

Career Roadmap – Law School

Junior Year

Starting Off

- Minor in Legal Studies (Speak to the Legal Studies Advisor)
- Review Honors in the Major Program
- Review Scholars Track Courses
- Review the leads scholars program

What class to take (Fall/Spring/Summer)

NOTE: It is highly recommended that students take CJE 3001 Careers in Criminal Justice as soon they begin taking Criminal Justice courses.

- **FALL**
 - CJE 3001- Careers in Criminal Justice
 - CCJ 4054 -Criminal Justice Ethics
 - Enroll in certificate/minor courses if applicable
 - All other required criminal justice course
- **Student Organizations**
 - LAE
 - Moot court and related legal studies organizations
 - Criminal Justice Honor Society

Things To-Do

- Faculty/ Alumni Mentor
- Attend Job Fairs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Study abroad
- Internships
- Volunteering
- Career Services available resources
- Job Shadowing (Ride along)
- Register resume – Knights link

The LSAT

Unlike the GRE, the LSAT is only offered four times each year (usually February, June, October and December), and the deadline for registering is about a month in advance. We suggest taking a free LSAT practice test January to calculate your diagnostic score (<http://www.princetonreview.com/law/free-lsat-practice-test#!practice>). In February, start thinking about a prep course (we strongly recommend in-person or online courses). In March, check out the LSAT section of the LSAC website, which will provides the dates (<http://www.lsac.org/jd/lSAT/test-dates-deadlines>), registration deadlines, and the logistical information you'll need to know for the big day.

The CAS

The Credential Assembly Service (CAS) is a service provided by the LSAC and is required by most ABA-approved law schools. For a fee, CAS will assemble a report containing your transcript, LSAT scores, and letters of recommendation. Aim to register for the CAS around July so that you can complete your file as soon as possible. After you apply to the law schools of your choice, they will contact the CAS directly and request a copy of your report.

Senior Year

What class to take: (Fall/Spring)

- **Fall**
 - CCJ 4746 – Data Analysis (Core)
 - Upper Level Elective
 - Upper Level Elective
 - Supportive Electives
- **Spring**
 - Criminal Internship
 - Supportive Electives

Student Organizations

- LAE
- Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Moot court and related legal studies organizations

Faculty/ Alumni Mentor

- Continue to work with Faculty/ Mentor

Things to-do

- Apply to Graduate schools if planning to continue education
 - Meet with Graduate Advisor
- Develop potential list of references & request letters of recommendation from faculty/ employers
- Criminal Justice Career Fair
- Attend University Job Fairs
- Explore Career Services employment opportunities
- Update resume
- Upload resume to KnightLink
- LSAT Exam
- Apply for graduation

You should aim to submit all of your applications, regardless of due dates, by late November or early December, if not earlier.

Transcripts and Recommendations

In August contact your colleges to ask that your transcript be sent to the CAS. As for recommendations, it's best to wait until September, when professors are getting back in the swing of things. Consider which professors know you well enough to offer solid predictions (and positive impressions) for your future performance.

Shopping Around

Check out school stats to find out where your GPA and test scores will fit comfortably within the application pool. Most people apply to somewhere between six and ten schools (you won't need to stress if you pick a range of safeties, realistic choices, and reach schools). August is a good time to touch base with your prelaw advisor and settle on a favorite few.

The Application and Personal Statement

Start working on your applications and personal statement around September. While your applications will be relatively straightforward to complete, your personal statement will most definitely benefit from careful ruminations and multiple revisions. Ask some people who know you well – and have good critical eyes – to read your personal statement to make sure that it communicates your character. Admissions officers will appreciate a clear indication of what attracted you to law and what particular field interests you.

Reference

- [Overview of the Law School Application Process](#)