Application Instructions

ADMISSION

Admission Policy

Our selection process, while rigorous, is not rigid. We insist upon diversity in our student body because we believe that the entire law school community benefits from it. We will consider with sensitivity any information about a candidate's special circumstances.

Admission Requirements

To enroll in the JD program, a student must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. We encourage undergraduates interested in law to gain a broad educational background and to choose challenging courses requiring critical thinking and logical analysis, such as history, economics, philosophy, and accounting. We particularly urge students to choose courses in which they will develop strong writing skills.

Standard of Truthfulness and Full Disclosure

As future members of the legal profession, applicants are expected to possess the highest standards of ethics and character. All applicants, including those who enroll in the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, must certify that all responses in their application and on all supplemental documents are complete, true, and correct and that they understand that they are under an ongoing obligation to notify the School of Law if there is any change in the information submitted prior to and/or during their enrollment in the School of Law. Failure in the application's accuracy or completeness or in the applicant's obligation to update the information may affect enrollment status and/or result in disciplinary action, including dismissal or revocation of offers of admission.

In addition, we adhere to and participate in the Law School Admission Council's Rules Governing Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process.

Admission Procedures

• Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Although we recommend that you take the LSAT in the summer or fall before applying to law school, we do accept scores for tests taken closer to the start of law school including the February administration. We will also consider applicants who take the LSAT in June for a spot in the class entering that August on a case by case basis. We look at all LSAT scores with the emphasis on the highest score. You may register for the LSAT by contacting LSAC by phone at 215.968.1001 or via the web at LSAC.org.
• Register with LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Follow the necessary instructions to arrange for the Credential Assembly Service to send us your letters of recommendation and its analysis of your undergraduate and graduate school transcripts. Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Credential Assembly Service code is 1105.
• Submit a completed application, which may be obtained:
  - from our website at www.law.case.edu; or
  - from LSAC, as part of its electronic applications service

We accept applications that have been prepared using the Law School Admission Council's electronic applications service. This service allows you to use your computer to efficiently fill out applications for all ABA-approved law schools. The application fee for applications electronically submitted to Case Western via the electronic applications service is waived. Applications submitted to LSAC for transmission to this law school will be considered postmarked on the day they are electronically submitted.

Alternatively, you may submit a completed paper application, available for download at the Admissions section of our website at www.law.case.edu. The application fee for paper applications is $40.

The Application Packet

We consider an applicant file complete once we have received an application with all required components, including the application fee (waived for applications submitted electronically), personal statement, résumé, and two letters of recommendation (required), as well as a law school report from LSAC's Credential Assembly Service. Include your name and
LSAC account number on any supplemental enclosures and identify the question number to which they correspond.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Two letters of recommendation are required and are to be submitted through LSAC. This service is included in your Credential Assembly Service registration. Your documents will be forwarded to us along with your law school report. To use this service, follow the directions for submitting letters outlined at [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org).

**SPECIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**International Students**

We require that your international transcripts be submitted through the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) offered through the Law School Admission Council. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your international transcripts (exception: if you completed the international work through a study-abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a US or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript). This service is included in the Credential Assembly Service subscription fee. An International Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and will be incorporated into your law school report. If your transcript is not issued in English in its original form by your institution, you will need to submit a TOEFL score as well. To do this, you must contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that your TOEFL score be sent to LSAC. LSAC's TOEFL code for the Credential Assembly Service is 8395. Your score will be included in the International Credential Evaluation document that will be included in your law school report.

To use the Credential Assembly Service, log in to your online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive international transcripts.

Questions about the Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001 or [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org).

**Transfer Students**

Students currently enrolled in an accredited law school may apply for admission with advanced standing. The number of transfer applicants that we accept varies from year to year, depending on the number of spots available in the second-year class. The primary factor in the admission decision is prior law school performance; undergraduate grades and LSAT score will also be considered. In addition to the application and documentation required of JD candidates, transfer applicants must submit: (a) two letters of recommendation, (b) an official transcript of law school work completed, (c) a letter of good standing from their dean, and (d) an official class rank. Transfer applicants must submit an original Credential Assembly Service Law School Report from the Law School Admission Council; we cannot accept a copy of your law school report from your current school.

**Early Action Program for Transfer Applicants (fall entry only)**

Applicants for transfer to the Case Western Reserve University School of Law have the option of applying for Early Action. Applications received and completed by March 30 will be reviewed, and decisions will be made by April 30. Completed applications must include final grades from the applicant’s first semester at law school. Offers of early decision will be conditioned upon the applicant’s successful completion of all first-year courses at the law school from which they are transferring.

**Transfer Application Deadlines:**

For entry spring semester: December 1; For entry fall semester, Early Action Program: March 30; Regular Action Program: July 1

**Visiting Students**

Students currently enrolled in other law schools who wish to take courses here for credit toward the other school’s degree requirement may apply to be visiting students. In addition to the application and documentation required of transfer applicants, visitor applicants must submit: (a) a letter from their dean indicating that the school will accept academic credits from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and (b) a letter explaining their reasons for wishing to take courses here.

