

# Gonzaga University CAS & Gonzaga School of Law 3+3 Pathway

## Pre-Law Advising Student Checklist

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The Gonzaga University School of Law and Gonzaga University College of Arts & Science's (CAS) joint pathway provides students the opportunity to earn a BA / BS and a JD in six (6) years rather than seven (7).

The pathway is designed with the unusual undergraduate student in mind, and admission to Gonzaga Law School is not guaranteed simply by completing necessary undergraduate coursework.

The pathway is intended for students who:

- Have a compelling and demonstrated record toward a career in law (including, e.g., relevant work or internship experience in the legal sector)
- Have significant life experience (e.g., non-traditional students, veteran students, working parents, or those with indicia of thriving in the face of adversity)
- Are highly motivated and high achieving.

Any fully eligible 3+3 applicants must still apply by the spring of their junior year, be reviewed, and be offered admission through Gonzaga Law's regular review process.

Students interested in applying to the 3+3 pathway are ultimately responsible for understanding and maintaining their academic eligibility for the pathway. This includes the following steps:

- **Review requirements** and recommended application timeline on the [Gonzaga School of Law website](#).
- **Meet with academic advisor** to develop an academic progression plan that incorporates academic eligibility for the 3+3 pathway. This includes:
  - Completing at least 92 credits by end of junior year.
    - This likely requires an academic plan with 2 semesters of 16 credits, not counting summer or transfer / AP credits.
  - Completing core requirements by end of junior year.
  - Completing major requirements by end of junior year.
    - This includes any capstone requirements such as a thesis or research project, and may require some senior-level classes as early as sophomore year, depending on major.
  - Plan if Not Admitted – Be prepared to complete additional coursework (any credits needed to complete the undergraduate degree ) in a fourth year of undergraduate studies if not admitted to law school as a 3+3 applicant.
- Consider the complete undergraduate experience, as applicable:
  - Study Abroad – Is it possible to study abroad (if desired) on this pathway?
  - Academic Choice – Is it possible to double major or add a minor (if desired) on this pathway?
  - Change of Major – How does a change of major impact eligibility for this pathway?
- **Meet with pre-law advising** to discuss whether the 3+3 pathway is an appropriate option for your career goals. Schedule via [ZagsIgnite](#) or email [prelaw@gonzaga.edu](mailto:prelaw@gonzaga.edu) to schedule an appointment.