

# Prelaw at NYU

A Presentation for CAS Transfer Students

# Law School Admissions by the Numbers

Average GPA of CAS Students  
Accepted to Law School:

**3.59**

Average LSAT of CAS Students  
Accepted to Law School:

**163**

## Top 5 Majors of CAS Students Accepted to Law School

Politics

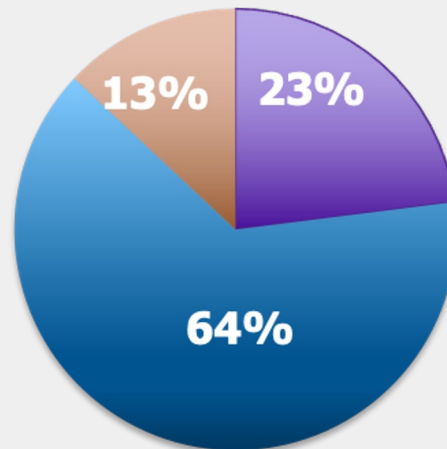
Philosophy

English

Economics

History

Percentage of Accepted  
CAS Students by  
Graduation Year



■ Seniors

■ 1-4 Years from Undergrad

■ 4+ Years from Undergrad

## Law Schools NYU CAS Students Attend

Fordham University School of Law

George Washington University Law School

Columbia University School of Law

Benjamin N Cardozo School of Law

Brooklyn Law School

Georgetown University Law Center

Harvard Law School

New York University Law School

University of California at Los Angeles

Rutgers Law School

Emory University School of Law

Boston University School of Law

# Admissions Criteria for Law School

## Law Schools consider:

- LSAT scores
  - LSAT scores range from 120-180; average for CAS is 163 (for year 2020-21)
  - Some law schools are accepting GRE scores as an alternative for the LSAT
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA
  - Consider a program that's rigorous, meaningful, and that will provide you with substantial skills (ie, critical reading, writing, research)
- Letters of Recommendation
  - Law schools prefer 2 letters from faculty members
  - Admissions officers find most helpful if the professors assess your skills in comparison with peers
- Personal Statement
  - Your time to shine! Tell the admissions committee about yourself - they want to know who you are and why you would be a good lawyer.
  - Avoid cliché statements
  - Grammar and spelling must be impeccable
- Résumé
  - Any extracurriculars, internships, work experience should be added here
  - Use the opportunity to showcase your skills and abilities relevant to the study of law
- Other admissions criteria (diversity statement, addendum)

# Preparation for Law School:

## What You Should Do Now

### Choose a Major that interests YOU

- At NYU, there is no such thing as a prelaw curriculum
- Law school admissions committees welcome applicants from ALL majors; they are most interested in how well you do academically
- If you choose a non-liberal arts major, however, be sure to take elective courses that strengthen your analytical research, writing, and communication skills

### Get Involved

- Join volunteer and community service activities on and off-campus that interest you, and be sure to take on a leadership role. Check out NYU Engage and attend club fest!
- The activities you choose do not have to be directly related to law
- Quality over quantity

### Build community on campus

- If you haven't done so, sign up to receive our newsletter, *The Legal Brief*
- Learn about the legal field through prelaw events, classes, networking, and internships

### Start building relationships with professors

- Take advantage of office hours and participate in class
- If class is remote, be sure to keep your camera on during class

### Think about your law school admissions test timing

- The LSAT is offered several times a year - plan ahead
- All information is on LSAC.org

# Other Factors

- Rigor of the applicant's major and courses
- Honors courses and seminars
- Carrying light or heavy credit loads
- Overloading on pass/fail classes or lower-level courses
- Withdrawals from courses or repeating multiple times
- Working while simultaneously attending college
- History of poor performance on standardized tests
- Extracurricular activities
- Undergraduate research
- Demonstrated leadership on- and off-campus

**Meet with a preprofessional advisor to discuss any of these factors and how you should address them in your application**

In the end, law schools prefer applicants who...

- Are passionate and who have applied or pursued their passions in interesting ways
- Would bring an interesting perspective to their law school class and the legal profession
- Can articulate a mature and compelling reason for pursuing a legal career
- Are ready to face the challenges of law school

# What you can do now to prepare for law school in the future

There **ARE** things you can do now and throughout your time in college to best prepare yourself for law school admissions – **DO NOT WAIT** until you apply.

- Explore your interests and take meaningful classes
- Do your best academically!
- Get involved on or off campus
- Connect with your prelaw advisor!
- Attend prelaw events
- Get to know at least one faculty member well enough for them to write you a convincing letter of recommendation
- Research different law schools and areas of practice
- Research ways to finance law school, look into scholarships or special programs
- Begin planning when to take the LSAT or GRE
- Look into when you will be applying to law school

# We're here for you! Preprofessional Advising Center

The **Preprofessional Advising Center's** staff of advisors provides individual advising as well as workshops, seminars, and other programs throughout the academic year to assist you in preparing for law school and, ultimately, a career in the law.

Our weekly email newsletter, **The Legal Brief**, features events, articles, announcements, and job listings that are of interest to prelaw students. You can join the listserv now by going on our website, <http://cas.nyu.edu/prelaw.html> and clicking on "Join the Prelaw Listserv to Receive The Legal Brief."

We encourage you to watch the [Prelaw Overview](#) on our website and meet with a preprofessional advisor often throughout your time at NYU to discuss your path to law school.

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