

Determining Fit

Who is a good fit for this program?

The program is open to students majoring within the College of Arts & Sciences. It 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 (ex: non-traditional students, veteran students, working parents, or those with evidence of thriving in the face of adversity);
- and are highly motivated and high achieving

Admission to Gonzaga Law School is not guaranteed.

Are transfer students or students entering Gonzaga with credits eligible for this program?

Technically, yes. However, students enrolling with greater than 30-45 semester credits of transfer coursework may not benefit from the accelerated nature of the program. Students entering Gonzaga with a transferable AA/AST degree or junior credit standing may add unnecessary time to bachelor's degree completion and find it difficult to meet eligibility requirements for the 3+3 program within the strict timeline. Prospective transfer students and students enrolling with transfer credit should consult with [Pre-Law Advising](#) to determine whether the program is a realistic option.

What are the next steps for students that think they are eligible and a good fit for this program?

- Review all information about the 3+3 program on the [Gonzaga School of Law website](#) and the Student Checklist on the [Gonzaga Pre-Law Advising website](#)
- Meet with their assigned academic advisor to develop an academic plan
- Meet with Pre-Law Advising by [scheduling an appointment](#) through Career & Professional Development to discuss additional preparation for law school

When do students become part of the 3+3 program?

Students may explore and prepare for the 3+3 program as early as their first year, and careful academic planning is essential. However, there is no formal enrollment in the 3+3 program as an undergraduate student. Students are officially admitted only after successfully applying to Gonzaga Law during their junior year, meeting all eligibility requirements, and receiving an offer of admission through the law school admissions process.

What if this program is not a good fit and/or students have additional questions?

This is not the only option for going to law school! Many students benefit from completing a traditional four-year undergraduate experience before applying to law school. Students who have questions about whether the 3+3 pathway aligns with their goals are encouraged to [schedule an appointment](#) with Pre-Law Advising to discuss their options and develop a plan that best supports their academic and professional aspirations.

Academic Planning

Can a student be any major?

The 3+3 pathway is only open to students pursuing majors within the College of Arts & Sciences. Because completing a bachelor's degree in three years can be more feasible in some majors than others, students interested in 3+3 should work closely with their academic advisor to develop an appropriate academic plan. Students are highly encouraged to choose a major based on their academic interests, strengths, and career goals, rather than solely to gain eligibility for the 3+3 pathway. Any student considering a change of major or College/School should consult with their advisors before deciding.

Can a student earn dual degrees in the College of Arts & Sciences and another School and still be eligible?

Generally, no. Pursuing a major in the College of Arts & Sciences as well as a major in another School typically results in a dual-degree program requiring at least 150 credits. Because of the significant credit requirements, dual-degree students are generally not able to complete all undergraduate requirements within the accelerated timeline required for the 3+3 program. With careful academic planning, students might be able to minor in another School or double major within the College, but the credit load would still make it very challenging.

Applying to Gonzaga Law

Does this guarantee admission to the law school?

No. Admission to Gonzaga Law School is not guaranteed simply by completing the necessary undergraduate coursework and submitting an application.

What do I do when I am ready to apply to the 3+3 program?

Specific to the 3+3 program, students must:

- Plan to successfully complete at least 92 undergraduate credits and all College of Arts & Sciences degree requirements – including requirements for any major, minor, concentration, and the University Core – by the end of their third (junior) year.
- Obtain certification from the College of Arts & Sciences that all requirements for early entry to Gonzaga Law will be met prior to law school enrollment.

Otherwise, students should follow all application procedures as indicated by Gonzaga Law and the Law School Admission Council.

Is this agreement with any law school?

The 3+3 program is only eligible for admission consideration to the Gonzaga University School of Law.

If a student is undecided about attending law school, is this the right program?

Students who are still exploring whether law school is the right next step should generally plan to complete the traditional four-year undergraduate experience. Because admission to the 3+3 program requires a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a legal career, the program is best suited for students with already well-developed law school goals and preparation.