

Gonzaga University CAS & Gonzaga School of Law 3+3 Pathway

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Can a student be any major?

The 3+3 pathway is only open to majors within the College of Arts & Sciences. Additionally, some majors will be more challenging to complete on this timeline. Any student considering a change of major or college/school is strongly advised to consider multiple factors, and should meet with their academic advisor and the pre-law advisor before making a decision based solely on potential eligibility for the 3+3 pathway.

Can a student earn dual degrees in the College of Arts & Sciences and another School and still be eligible? **Pursuing a major in the College of Arts & Sciences as well as a major in another school typically means earning a dual degree, which takes 158 credits and would not be possible to complete as part of the 3+3 pathway. With careful academic planning, students might be able to minor in another School or double major within the College, but the credit load would make it very challenging to complete all requirements.**

Is this agreement with any law school?

The 3+3 pathway is only eligible for admission consideration to the Gonzaga University School of Law.

When do students become part of the pathway?

While undergraduate students can adjust their academic timeline for this pathway, they are not officially part of the 3+3 pathway until they are successfully admitted to Gonzaga School of Law. Students are only admitted to this pathway in the spring of their junior year if they meet all eligibility requirements and are accepted through the regular law school admissions process.

If a student is undecided about attending law school, is this the right pathway?

No. Undecided students are encouraged to complete the (traditionally four-year) undergraduate college experience and continue the career discernment process. This pathway is designed for students who, among other factors, have a compelling and demonstrated record toward a career in law.

Who is a good fit for this pathway?

The pathway is designed with the unusual undergraduate student in mind, and admission to Gonzaga Law School is not guaranteed simply by completing necessary undergraduate coursework. The pathway is intended for students who have a compelling and demonstrated record toward a career in law (including, e.g., relevant work or internship experience in the legal sector), have significant life experience (e.g., non-traditional students, veteran students, working parents, or those with indicia of thriving in the face of adversity), and are highly motivated and high achieving.

What are the next steps for students that think they are eligible and a good fit for this pathway?

Students should review all information about the 3+3 pathway on the [Gonzaga School of Law website](#) as well as the Student Checklist on the [Gonzaga Pre-Law Advising website](#). Important next steps include meeting with one's assigned academic advisor to develop an academic plan and the pre-law advisor ([Fr. Pham](#)) to discuss additional preparation for law school.

What if this pathway is not a good fit and/or students have additional questions?

This is not the only option for going to law school. Interested students should meet with the pre-law advisor ([Fr. Pham](#)) to determine whether this is a good fit for their goals and discuss potential alternatives.