LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE  
(for students going straight through)

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<td>Prepare for LSAT</td>
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<td>April/May</td>
<td>Apply for June LSAT</td>
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<td>Take LSAT (receive scores in July)</td>
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| July-August | Become familiar with the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) website: www.lsac.org  
Research law schools |
| September   | Sign-up for the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS)                
Have official transcripts sent to LSAC 
Meet with the Pre-Law advisors in the USC Dornsife Office of Advising 
Attend Pre-Law workshops; Pre-Law website: http://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-law/  
Meet with law school admissions representatives at the USC Law Fair and LSAC Los Angeles Forum  
Begin writing personal statement  
Request letters of recommendation |
| October-December | Take the Fall LSAT, if necessary                                     
Finalize personal statement  
Review list of planned law school applications  
Continue to attend Pre-Law workshops offered by the USC Dornsife Office of Advising  
Check CAS (LSAC) file for accuracy and completion  
Submit applications |

*If needed, request the completion of a Dean's Certificate from the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs in STU 201, phone: (213) 740-2421 (not all schools require one).

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<td>January</td>
<td>File financial aid applications (the FAFSA is due in February)</td>
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<td>Celebrate when accepted. Be sure to pay your deposit on time!</td>
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PRE-LAW

Freshman & Sophomore

- Take courses that will enhance your writing, reading comprehension and analytical skills. Develop your logical reasoning ability and increase your awareness of human institutions and social values.
- Develop a realistic view of legal careers, look for opportunities to obtain law-related experience, talk with lawyers about their work.
- Choose a major that represents your own academic interests. Be serious about your studies. Your grades are a very important part of your law school application.
- Visit professor office hours regularly and get to know your faculty.
- Find the right balance between academic coursework and extracurricular activities. Pursue your interests outside of class, but not at the expense of your grades.
- Meet with a Pre-Law advisor in the USC Dornsife Office of Advising (CAS 120).
- Familiarize yourself with the Pre-Law website: http://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-law/
- Sign-up for the USC Pre-Law Listserv.
- Join the Pre-Law Society and other Pre-Law groups. Attend Pre-Law related events and workshops.
- Volunteer for the annual USC Law Fair.

Junior

- Talk to professors about letters of recommendation.
- Meet with a Pre-Law advisor.
- Attend Pre-Law related workshops.
- Think about your decision to go to law school and research other career options if you are not sure. Remember that many first year law students take time off.
- If planning to study abroad during your senior year, discuss with Pre-Law advisors.
- Start crafting your personal statement.
- Pursue internships and other opportunities to gain experience in the field.
- Begin to consider how you will finance your legal education.
- Volunteer for or attend the annual USC Law Fair.
- Begin LSAT preparation.

Summer after Junior year

- Register for and take the June LSAT.
- Become familiar with the services offered by the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) www.lsac.org.
- Sign-up for LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Research law schools, and prepare a preliminary list of target schools.
- Start your personal statement.

Senior

- Take the October LSAT, if necessary.
- Make sure your list of schools is realistic.
- Schedule an appointment with the Pre-Law advisors, USC Dornsife Office of Advising (CAS 120).
- Attend the Pre-Law workshops.
- Get your Dean’s certificate from the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, STU 201.
- Attend the annual USC Law Fair.
- Complete financial aid applications, including the FAFSA, soon after January 1st. The earlier the better!
- Expect to receive admissions decisions anytime from December through late spring. Patience is necessary, and let us know how you’re doing!
- If accepted, celebrate! Investigate financial aid, housing, etc.
- If rejected, don’t panic. Talk to the Pre-Law advisors, and the law schools. Remember – applicants are drawn from the wait lists through the beginning of school!

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