _____ Sign up for the annual law schools tour offered 3rd block break or 5th block break

December

- _____ Participate in the LSAT Prep Course offered through the Pre-Law Program
- _____ Go to the Law Student Panel and ask what law school is really like

January

- _____ Make an appointment with a Pre-Law Advisor to update your law school plans
- _____ Review the LSAT/LSDAS registration information

February

- _____ Register for the June LSAT online at www.lsac.org
- _____ Update the list of law schools you are considering

March

- _____ Create a financial estimate for the cost of law school attendance at salliemae.com/plan
- _____ Order a free copy of your credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com

April/May

- _____ Identify individuals to write your letters of recommendation; make initial contact
- _____ Meet with Career Services to create or update your resume

June

- _____ Take the LSAT
- _____ After you receive your LSAT score, update your list of potential law schools

July

- _____ Register for the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS)
- _____ Obtain law school applications online or via postal mail; keep track of deadlines!



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_____ Start your law school applications, especially your personal statement

August

_____ Send official academic transcript to LSDAS

_____ Create information packet to give to recommenders; include your resume, a copy of your transcript, personal statement, courses taken with recommender, test scores, letter of recommendation form, large manila envelope with postage pre-addressed to LSAC

SENIOR YEAR

September

_____ Make an appointment with a Pre-Law Advisor to review your plans

_____ Confirm with potential recommenders that they will be able to write you a positive letter

_____ Fine-tune your personal statements; remember to tailor one for every law school

October

_____ Take/retake LSAT

_____ Attend LSAC Law School Forum in Chicago (if needed)

_____ Check in with recommenders to make sure they are on track to submit your letters

_____ Complete and send early decision/early action applications

November

_____ Follow up with recommenders to make sure they have submitted letters to LSAC

December

_____ Send thank you notes to recommendation letter writers

_____ Update your academic transcript with LSDAS

_____ Submit regular decision applications before you leave for winter break (earlier the better)

January

_____ Check LSDAS/law schools to make sure all of your application information was received

_____ Submit FAFSA to receive financial aid award for law school

_____ Wait for admission decision letters

February/March

_____ Keep track of seat deposit deadlines for law schools you have been admitted to

_____ Keep in touch with law schools you have not heard from, consider updating your file

_____ Review financial aid awards

_____ Visit law schools, if possible

April

_____ Follow up with law schools that have you on their waiting list

_____ Make your seat deposit to the law school you wish to attend by the school's deadline

_____ Send Pre-Law Program an email with your final LSAT scores and admission decisions