

Fall 2021 Application Checklist

JD, JD-LLM in International Human Rights, and JD-LLM in Taxation Programs

FILING PERIOD, DEADLINE, AND A NOTICE REGARDING MAIL

Thank you very much for your interest in the JD programs at Northwestern Law. Our application for Fall 2021 admission will be available via lsac.org on **September 1, 2020**. A complete application consists of several requirements. *You are responsible for ensuring that every requirement is submitted by the **February 15, 2021** deadline.*

As of September 2020, officers from the Northwestern Law Office of Admissions continue to work remotely, consistent with guidance from local and state public health officials. For the foreseeable future, the Office of Admissions will not be able to receive and to process mail and important hard copy documentation on a daily basis.

For these reasons, our dialogue with you will largely take place over email and our main account is: admissions@law.northwestern.edu. We also recommend submitting the appropriate required documents through your application and/or through LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Please review the instructions within our LSAC application carefully and check the email account you share with us in your application. To that end, please enable your email account to receive messages from admissions@law.northwestern.edu. Doing so will prevent the erroneous delivery of any admissions-related messages to your spam, unwanted, or junk folder(s).

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Application for Admission

The application for admission should be completed in its entirety and to the best of your ability.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the Admissions Committee. You may discuss, among other topics, your personal or professional goals, or your personal, academic, or career history. Additionally, you may wish to highlight your motivation as you contemplate pursuing a legal education.

Resume

The resume should include the relevant professional, academic, and leadership experience that together illustrate your law school candidacy.

Standardized Test Score

Applicants may satisfy the Law School's admissions test requirement by submitting either the LSAT, the GRE, or both. Through the CAS process, the Law School will be able to access LSAT results and will consider those results in its review if an applicant has taken this exam.

To submit your GRE score, use school code 2579 through ETS.

Please see our [Standardized Test FAQ](#) for additional information.

□ **The Law School Credential Assembly Service**

The LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report contains the following application requirements:

- All Post-Secondary Transcript(s);
- Results of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) as soon as you have a valid score; and,
- At least one Letter of Recommendation.

□ **Application Fee**

A nonrefundable application fee of \$75 is required to submit your application.

OPTIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS

□ **Admissions Interview**

Interviews provide the Admissions Committee with additional information about your communication skills, maturity, and motivation. Admissions interviews are optional but strongly recommended.

Our interviews are hosted via an online platform. Within three business days of submitting your application, you will receive instructions for completing your online video interview.

The process is simple; you will need an Internet-connected device with a functioning webcam and microphone. We recommend you utilize a computer (rather than a phone or a tablet) to conduct the interview. You will be asked a series of questions that have been developed specifically for JD applicants.

Following each pre-recorded question, you will have 30 seconds to consider your answer. Immediately thereafter, you will have 60 seconds to respond. The system allows for unlimited practice sessions but once you begin the formal interview questions, you will have only one chance; this allows the Admissions Committee to see your extemporaneous responses.

You will have 30 days from the date you submitted your application to complete the online video interview. We highly recommend completing your interview within two weeks of submitting your application to minimize any processing delays of your application. After 30 days, your application will be moved forward within the process if you have not completed your online video interview. *(Please note: For applications submitted on or after **February 1, 2021**, interviews should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than the February 15th JD application deadline.)*

For additional information and guidance, please visit our [Interviewing FAQ](#) and our [Online Video Interviewing FAQ](#).