# Accelerated Law (Maine Law/University of Maine 3+3) Timeline

# First Year (Freshman Undergraduate)

Fall

Meet with 3+3 Advisor, Academic Advisor to the Accelerated Law Pathways, by appointment. Build Spring (2<sup>nd</sup>) semester schedule.

Optional meeting with Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions, Maine Law. These meetings are by appointment and optional and may be by phone. These meetings may be set throughout your undergraduate career. Contact <a href="maintenant-subadamissions@maine.edu">lawadmissions@maine.edu</a> to make an appointment.

#### Spring

Meet with 3+3 Advisor by appointment. Build Fall (3<sup>rd</sup>) semester schedule.

## Second Year (Sophomore Undergraduate)

Fall

Meet with 3+3 Advisor by appointment. Build Spring (4th) semester schedule.

Optional meeting with Caroline by appointment.

Read up on Maine School of Law and attend Maine Law Information Session or Fall Open House. Sit in on a class, meet faculty and students, get a tour, and meet with the Associate Dean for Admissions to talk about the specifics of applying to Maine Law. You may register for these sessions on the Maine Law website at mainlaw.maine.edu/admissions/recruitment/.

Begin to prepare or the LSAT exam. See the resource list below. You should begin to think about how and when you will prepare for the exam and what study resources you will use.

### Spring

LSAT Prep.

Meet with 3+3 Advisor by appointment. Build Fall (5<sup>th</sup>) semester schedule.

Optional meeting with Caroline by appointment.

If you have not already done so, attend Maine Law Information Session. Sit in on a class, meet with the Dean and Clinical Director, get a tour, and meet with Caroline Wilshusen to talk about the specifics of applying to Maine Law. You may register for these sessions on the Maine Law website at mainlaw.maine.edu/admissions/recruitment/

Read up on Maine Law application process.

Register for the LSAT exam at LSAC.org.

Take the LSAT in June or July (see also Fall of Third Year). You may also take the September or November LSAT, but may want to have the option for a retake.

## Third Year (Junior Undergraduate)

Fall

Meet with Faculty Advisor. Build Spring (6<sup>th</sup>) semester schedule and ensure that Degree Progress Report in MaineStreet represents appropriate progress in major and in completion of core requirements.

Optional meeting with Caroline by appointment.

#### No later than October of Junior Year:

#### BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MAINE LAW

Register with Credential Assembly Service through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at lsac.org.

If you have not already done so, attend Maine Law Information Session or Fall Open House. Sit in on a class, meet with faculty and students, get a tour, and meet with Caroline Wilshusen to talk about the specifics of applying to Maine Law. You may register for these sessions on the Maine Law website at mainlaw.maine.edu/admissions/recruitment/

September/November – take or re-take LSAT.

Send transcript and LSAT scores to CAS.

Assemble pieces of application—details here.

**Submit application.** November 15 is the priority deadline. If application is submitted by November 15, a decision will be made and communicated no later than December 31. All other application submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis. **Students are STRONGLY encouraged to apply by December 1 of their junior year to maximize the opportunity for acceptance at Maine Law.** 

Spring

Check in with 3+3 Advisor to ensure that your credits are sufficient to pursue the accelerated law degree.

Optional meeting with Caroline by appointment.

April 15 - first deposit required.

June 1 – second deposit required.

#### Shared Fourth/IL Year

Fall

Law School Orientation: Complete 3+3 enrollment form with Law School Registrar

Attack 1L course load!

Spring

Apply to graduate from baccalaureate program through undergraduate registrar (directions on undergraduate registration website).

After graduation from undergraduate institution, request official copy of complete UG transcript be sent to Maine Law Registrar.

Upon successful completion of 1L and proof of undergraduate graduation, conditional admissions status with Maine Law will be removed from student record.

#### Meetings with Law School Admissions:

You are always welcome to meet with Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions, Maine Law. These meetings are by appointment and optional and may be by phone. Contact <a href="maintend">lawadmissions@maine.edu</a> to make an appointment.

#### OTHER NOTES AND REMINDERS:

Please regularly check-in with Student Financial Services to make sure you're aware of any balances due, to apply for aid on the proper timeline, and to make sure of loan disbursement dates.

If you applied to the [School] in a major that does not have an approved accelerated Law pathway, or as an undecided student, you must declare your intent to pursue the accelerated Law timeline. Form available here.

# LSAT Study Resources

(These materials have not been reviewed and are not Endorsed by the University of Maine School of Law)

Khan Academy: KhanAcademy.org/lsat600

Free LSAT Prep

Power Score: <a href="mailto:powerscore.com/lsat/">powerscore.com/lsat/</a>

Multiple different options for studying **from free to paid**, in person or webinars and podcasts. Also promoting a course to familiarize yourself with the digital LSAT.

Law School Admission Council Website: <a href="lsac.org/lsat/lsat-prep">lsac.org/lsat/lsat-prep</a>

General info on the LSAT and some free material and videos. The site advertises the LSAC's official study guides and past tests but you need to go to a bookstore or Amazon. To familiarize yourself with the new digital format, go to familiar.lsac.org/

Kaplan: kaptest.com/lsat

Free general info on the exam. Occasionally host free "LSAT Boot Camps," simulated tests, and other free sessions. Books are available for purchase, giving both instruction and practice tests. Also offer paid prep courses that start at \$800.

Princeton Review: princetonreview.com/law/lsat-test-prep

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The LSAT Trainer: thelsattrainer.com/index.html

Mainly a book resource plus some free online resources. The book can be purchased on Amazon for around \$40. Our students have had luck with this program in the past.

7Sage: <u>7sage.com/</u>

Totally online, low-cost resource for LSAT studying with plans starting at \$180.

Preprobono: preprobono.org/about-us/

The owners of 7Sage have a non-profit that offers students free law school advice, low cost/or free LSAT prep workshops and application assistance.

CaseBriefs: casebriefs.com/registration-and-course-materials/

Free prep course offered by a trusted study guide of law students. Both an online component and a workbook.							
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