

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!**