

Application Instructions

Instructions: Northwestern Law AJD Application

Northwestern Law has become the first top-tier law school to offer an Accelerated JD Program. Beginning in May 2009, the school began enrolling a limited number of highly motivated students to this two-year program.

Students in the Accelerated JD Program complete the same number of credit hours as traditional three-year JD students in five semesters over the course of two calendar years. While this faster pace means students have a more set schedule of classes, they also have the opportunity to select from the full range of electives offered by the Law School. Students have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including journals. Students can participate and serve on the executive board of any of the Law School's six scholarly journals through a write-on process conducted during their initial fall semester.

Accelerated JD students begin classes in May. They join traditional JD students during the fall and spring semesters, and work during their second summer. They then return to the Law School for two more semesters and graduate in May, two calendar years after they begin. Students participate in the fall On-Campus Interviewing Program (OCI) upon completion of their first term with one semester of grades.

Prospective AJD students are required to complete an interview as part of the application process. Applicants must have at least two years of substantive post-undergraduate work experience, preferably in a non-legal setting, and ideally have demonstrated managerial and leadership experience to qualify for the program.

Each state has character and fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar. Prior to matriculation, all applicants should consult the bar admission authorities in the state in which he or she intends to practice law to determine these requirements. Information about the requirements for admission to the bars of various states is available from the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610, website www.abanet.org.

Curriculum

Detailed information regarding the AJD curriculum is located at www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/ajd/curriculum.html

Admissions Deadlines

Interview completion deadline is December 15
Application completion deadline is January 15
Decisions mailed by February 1
Enrollment deposit deadline is March 15

Required Application Items

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Updated Résumé
- 3) Interview

Prospective students are required to complete an on or off-campus interview as part of the application process. On-campus interview appointments become available in September. Off-campus interviews can be requested in August. Please check our "Request an Interview" website for further information.

- 4) Standardized Test

Applicants may take either the LSAT or the GMAT for consideration. Both tests will receive equal weight. In cases where multiple scores exist for either the LSAT or the GMAT, we will use your highest. For applicants who elect to take the GMAT, the deadline for taking the exam is December 1, 2011. The GMAT is a computer-adaptive exam and is offered on an ongoing basis, generally six days a week, at various testing centers. For a list of testing centers and to schedule your exam, please consult the Graduate Management Admission Council website (www.gmac.org). For applicants who elect to take the LSAT, the December 2011 administration is the latest exam we will consider for summer 2012 entry. The LSAT is offered four times per year: February, June, September/October, and December. Applicants may register for the LSAT through the Law School Admissions Council. You are required to declare which exam to use for evaluation.

- 5) Recommendation/Career Progress Evaluation Form

In lieu of a general letter of recommendation, the Career Progress Evaluation (CPE) form serves as a recommendation letter for the Accelerated JD Program. One completed CPE form is required for admission and should be completed by someone who can evaluate your professional, work-related performance (current or former supervisor, client, or co-worker). This form will be available through LSAC as a download from the "Forms" section. An online form is also available on the admissions website (www.law.northwestern.edu/admissions)

6) Transcript

Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you take the LSAT, please submit your transcripts directly to the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. If you take the GMAT, please submit transcripts directly to the Law School admissions office: Northwestern University School of Law, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

7) \$100 Application Fee

Tuition and Financial Aid

Northwestern Law prices tuition by the degree pursued rather than the length of enrollment. Therefore, tuition for the Accelerated JD Program is prorated to equal the same total cost as the traditional three year JD Program. Each term will cost approximately 6/5 of the three-year amount. Students in this program benefit financially by securing the opportunity cost associated with reentering the workforce a year sooner and by foregoing one semester of education-related living expenses. The deadline to submit a financial aid application is February 15. To be eligible for scholarships and grants, applicants must apply for financial aid by completing an online Need Access application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Funding is awarded on a combination of merit and need-based factors and individuals will be notified of scholarships and grants after an admission offer has been extended. Both the online Need Access application and the FAFSA can be completed using estimated figures in order to meet the February 15 deadline. Individuals will be notified of loan eligibility prior to the March 15 tuition deposit deadline.

Biographical

Prefix: _____

First name: _____

Middle name: _____

Last name: _____

Suffix: _____

Previous (other) name _____

Preferred first name: _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth: City: _____

Place of birth: Country _____

Place of birth: State/Province: _____

Gender: _____

Social security number _____

LSAC account number: _____

Contact Information

Current Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Current address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Permanent Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Permanent address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Contact Information continued

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail _____

Secondary e-mail _____

Mobile phone _____

Northwestern University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone

Yes

No

Demographics

1. Citizenship

Citizenship

Non-Resident Alien

US Citizen

US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship _____

Visa number _____

Permanent resident number _____

Country of citizenship _____

Permanent city _____

Permanent state/province _____

Permanent country _____

2. Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino

Yes

No

Demographics continued

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

Asian

Black or African American

Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal

Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White

Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino

Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican

Puerto Rican

Consent

Decline to respond

Previous Applicant

Have you previously applied to Northwestern Law?

Yes

No

If yes, when did you apply?

