



3 Plus 3 Fast Track Program Checklist

Please note: Students entering USD with significant dual enrollment, AP, or IB credits should be aware these milestones below will be accelerated, and should discuss gap year or internship options with their advisors.

First Year

- Meet with your College of Arts and Sciences or Beacom School of Business academic advisor about the 3+3 Fast Track Program.
 - Select your major, and begin tracking your course plans and requirements on this [form](#). (College of Arts & Sciences students will use the first year of law school as their minor.)
- Meet with admissions staff at USD Knudson School of Law for a tour/class visit.
- Review the www.usd.edu/law admissions website to assess all program requirements.
- Begin to participate in extra-curricular, shadowing, and observation experiences to develop a competitive law school application. These activities should continue throughout all three years of undergraduate studies.

Sophomore Year (or 45 credits finished, whichever is earlier)

- Complete the 3+3 Fast Track Statement of Intent Form, found on the Knudson School of Law admissions webpage, by the add/drop deadline of your third semester at USD.
 - Submit to USD Knudson School of Law Admissions Office (Law@usd.edu).
- Work closely with your academic advisor to plan coursework to ensure general degree, college, and major requirements to meet.
 - You must have 30 hours of courses numbered 300-499 before you enter law school (consult catalog.usd.edu: the year you entered USD is your correct undergraduate catalog—select Academic Policies on left menu, then Degree Requirements).
 - Remember law school admission through 3+3 requires a minimum 3.25 cum GPA, although competitive applicants will have a significantly higher GPA.
- Apply for unofficial 3+3 Audit (email advising@usd.edu) upon registering for semester where your credit total is at approximately 60 credits.
- Create student account with the Law School Admissions Council (www.LSAC.org).
- Prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Junior Year (or 60 credits finished, whichever is earlier)

- During the summer between second and third years, continue application preparation, including LSAT studying, personal statement writing, and letter of recommendation selection.
 - Personal Statement: you should work your this with your trusted faculty, advisor, and/or the Writing Center.
 - Letters of Recommendation: ask faculty, supervisors, etc. who know you well and can attest to your recent abilities and interest in attending law school.
- Register for and take the LSAT (October, December, or February (if necessary)).
 - The 3+3 program requires you earn at least a 152 on the LSAT.
- Request official degree audit from the University's Registrar (myu.usd.edu portal/Academics/Registrar portlet) and work with your advisor to make any curriculum changes to reach 90 credits, with appropriate major, distribution, and other requirements.
 - Submit it to the law school during your last undergraduate semester (law@usd.edu).
- Complete LSAC and Credential Assembly Service (CAS) applications by April 1, at the latest, including:
 - Two or more Letters of Recommendation.
 - Submit a special letter of recommendation to the School of Law Admissions office from the Chair of your department attesting intellectual strengths, maturity, work ethic, and overall readiness for Law School. This can, but does not need to be, one of the two letters to submit to LSAC.
 - All undergraduate transcripts.
 - A personal statement.
- Meeting all requirements as listed does not guarantee admission to the School of Law. All students must apply and be considered on the merits of their applications.