3 + 3 Program Whitworth University and Gonzaga University School of Law

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Subject: BA, BBA or BS/JD 3+3 Program.

Eligible Students:

- 1. Highly motivated, talented, and qualified students. Application for the program begins with a meeting with the Whitworth University pre-law advisor designated by the dean of the college of arts and sciences/provost (normally a faculty member in the political science department). This meeting should occur at the earliest opportunity, preferably during or even before the student's first semester at Whitworth.
- 2. Acceptance into the BA, BBA or BS/JD program does not guarantee admittance into law school because the student must perform and meet the criteria while at Whitworth to gain admittance to Gonzaga's law program.
- 3. For admittance into the 3+3 program:
 - a. Any student accepted to Whitworth is eligible to apply for the 3+3 Program. The student may choose any major as long as the student is able to comply with elements below. Application to the 3+3 Program is administered by the Whitworth pre-law advisor.
 - b. At Whitworth University students complete the following:
 - i. Initially, the student completes 96 credits, including a major, all general education requirements and at least 24 upper division credits. The upper division credit requirement (36 total) will be fulfilled by transferring credits from Gonzaga Law School to Whitworth. The 30 credits that will transfer from Gonzaga after the student's first year of law school will all be upper division elective credit at Whitworth University. Thus, after completing one year of law school in good academic standing and transferring 30 Gonzaga credits to Whitworth, the student will have fulfilled all requirements of a Whitworth degree including a major and all general education credits.
 - c. Given the expected intensive nature of the program, all credits from Whitworth must be taken at Whitworth University (including ISEP

- and CCCU programs). No credits from AP, IB, CLEP, Dantes or other undergraduate institutions will be accepted for inclusion in this program. Students may have these credits, but they must still complete 96 credits at Whitworth University (including ISEP or CCCU programs) to participate in the 3+3 Program.
- d. If students are not admitted to Gonzaga at the end of their junior year, they would still have to complete their credits at Whitworth in order to graduate.
- e. After matriculation in law school and upon completion of 30 credits of Gonzaga's first year curriculum in good academic standing, a BS, BA or BBA will be awarded from Whitworth, and the student can walk in Whitworth's graduation. Gonzaga will provide a transcript confirming completion of 30 law school credits as outlined above. Graduation from Whitworth is contingent on the receipt of this transcript.
- 4. Gonzaga Law School Admittance: (Gonzaga reserves the right to refuse admission to any otherwise qualified applicant whom it deems is not of good character and/or has been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of the violation of any law, other than minor traffic violations, dismissed, expelled, suspended, or disciplined by Whitworth or elsewhere for academic or any other reason.)
 - a. 3+3 Program students should apply for early admission to the law school (date to be determined) in their junior year.
 - b. Requirements to ensure guaranteed admittance:
 - i. Successful completion of 96 credits from Whitworth by the end of their junior year (six semesters).
 - ii. LSAT
 - 1. Students must take the LSAT no later than the December of their junior year.
 - 2. The score must exceed or be equal to the median LSAT score of the preceding year's entering law class at Gonzaga.
 - 3. Failure to achieve this score does not equal denial, but simply does not guarantee admission

iii. UGPA

- 1. After their fifth semester at Whitworth: 3+3 Program students must maintain a UGPA equaling or exceeding the median UGPA of the preceding year's entering law class at Gonzaga
- 2. Failure to achieve this UGPA does not equal denial, but simply does not guarantee admission
- iv. Successful completion of Gonzaga's application process
 - 1. Character and fitness
 - 2. Personal statement
 - 3. LSAC application
 - 4. Letters of Recommendation (including a letter from the Whitworth University pre-law advisor).

Costs: During their three years at Whitworth, students will pay undergraduate tuition and fees to Whitworth University and will be eligible to apply for financial aid through Whitworth. During their completion of their law degree at Gonzaga (either in the traditional three year program or the accelerated program) students will pay law school tuition and fees to Gonzaga and will be eligible to apply for financial aid through Gonzaga. Financial aid from Whitworth will not transfer to Gonzaga.

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