

Academics

- Choose a major you can do well in
(Law schools do NOT care what you major in your GPA matters more.)
 - Track your graduation requirements
 - Take writing and critical thinking classes
 - Build relationships with professors + students inside and outside your major
 - Keep your GPA strong (3.5+ if possible)
 - Network! Network! Network!
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Activities & Leadership

- Join a Pre-Law Club, Mock Trial, Debate, or Student government
 - Take on leadership positions
 - Do community service
 - Attend law-related campus events
 - Keep a running list of your activities for applications
 - Get involved in your community
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Professional Growth

- Create and update your resume as you go
- Build your LinkedIn and keep it current
- Find internships (law, public policy, government, local firms)
- Shadow a lawyer or visit courts in your area

- Attend pre-law fairs, info sessions, LSAC Forums, and conferences
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LSAT Prep

- Pick a study timeline
(Your timeline is however long YOU need! no one-size-fits-all.)
 - Gather study materials
 - Take a diagnostic test
 - Make a weekly study schedule
 - Track your practice test and drilling progress
 - Register for the LSAT ONLY when you know you're ready
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Law School Research

- List your target, reach, and safety schools
(Below, at, and above their medians.)
 - Check each school's median LSAT + GPA
 - Research scholarships and financial aid
 - Attend virtual or in-person info sessions
 - Compare bar passage + employment rates
 - Network with current students and alumni — especially from your undergrad
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Personal Statement & Application Materials

- Start your personal statement early

- Consider writing a diversity statement
 - Choose recommenders who TRULY know you (don't chase "big names")
 - Request letters 6–8 weeks before applying
 - Update your resume to the law-school format
 - Draft optional essays or addendums (if necessary)
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LSAC & Applications

- Create your LSAC account
 - Start the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) early
 - Upload transcripts + letters
 - Track every school's deadline
 - Apply for fee waivers
 - Aim to submit applications September–November if possible
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Financial Prep

- Estimate tuition + living costs
 - Save for LSAT + application fees
 - Apply for the LSAC Fee Waiver
(Covers CAS fee, LSAT, and Score Preview)
 - Search for scholarships early
 - Learn the basics of loans (Grad PLUS, federal, private options)
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Interviews & Decisions

- Prepare for admissions interviews
 - Compare offers carefully
 - Negotiate scholarships
 - Pay seat deposits before deadlines
 - Look for housing near your future school
 - Join admitted student groups + networks
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Wellness & Balance

- Create a study-life balance
- Manage stress intentionally
- Ask for help when overwhelmed
- Connect with other pre-law students
- Celebrate small wins
This process is demanding. Honor your milestones!

Consulting (Optional)

- Before you pay anyone, figure out what you actually need help with
- There are free options too like advisors, mentors, older pre-law students, friends in law school
- Paid consultants can be helpful, but do NOT let them take over your whole application
- They're there to guide you, not write your personal statement for you
- Look for consultants with real receipts (proof they've helped people)
- Make sure their vibe matches yours, you do NOT want someone who stresses you out

- Use consultants for things like: Editing your essays, Game planning your application list, Scholarship + negotiation tips, Helping you stay on timeline.