**Visiting Student Application Deadlines:**
For entry spring semester: December 1
For entry fall semester: July 1

Dual-Degree Candidates

Applicants to a dual-degree program must apply separately to—and be admitted by—both the law school and the school that will grant the second degree. This means that applicants must meet the application and admission requirements of each school. To get information about the other programs, review the Dual Degrees section of our website at www.law.case.edu.

Character and Fitness - Continuing Obligation to Disclose

Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as the ones described in the Character and Fitness questions is often more significant and leads to more serious consequences than the act or event itself. Failure to provide truthful answers or failure to inform the admissions office of any changes to your answers may result in revocation of admission, disciplinary action and/or dismissal by the law school, and/or denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you seek admission.

Each of the character and fitness question requires a "yes" or "no" answer. If your answer is "yes" to any of the questions, you are required to supplement your response with a full explanation of the circumstances, including dates. You also have the obligation to notify the School of Law if there is any change in the information contained in those documents.

All matters must be reported, even if they were dismissed, expunged, or the records sealed! Even if you were advised differently in the past, you are required to disclose all matters in this application process.

Admission to a State Bar

In order to be eligible to take the bar exam in any state, you will need to complete an application. In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

The application questions will vary from state to state, but generally will require you to disclose whether you have been subject to any criminal or disciplinary proceedings. Different states handle such offenses differently. If you would respond to such questions in the affirmative, you should contact the Board of Bar Examiners of the states(s) in which you wish to practice law in order to establish the impact of your offense on your eligibility to practice law in that state. Any discrepancy between your responses on your applications for law school admission and for admission to the bar may be an impediment to your admission to the bar in many states.

AFTER APPLYING

Acknowledgement of Application

After receiving your application packet, the Office of Admissions will send you instructions by email on how to access the Applicant Online Status for the continual up-to-date status of your file. Most correspondence will be done via email so please keep us informed of any changes in your email address.

Credential Assembly Service Law School Report

Upon your submitting your application, we will automatically receive your Credential Assembly Service Law School Report once you have subscribed to LSAC's Credential Assembly Service.

Transcripts

All students are required to have obtained their four-year bachelor's degree prior to matriculation. Before registration, every student must submit two official transcripts to the School of Law from undergraduate degree-granting institutions certifying receipt of a bachelor's degree, one official transcript from the law school from which they are transferring, and one official transcript from a graduate degree-granting institution, if applicable. All entering students must also have a final transcript evidencing receipt of a bachelor's degree on file with LSAC prior to matriculation. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in suspension or dismissal from the School of Law.

Withdrawal of Admission
The law school reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if the candidate fails to maintain satisfactory scholastic standing for work in progress, if final records fail to show completion of courses and/or degrees required for admission, or if the admission decision was based on incomplete or inaccurate information.

FINANCIAL AID TIMETABLE

February
We will automatically email financial aid (loan) information to all applicants for admission, along with extensive instructions.

By March 15
Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form, which is used to determine a student's eligibility for the various loan programs, may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Paper versions of the FAFSA are available from public libraries and college financial aid offices. List "Case Western Reserve University-LAW" as a school to which you would like an analysis report sent (Federal School Code E00082).

By May 1
Submit the Case Western Financial Aid Application to the law school Office of Student Financial Services. Students who have been admitted and have submitted all documents by May 1 can expect to have an estimate of their financial aid package by the beginning of July.

Deposits
Transfers/Visitors: $250
All deposits are non-refundable.

Tuition and Fees for the 2017-2018 Academic Year
Tuition (full time): $50,500
Tuition per credit hour: $2,104
Health insurance (student only): $2,090
Student activities fee: $136
Graduate student council fee: $30
Living expenses (estimated, will vary): $19,004 (nine-month budget)
Books: (estimated, will vary): $1,800
Loan origination fee: $1,264
Program Applying for

Please be sure that you carefully read the Application Instructions before making any program selections.

Please choose from the following:
   ____ Reapplicant Transfer
   ____ Transfer
   ____ Visitor

Dual Degree:
   ____ (JD/MA) Art History and Museum Studies
   ____ (JD/MA) Law/Legal History
   ____ (JD/MA) Law/Political Science
   ____ (JD/MA) Law/Bioethics
   ____ (JD/MBA) Law/Management
   ____ (JD/MS) Law/Biochemistry
   ____ (JD/MD) Law/Medicine
   ____ (JD/MPH) Law/Public Health
   ____ (JD/MSSA) Law/Social Work
   ____ (JD/MNO) Law/Nonprofit Organizations
   ____ Other

Biographical

Prefix _______________________________ Date of birth _______________________________

First name ___________________________ Place of birth: City ___________________________

Middle name __________________________ Place of birth: Country _______________________

Last name _____________________________ Place of birth: State/Province ________________

Suffix _______________________________ Gender _______________________________

Previous (other) name ___________________ LSAC account number ______________________
Contact Information

Current Address

Country

Street address--line 1

Street address--line 2

Street address--line 3

City

State/province

Zip/postal code

Current mailing address good until date

Day phone

Evening phone

Permanent Address

Country

Street address--line 1

Street address--line 2

Street address--line 3

City

State/province

Zip/postal code

Permanent mailing address good until date

Day phone

Evening phone

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address

Secondary e-mail address

Permanent e-mail address

Mobile phone

Case Western Reserve University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone.

