

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

3 + 3 Law School Admissions Program

Eastern Washington University & Gonzaga University School of Law

PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding between Eastern Washington University (“EWU”) and the Gonzaga University School of Law (“Gonzaga Law”) updates the parameters of a “3 + 3 Program,” first established by EWU and Gonzaga Law in February 2020. The purpose of this program is to allow EWU students to complete both a baccalaureate degree and Juris Doctor in six years rather than the more typical seven years. The goals of this agreement are, first, to assist EWU in recruiting and retaining talented undergraduate students interested in a career in law; and second, to assist Gonzaga Law in recruiting talented and motivated EWU students.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

EWU students seeking admission to Gonzaga Law through the 3 + 3 Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of at least 92 undergraduate semester hours (138 quarter credits), including the completion of all EWU general education requirements, as a matriculated student at EWU.
2. While no specific areas of study or disciplines are required for the 3 + 3 Program, students must choose a major and obtain at least 27 quarter hours with a grade of C or better contributing toward that major, with at least 18 of those quarter hours at the 300-400 level.
3. Successful completion of required program courses.
4. Provide written approval from the appropriate EWU official indicating that the applicant will meet all EWU graduation requirements for early entry to Gonzaga Law prior to enrolling in law school.
5. Be accepted to Gonzaga Law through its established admissions process.

GONZAGA LAW SCHOOL ADMITTANCE

1. 3+3 students should apply for early admission to the Law School during their third year of undergraduate study. Application materials are required by no later than March 15 in the calendar year a candidate hopes to begin their studies at Gonzaga Law.
2. Criteria for consideration for admittance to Gonzaga Law:
 - a. Students meeting or exceeding the previous year’s GPA/LSAT medians are given priority consideration for admission to Gonzaga Law, subject to the holistic review process and consideration of the applicant’s character and fitness to eventually be licensed to practice law. Gonzaga Law reserves the right to deny admission to applicants who otherwise meet or exceed the GPA and LSAT medians if, in its sole discretion, the applicant is not otherwise prepared or eligible for admission.

- b. Successful completion of 138 quarter credits from EWU by the end of their third year (six semesters). Upon completion of 138 quarter credits, the student should have met all undergraduate degree requirements outlined in the Criteria for Application above, except for the final 42 undergraduate quarter credits (28 semester credits) typically required under the 180-credit undergraduate degree policy at EWU.
- c. LSAT and undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) requirements:
 - i. The applicant's LSAT score must exceed or be equal to the median LSAT score of the preceding year's entering law class at Gonzaga Law.
 - ii. Upon completing their fifth semester at EWU, 3+3 student candidates are encouraged to maintain an UGPA equaling or exceeding the median UGPA of the preceding year's entering 1L class at Gonzaga Law.
 - iii. Failure to achieve the minimum LSAT score and UGPA requirement does not result in denial of admission, but rather does not qualify the applicant for priority consideration for admittance to Gonzaga Law.
 - iv. In the event an applicant does not meet the criteria above and is ultimately denied admittance to the Gonzaga Law, students will be required to have a plan in place that will allow them to continue their undergraduate studies and complete the remaining requirements for the conferral of a bachelor's degree.

PROCEDURES

EWU students who meet these criteria must apply to Gonzaga Law, including submission of LSAT scores. During the Final Registration/Advising Term in the spring prior to the year the student will apply to Gonzaga Law, a student interested in the 3 + 3 Program should work with the EWU pre-law advisor to obtain a transition packet in preparation for applying to Gonzaga Law. Students must complete any additional paperwork or applications necessary. Students should apply to Gonzaga Law through its rolling application process no later than March 15th of the calendar year they hope to begin their studies. The decision to accept a qualified student into the 3 + 3 Program will be made by Gonzaga Law. Applicants for the 3 + 3 Program will receive priority review.

Upon admission by Gonzaga Law, the student must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance to EWU. Prior to the student's matriculation to the Law School, EWU will provide documentation to Gonzaga Law acknowledging that the student has completed all EWU requirements necessary for participation in the 3 + 3 Program.

An EWU student accepted into the 3 + 3 Program may count 28 Gonzaga Law semester-hour credits toward completion of the EWU baccalaureate degree. Award of the baccalaureate degree by EWU requires completion of all EWU graduation requirements as agreed upon by the relevant academic department. A student accepted into the 3 + 3 Program by Gonzaga Law must complete all Gonzaga Law

requirements in order to receive the J.D. degree. Upon successful completion of the 28 law school semester-hour credits, students must submit a Gonzaga Law transcript to EWU and apply for graduation at EWU. The student is required to submit an official transcript from EWU to Gonzaga Law indicating that a bachelor's degree was conferred.

TUITION

During their first three years at EWU, students will pay tuition and fees to EWU at the approved undergraduate rate and be eligible to receive undergraduate financial aid. During the completion of their law degree at Gonzaga Law, students will pay tuition and fees to Gonzaga University at the approved tuition rate and receive law school financial aid. Aid may not be combined.

TERM

A periodic review of the agreement and the curriculum of both EWU and Gonzaga Law will be made by representatives from each institution. Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause with 90 days of notice. Students who are already accepted and registered, as well as those who are matriculated, will be allowed to continue with the 3+3 program.

This agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

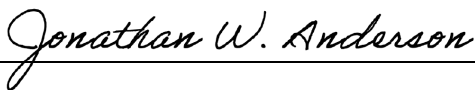
This updated agreement will be in effect beginning the Spring 2025 semester and will be reviewed periodically to ensure any updates of courses from either institution are reflected for accuracy (unless terminated as stated previously).



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Florian Preisig, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, EWU

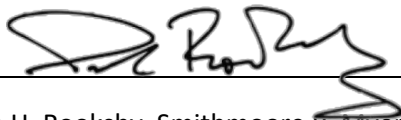
Date



12/10/2024

Jonathan Anderson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, EWU

Date



03/25/2025

Jacob H. Rooksby, Smithmoore P. Myers Dean, Gonzaga University School of Law

Date