

Law school

For Queens College Political Science majors thinking about law school. Admissions weigh your LSAT score and GPA most, and most of the help is free. Taking time off before law school is normal.

What admissions reads

LSAT

Two Logical Reasoning sections and one Reading Comprehension section, scored 120–180, plus a writing sample. Many schools also take the GRE.

GPA

Every year counts, so protect it from the start.

The rest

Personal statement, 2–3 letters and a résumé that lists your hours for jobs held during school.

Year by year

Freshman

Explore and protect your GPA

- Meet [QC Pre-Law Advising](#).
- Join the Legal Studies Club or Model UN; take PSCI 100.
- Summer: any job or internship; responsibility counts.

Sophomore

Get legal experience

- Start the [Legal Studies minor](#).
- [CLEO's Road to Law School](#) workshop (fall).
- Apply for [district attorney office internships](#); each office posts its own dates.

Junior

Legal internships and the LSAT

Decide when to apply

- Decide when to apply. Want to work first? [Harvard's Junior Deferral Program](#) or [Columbia LEAD](#).
- Apply for the [LSAC fee waiver](#) at least six months before your first LSAT.
- Start LSAT prep on [LawHub](#); take a June LSAT if you'll apply in the fall.

Senior

Apply, or take time off

- Take the LSAT by September or October.
- Register for CAS; finish your statement and letters.
- Apply September–December.
- The [ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship](#) (January to mid-March).

When things usually close

Sept–Dec	Law school applications . Apply early; most schools decide on a rolling basis
Most months	The LSAT ; take it by the fall you apply
Oct–Nov	Albany session internships and CLEO's Road to Law School
Jan–Mar	Summer pre-law programs and the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship
June–July	Columbia LEAD and Harvard's Junior Deferral Program , for juniors

Help on campus

QC Pre-Law Advising

In the Academic Advising Center: requirements, LSAT resources, statement and résumé review.

Legal Studies minor

Run by Political Science; its three required courses also count toward the major.

Center for Career Engagement and Internships

Frese Hall 213. Résumé reviews and a one-time stipend for unpaid internships.

Office of Honors and Scholarships

Truman and other fellowships.



Every program and deadline

Exact dates for law school programs, updated every week, at maljahmi.github.io/qc-polisci-pathways

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