

3+3 Program Requirements at Cleveland State University

To be eligible for admission to the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law under the CSU 3+3 program, undergraduate CSU students must:

(1) Notify the department chair of the student's major field and the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid at the College of Law not later than the beginning of the student's junior year (or its part-time equivalent) of the intention to pursue admission to the College of Law under the 3+3 program. The purpose of this notification requirement is to permit timely counseling regarding progress toward satisfying major, general education, and residency requirements and regarding taking the LSAT (the Law School Admission Test). Because its purpose is to aid students, this notification requirement can be waived with the agreement of the student's department chair and the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid at the College of Law with respect to a student otherwise satisfying the remaining requirements to be admitted to the College of Law under the 3+3 program.

(2) Earn at least 91 undergraduate credit hours (whether taken at CSU or accepted as transfer credit);

(3) Complete all undergraduate major field, general education, and college-specific course requirements;

(4) Have a cumulative GPA of 3.45 for undergraduate courses taken at CSU. If the student's GPA falls below but is near 3.45, the student can be admitted to the College of Law under the 3+3 program if the committee described in 8., below, recommends admission after considering the student's complete record;

(5) Satisfy CSU undergraduate residency requirements in general, as described in the undergraduate catalog, as well as any additional college-specific residency requirements. To be specific, prior to matriculating in the College of Law under the 3+3 program, students must:

(a) Earn their final 30 undergraduate credit hours at CSU;

(b) Earn 24 credits of upper-division coursework at CSU (300 and 400 level courses);

(c) Earn the lesser of 18 credits or 50% of the departmental credits comprising a major at CSU; and

(d) Satisfy any additional college-specific residency requirements.

(6) Take the LSAT no later than the February test of the student's junior year with a minimum score not below the 60th percentile. With permission of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, students may complete this requirement with the June test of the student's third year; and

(7) Satisfy all regular admission requirements of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, including completion of the admission application, submission of two letters of recommendation, and disclosure of matters (listed on the application form) that may preclude admission to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

(8) The committee to consider whether a student with a GPA just below 3.45 but who otherwise satisfies all other requirements should be admitted to the College of Law under the 3+3 program shall consist of two representatives of the student's undergraduate college (appointed by the Dean of the College) and the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid at the College of Law.

Students who complete the first-year curriculum (29 credits) at the College of Law in good academic standing (currently 2.25 GPA but subject to change in future years), whether in the full- or part-time program of study, will be awarded their undergraduate degree by Cleveland State University at that time, regardless of whether the student completes the J.D. degree. Students with a GPA less than 2.25 but at least

2.00 may petition the Academic Standards Committee for a discretionary grant of a one-semester probation period upon meeting the requirements of Academic Regulation 5.1(c) in the College of Law. If such a probation period is granted, the student will be awarded the undergraduate degree by Cleveland State University only after successfully being removed from probation and returned to good academic standing in the College of Law. Students who do not complete the first-year curriculum at the College in good academic standing (whether for academic or personal reasons) can request to transfer any credits that they successfully earned at the College of Law to their undergraduate transcript so that they can complete the remaining credits necessary to earn their undergraduate degree at Cleveland State University.

Failure to satisfy the requirements for matriculation under the 3+3 program shall have no adverse impact on any later decision by the College of Law regarding whether to admit a student after completion of the undergraduate degree.

Eligibility for consideration of any scholarship funding at the College of Law shall not be affected by whether the student matriculates under the 3+3 program.

No majors are precluded from participating in the 3+3 program, but past history (and major requirements) makes it likely that most 3+3 applicants will come from CLASS (the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences) or COSHP (the College of Sciences and Health Professions).

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