

## Instructions

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### 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](http://www.abanet.org).

### Curriculum

Detailed information regarding the AJD curriculum is located at [www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/ajd/curriculum.html](http://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](http://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](http://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.