

# LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE

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## FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ✓ Choose a major that you find enjoyable, academically rigorous, and challenging.
- ✓ Attend pre-law events with law school admissions officers and practicing attorneys.
- ✓ Investigate other options to ensure that law school is the right choice for you.
- ✓ Research law related internships.
- ✓ Visit the pre-law adviser at least once per semester.

## SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR

- ✓ Review all transcripts carefully to ensure that all information is current and accurate.
- ✓ Request transcripts from all post-secondary schools you have attended (even if it was just a 1-credit class or a summer course.) A transcript request form can be downloaded from [lsac.org](https://lsac.org). [Make sure your Israeli transcripts are accurate and have been received here at YU!]
- ✓ Register for the June LSAT (this will allow you an opportunity to retake the exam in October if your score needs improvement).
- ✓ Prepare for the LSAT.
- ✓ Sign up for CAS (Credential Assembly System) <https://www.lsac.org/applying-law-school/jd-application-process/credential-assembly-service-cas> which will collect your transcripts and summarize them into a report that will be sent to law schools once they receive your application. Your LSAT score and letters of recommendation will also be sent through this service.

## SUMMER OF JUNIOR YEAR

- ✓ Take the June LSAT.
- ✓ Start drafting your personal statement.
- ✓ Think about whom you will ask for letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Make a list of schools you are thinking of applying to.
- ✓ Register for the October LSAT if you are not satisfied with your June score.

## EARLY FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- ✓ Visit as many schools as you can.
- ✓ Decide which schools to apply to.
- ✓ Begin your applications. They can be completed on the LSAC website.
- ✓ Line up your recommenders. Give them your personal statement, resume and possibly a paper you wrote for their class in order to enable them to write an outstanding

recommendation. Follow the LSAC instructions for submitting letters.

<https://www.lsac.org/llm-and-non-jd-applicants/llm-non-jd-application-process/application-requirements/letters>

Ask for evaluations if a school requires one or if you feel it would be helpful. To obtain an evaluation provide your evaluator's contact information to LSAC. LSAC will then contact your evaluator via email to request the evaluation.

- ✓ Revise your personal statement and meet with a Writing Center tutor to ensure that it is responsive to the specific question asked and is as polished as possible.
- ✓ Prepare your resume. We strongly recommend that you make an appointment with YU's Career Center to review this.
- ✓ Draft an addendum if you feel it is necessary. (The decision to include an addendum should be discussed with your pre-law adviser.)

### **MID-LATE FALL OF SENIOR YEAR**

- ✓ Finalize your personal statement.
- ✓ Review your applications and add finishing touches.
- ✓ Make sure your recommenders have submitted letters of recommendation and that CAS has received them. Assign recommendations to the schools you plan to apply to.
- ✓ Obtain Dean's Certifications for the schools that request these. (They should be sent directly to the requesting school.)
- ✓ Complete personal certification if required.
- ✓ Answer supplemental questions if given the opportunity to do so.
- ✓ Submit application fee or waiver.
- ✓ Send out your applications.
- ✓ Request financial aid application materials from the schools and make sure you read the instructions carefully.
- ✓ Take the November LSAT if necessary. REMEMBER: Scores are averaged so take the exam when you are ready!

### **WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER OF SENIOR YEAR**

- ✓ Concentrate on your final exams. The admissions committee may evaluate these scores before making a final decision.
- ✓ Wait for the acceptances to roll in. (If you are lucky you may hear by January. You will most likely have heard by April but if you are placed on a waitlist you may not receive a final decision until August.)
- ✓ Send updated transcripts to CAS.
- ✓ Complete all applications for financial aid.
- ✓ Review financial aid notices from the law schools and project your resources and costs.
- ✓ Decide which law school offer to accept.
- ✓ Send in acceptances of admission offers and your seat deposit.
- ✓ Complete your student loan applications.

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