

Suggested Timeline for Prospective Students

Freshman year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do well in academic course work. You need to keep your undergraduate grade point average as high as possible.• Seek advice/counsel from an academic advisor.• Talk to lawyers and law students about their experiences.• Contact your college's undergraduate pre-law society.
Sophomore year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue strong academic preparation.• Become involved in a pre-law society or associate with others interested in law.• Enroll in UHON 450.• Research traditional and non-traditional legal careers to learn more about the legal profession.• Contact a law school admissions representative to express your interest in law school.
Junior year	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue strong academic preparation.• Research the different ways to study for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) to see which is best for you.• Enroll in PHIL 310 in preparation for the LSAT. <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register for the June LSAT (lsac.org).• Register for the Law School Admission Council's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) when you register for the LSAT.• Solicit at least two faculty members to write letters of recommendation for early next fall.• Purchase additional LSAT preparation materials, if necessary. <p>Summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your undergraduate grade point average as high as possible.• Take the LSAT in June.• Request college transcripts to be sent to LSAC.
Senior year	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue strong academic preparation.• Take the LSAT in September/October or December, if necessary.• Register for the Credential Assembly Service if you have not already done so.• Submit faculty or professional recommendations through LSAC.• Law schools may require you to write a personal statement. Draft your personal statement. Edit well. This may be the only chance you have to show your personal qualities outside the numerical data law schools consider.• Submit law school applications (October, if possible).• Follow up with law school admissions offices to ensure that your file is complete.• Visit law schools to which you have applied or are planning to apply. <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete FAFSA for the next academic year.• February is the last opportunity to take or retake the LSAT for acceptance to many law schools.• Hear from law schools about admission decisions.• Visit law schools where you have been admitted or put on a waiting list.
After graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend law school or, if you are denied, talk to an advisor about alternatives or ways to strengthen credentials for next year.

For more information, contact the SIU School of Law Office of Admissions at lawadmit@siu.edu or 618/453-8858.