## 3+3 Program Requirements

Regis College

and

Western New England University School of Law Springfield, Massachusetts

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Law School Admissions Office 413-782-1406

- 3+3 applicants must complete the application for admission to Western New England
  University School of Law by March 1 of the year in which they hope to enter law school.
  For example, applicants interested in August 2013 admission must complete their
  applications by March 1, 2013. Applications completed after March 1 will be considered
  on a space-available basis. Completing the admissions package after March 1 can
  substantially reduce the candidate's chances of admission.
- To complete an application means that the School of Law has all necessary parts of the application package received by its Admissions Office. This includes a valid Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score and a complete Candidate Assembly Service (CAS) report.
- LSAT scores are usually released to candidates and to law schools five to six weeks after the test administration. February scores are not received by the School of Law before March 1. Therefore, 3+3 applicants should not take the LSAT any later than December of the year before they hope to enroll in the School of Law if they are attempting to meet the March 1 deadline.
- 3+3 candidate can only apply to the full-time, regular admission program at the School
  of Law. Should they wish to switch to part-time status, they may do so after completion
  of the first year of law school, upon approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  of the School of Law.

- 3+3 candidates must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher for the student's course of study through the fall semester of the junior year at Regis College. Since the Admissions Committee of the School of Law will require transcripts through the fall semester of the junior year, applicants should be encouraged by their advisors to update their CAS reports through Law Services as quickly as possible after fall grades are released by Regis College. Accepted applicants will be expected to maintain grades at that level in the spring semester of their junior year; a drop in performance level may cause the Admissions Committee of the School of Law to reconsider the decision to admit. All grades earned at any post-secondary institution will be considered by the Admissions Committee of the School of Law, including grades from courses transferred into Regis College from other colleges.
- A student must be able to present grades for at least 30 credit hours of undergraduate study at Regis College to be eligible to apply for the 3+3 program.
- 3+3 candidates must score at or above the median LSAT for matriculants at the School
  of Law for the previous admission year or score at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile
  nationally on the LSAT, whichever is higher. Potential applicants should be encouraged
  to contact the School of Law Office of Admissions early in their junior year to ascertain
  the eligible score for admission of a 3+3 candidate for the application year.
- 3+3 candidates must meet these LSAT and GPA requirements in order to be permitted to apply to the School of Law. The School of Law will not accept any application materials for 3+3 candidates until the applicant has proof that the LSAT and GPA conditions have been met.
- The LSAT and GPA conditions only permit a 3+3 candidate to apply; satisfaction of the
  eligibility requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Favorable review by the School
  of Law Admissions Committee of the applicant's academic credentials, letters of
  recommendation, resume and the student's personal statement as well as satisfaction
  of the School of Law's admission requirements relating to character and fitness are
  required.
- A personal interview with a professional admissions staff member may also be required for 3+3 candidates. Personal interviews may be conducted after it has been determined that the applicant has met the LSAT and GPA requirements for submission of the application.

- 3+3 candidates must have completed 75% of the bachelor's degree requirements by the start of their enrollment in the School of Law. They must also have completed all undergraduate curricular major field and liberal studies requirements at Regis College. An applicant must submit, as part of the application package, official approval from the associate dean of academic affairs of the school in which the student is enrolled to use course credits from the first year of law school as fulfillment of any remaining requirements for completion of the bachelor's degree at Regis College. Upon completion of the first year of law school with grades meeting the requirements set forth by the dean, Regis College will grant the bachelor's degree.
- There is no required curriculum for the undergraduate studies, although students are encouraged to take courses that emphasize the development of analytical reasoning and writing skills.
- 3+3 students who enroll in the School of Law are eligible to apply and will be considered for scholarships and other financial aid according to the same criteria as all other students.

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