Pre-Law Academic Timeline

First year
- Focus on your grades in your Key Skills and Knowledge general education courses. Develop your writing skills by taking courses that qualify as Written Communication Intensive (WW), such as in English or history.
- Think about whether a legal career is the right fit for you
- Consider taking a law class as one of your electives in the spring semester
- Meet with one of the pre-law advisors
- Begin to build relationships with your pre-law peers
- Join the Pre-Law Society and get involved in their activities
- Consider speaking to at least three lawyers about their careers; whether at a Wagner pre-law event, by connecting with Wagner alumni, or through personal connections of the pre-law advisors
- Begin/continue reading in your spare time to build your reading and vocabulary skills

Second year
- Take a practice LSAT exam
- Consider speaking with a Pre-Law Ambassador
- Assume a leadership position in the Pre-Law Society
- Consider which professors may be able to write a letter of recommendation for you
- Create and maintain a professional resume. Visit the CACE Office for assistance. Better still, make your appointment now.
- Declare a major that interests you
- Attend NYC Law Forum in Manhattan
- Meet with your pre-law advisor
- Consider the 3 + 3 program with one of the participating law schools: Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Vermont Law School

Third year
- Apply for the 3 + 3 plan with any of the following schools
- Sign up with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)
- Begin researching law schools that might fit your career goals
- Join the LSATurday study group
- Become an officer in the Pre-Law Society
• Identify which professors may be able to write a letter of recommendation for you
• Consider topics for your personal statement and attend the workshop sponsored by the Pre-Law Society
• Meet with your pre-law advisor
• Work with CACE to find a law related internship. Visit the CACE Office for assistance. Better still, make your appointment now.
• Attend NYC Law Forum in Manhattan
• Consider taking a law course that teaches in the Socratic Method

**Summer: Third year**
• Begin to visit law schools
• Consider taking the LSAT

**Fourth year**
• Revise your personal statement and resume
• Meet with your pre-law advisor
• Consider taking/retaking the LSAT again
• Register for the LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
• Obtain letters of recommendation
• Determine the law school(s) where you will apply and complete the application(s) in the fall semester – complete and submitted by Thanksgiving
• Contact a Pre-Law Ambassador for assistance on the law school application process
• Apply to individual law schools
• Attend NYC Law Forum in Manhattan
• Make plans for a law related job/internship
• Consider taking electives that will enhance your preparation for the LSAT

**Spring Semester: Fourth year**
• Consider financial aid and complete the FAFSA in January
• Deposit at the school of your choice to reserve your seat

• CONGRATULATIONS – YOU’VE DONE IT!