

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Start Law School a Year Early

OVERVIEW

As a University of West Florida student, you have the option of earning your bachelor's and law degrees in six years rather than the traditional seven. Pursuant to a new **3+3 Accelerated Law Program**, college juniors who meet certain requirements can start law school a year early, resulting in a savings of the entire cost of the fourth year of college.

U.S. News & World Report (2014) rates Florida State as the **#1 law school in Florida**, and 45th best nationally.

HOW IT WORKS

University of West Florida undergraduate students who gain admission into law school through the 3+3 program will follow the usual prescribed course of study for full-time, first-year law students. After successfully completing the first year of law school (the equivalent of 30 credit hours), 3+3 participants will receive the bachelor's degree, assuming all other graduation requirements are met. The Juris Doctor degree will be awarded upon successful completion of the required minimum 88 total course credits for law school (including the 30 hours earned as part of the 3+3 program) and all other J.D. graduation requirements.

A *National Law Journal* report (2014) rates Florida State as Florida's **#1 law school**, and the **nation's 25th best**, in terms of the percentage of 2013 graduates employed nine months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required jobs not funded by the school.



➔ To learn more about the requirements for the J.D. program, contact the College of Law's Office of Admissions at admissions@law.fsu.edu or **850-644-3787**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Admission to the J.D. program is highly competitive. Students participating in the 3+3 program generally will be required to:

- Take the LSAT during their junior year and earn a score acceptable for admission.
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 in courses taken at UWF as of the date of application.
- Earn at least 90 undergraduate credits prior to matriculation at the law school. A minimum of 25% of total credits for the bachelor's degree must have been earned at UWF.
- Fulfill all major and graduation competencies by the end of their junior year.
- Fulfill any other requirements separately imposed by the student's undergraduate college.
- Apply for admission to the law school during or at the end of their junior year.
- Pay the full-time law school tuition/fees rate (financial aid available).

➔ Earn your bachelor's and law degrees in **six years** rather than the traditional seven, saving a year of time and costs.



MAPPING YOUR PLAN

Interested students should meet early and often with the UWF Legal Studies Program coordinator and/or departmental advisors to identify the 3+3 program as an academic goal. This way, you can register for the appropriate classes and connect to the wealth of university resources for successful participation.

Also consider applying for our award-winning Summer for Undergraduates Program during your sophomore year. For more information on this program, visit www.law.fsu.edu/slp.