What was the decision on your previous application? (Admitted, Denied, Waitlisted)

Family Information

Name of parents or guardian(s):

Address of parents or guardian(s):

Do any of your family members hold degrees from Northwestern Law? (Please only mark yes if they attended the School of Law.)

Yes

No

If yes, please list their full name, relationship to you, and class year.

Character and Fitness

Have you ever been suspended, expelled, placed on probation, or otherwise disciplined by any college or university for academic or other reasons?

(If yes, explain on a separate sheet or electronic attachment.)

Yes

No

Have you ever, either as an adult or a juvenile, been cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted or tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or the violation of any law, except minor parking or traffic violations, or been the subject of any juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceeding?

Please note that although a conviction may have been expunged from the records by an order of a court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in the

answer to this question. Also, you should have available and be prepared to submit or exhibit copies of police and court records regarding any matter you disclose in reply to this question.

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Examinations

The LSAT or GMAT is required for admission. Only one exam will be considered for admission.

I would like the Admissions Committee to use the _____ for review:

- LSAT
- GMAT

Please indicate one examination in the box below.

If you have taken the LSAT, please indicate the date of your examination.

If you have taken the GMAT, please indicate the date of your examination.

Other Schools

Please list other schools and programs you are applying to:

Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution name _____

Major _____ Country _____

Start date _____ State/Province _____

End date _____ City _____

Degree _____ GPA _____

Date degree granted _____ Rank _____

Education continued

Institution name _____

Major _____ Country _____

Start date _____ State/Province _____

End date _____ City _____

Degree _____ GPA _____

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Institution name _____

Major _____ Country _____

Start date _____ State/Province _____

End date _____ City _____

Degree _____ GPA _____

Date degree granted _____ Rank _____

Have you ever attended any law school?

____ Yes

____ No

Did you leave the law school in good standing?

____ Yes

____ No

Has your education in college, university, or professional school been interrupted for one term or more for any reason?

____ Yes

____ No

Education continued

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

US Military Service

Have you ever served in the United States military?

Yes

No

If yes, were you honorably discharged?

(If no, explain on a separate sheet or electronic attachment.)

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate your dates of service to the U.S. military.

Employment

List all employment including internships..

Employer _____

Position _____ Country _____

Hours per week _____ State/Province _____

Start date _____ City _____

End date _____ Employment type (ex. Full time) _____

Reason for leaving _____

Employment continued

Employer _____
Position _____ Country _____
Hours per week _____ State/Province _____
Start date _____ City _____
End date _____ Employment type (ex. Full time) _____
Reason for leaving _____

Employer _____
Position _____ Country _____
Hours per week _____ State/Province _____
Start date _____ City _____
End date _____ Employment type (ex. Full time) _____
Reason for leaving _____

Employer _____
Position _____ Country _____
Hours per week _____ State/Province _____
Start date _____ City _____
End date _____ Employment type (ex. Full time) _____
Reason for leaving _____

Total number of months full time work experience.

List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.

Career Interest and Goals

What are your career interest(s) immediately after law school?

What are your long-term career goals?

Career Progress Eval

All recommenders must complete our Career Progress Evaluation Form. Only one CPE Form is required and it must be sent directly to the Law School. Letters of Recommendation sent through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) will not be reviewed.

Name of your recommender:

Title of your recommender:

Organization/Company:

Recommender's email address:

Recommender's phone number:

Student Organizations

If admitted, I authorize the Admissions Office to release my personal information to student organizations at the Law School that may wish to contact me.

Yes

No

Financial Aid

Are you applying for financial aid? If yes, you must file the FAFSA and Need Access forms. See instructions.

Yes

No

Admissions Interview

An admissions interview is required for admission to the Accelerated JD Program. Admissions interviews (both on and off campus) can be requested online at www.law.northwestern.edu/admissions/. Filling out this application does not constitute an interview request. Your application will not be reviewed until your interview results are available.

If your plans regarding your interview change, you must notify the Office of Admissions.

Please indicate your current interview status:

Off-Campus Interview Already Scheduled

On-Campus Interview Already Scheduled

Off-Campus Interview Requested

If you have already scheduled your on or off-campus interview, please indicate the date your interview is set for:

Academic Concentration

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JD students at Northwestern Law may choose a general course of study or pursue a concentration. Concentrations require at least 16 credit hours of course work, leaving ample opportunity to explore other areas of the law during the second and third years. If you are considering an academic concentration, please indicate below which area interests you most (choose one). Note that indicating a concentration here is optional and does not obligate you to complete that concentration.

- Appellate Advocacy
- Business enterprise
- Civil litigation and dispute resolution
- Environmental Law
- Northwestern Law Scholars Program
- International law
- Law and social policy
- No preference at this time
- International Human Rights

Certification/Misconduct

By signing this application, electronically transmitting it, or printing, signing, and mailing the Certification Letter, I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid promptly if any of this information changes. I understand that furnishing inaccurate or misleading information can result in denial of admission or dismissal from the Law School and will be reported to the Law School Admission Council's Committee on Misconduct and Irregularities.

Please check the yes box below to certify that you have read and agree to the above statement.

- Yes
- No

Signature _____ Date _____