

3+3 BA/BS + JD LAW PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE 3+3?

- The 3+3 is an opportunity for students to receive a Bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate within 6 years – 3 years at Dickinson College, and 3 years at Penn State Dickinson Law.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students are eligible for the 3+3 if they have completed all academic requirements for your Dickinson College degree except for the last 25% of the total courses needed. Students must complete the junior year with a GPA that is equal to or greater than Dickinson Law's most recently reported median undergraduate GPA (currently a 3.61) and have an LSAT score at or above Dickinson Law's most recently reported median LSAT score (currently a 161).

HOW AND WHEN DO I DECLARE MY INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE?

- Organizing a schedule to complete all the required courses for both the college and the major can be a challenging task. It is highly recommended that students make their intention known to their First-year advisor as well as the Pre-Law Advisor early on in the first year at Dickinson. Students should work closely with both advisors to choose a major and schedule the appropriate courses each semester.

ARE CERTAIN MAJORS EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM?

- No. However, majors that require a large number of courses, or courses that are offered infrequently, may be difficult to accomplish in three years' time. Double majors will be nearly impossible to complete.

CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

- The 3+3 program does not allow for study abroad during the junior year, though summer programs are still viable options.

HOW DOES THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS WORK?

- Students apply to Dickinson Law during the fall of their junior year at Dickinson College. Once accepted, students will matriculate at Dickinson Law and be subject to their rules and regulations for academic and social policy. Upon satisfactory completion of the first year of law school, Dickinson Law coursework will transfer back to Dickinson College to complete the necessary 32 credits for graduation from the college.

WHICH INSTITUTION'S TUITION DO I PAY?

- Students will pay Dickinson Law tuition, and will be subject to their Financial Aid policies and Scholarship options.

HOW DO I APPLY TO LAW SCHOOL?

- Candidates apply in the same way other students apply to law school: establish a Credential Assembly Service account with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC); take the LSAT exam by February of your junior year; submit letters of recommendation, transcript and personal statement to the CAS account; and complete Dickinson Law's online application through LSAC. You will also need to submit an addendum indicating their intention to apply under the auspices of the 3+3 program. All application materials should be submitted by March 1 of the junior year. Students work with the Dickinson College's Pre-Law Advisor throughout the application process.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

- Students return to Dickinson College for the completion of the 32 course requirement. Completed law school classes, if applicable, will transfer back to the college as credit without grades.

DO MY GRADES AND CREDITS AT THE LAW SCHOOL IMPACT MY DICKINSON COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

- On the Dickinson transcript, law school coursework is summarized as the amount of credit and name of the program (3+3). Grades will count as "transfer grades" without affecting the GPA at the college. The law school will maintain its own transcript where all course details and numerical grades will be recorded.

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