____ Yes

____ No
Demographics

Citizenship

_____ Non-Resident Alien
_____ Other
_____ US Citizen
_____ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship ____________________________

Visa type ____________________________

Visa/SEVIS number ____________________________

Permanent resident number ________________

Permanent city ____________________________

Permanent state/province ______________________

Permanent country __________________________

Native language ____________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If you selected ‘Yes’ to the above question, select an ethnicity.

_____ Hispanic/Latino
Demographics continued

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
   _____Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native
   _____American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian
   _____Asian

Black or African American
   _____Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal
   _____Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White
   _____Caucasian/White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   _____Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican
   _____Puerto Rican

Consent
   _____Decline to respond

Tribal Affiliation

Tribal affiliation or village name

Enrollment number (enrolled members only)
Demographics Continued

Do you identify as LGBTQ?
   ____ Yes
   ____ No

Are you the first in your immediate family to graduate from college?
   ____ Yes
   ____ No

Are you the first in your immediate family to attend graduate/professional school?
   ____ Yes
   ____ No

Are you a first generation United States Citizen?
   ____ Yes
   ____ No

County

If Ohio is your Permanent State of Residence, please choose your County of Residence.

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Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution type  ____ High School  ____ Undergraduate  ____ Graduate  ____ Law  ____ Other Post Graduate

Institution name ____________________________________________

Major ______________________________________________________

Country ____________________________ Start date ____________________________

State/Province ______________________ End date ____________________________

City _______________________________ Degree ____________________________

GPA ________________________________ Date degree granted ____________________________

Rank _______________________________

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Institution type  ____ High School  ____ Undergraduate  ____ Graduate  ____ Law  ____ Other Post Graduate

Institution name ____________________________________________

Major ______________________________________________________

Country ____________________________ Start date ____________________________

State/Province ______________________ End date ____________________________

City _______________________________ Degree ____________________________

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Rank _______________________________
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Institution name  

Major  

Country  

Start date  

State/Province  

End date  

City  

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Institution name  

Major  

Country  

Start date  

State/Province  

End date  

City  

Degree  

GPA  

Date degree granted  

Rank  

Have you ever attended any law school?  

____ Yes  

____ No  

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?  

____ Yes  

____ No  

If you did not leave the law school in good standing, explain the circumstances.  

Has your education in college, university, or professional school been interrupted for one term or more for any reason?  

____ Yes  

____ No
Education continued

If your education was interrupted, explain the circumstances.

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Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?
_____ Yes
_____ No

Date of entrance (month/year) ______________________

Date of discharge (month/year) _____________________

Rank ________________________________

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

________________________________________________________________________

Branch ________________________________

Discharge type __________________________

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?
_____ Yes
_____ No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

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Character and Fitness

In order to be licensed to practice law, you will need to sit for a state bar examination. The bar examination application questions vary from state to state but generally will require you to disclose whether you have been subject to any criminal or disciplinary proceedings. When answering these questions, please keep in mind that any discrepancy between your responses on your application for law school admission and your application for admission to the bar may be an impediment to your admission to the bar in many states.

If your answer is "yes" to any of the Character and Fitness questions, you must supplement your response with a full explanation of the circumstances, including dates. Use a separate sheet or electronic attachment and clearly identify the number of the question. All matters must be reported, even if they were dismissed, expunged, or sealed under the laws of any state.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Have you ever been the subject of a hearing pursuant to the Law School Admission Council's Rules Governing Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process?
____ Yes
____ No

As an adult or juvenile, have you ever been cited for, charged with, subject to a penalty for, or convicted of a crime? A crime includes a misdemeanor, traffic offense, or felony (excluding minor traffic violations for which the penalty was a fine of $150 or less). Include traffic offenses involving driving under suspension or any in which being under the influence of drugs or alcohol was an element of the offense, regardless of the amount of the fine.
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been charged with academic or disciplinary misconduct at any postsecondary educational institution?
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended, placed on academic warning or probation, disciplined, expelled, or officially requested or advised to withdraw from a postsecondary educational institution due to inadequate academic performance?
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been subject to a restraining order?
____ Yes
____ No

Has a professional association or state licensing board ever suspended or revoked a professional license that you held or has such an association or board ever required you to appear at a proceeding where license suspension or revocation was a possible sanction?
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been terminated, suspended, disciplined, or permitted to resign in lieu of termination from any job?
____ Yes
____ No
University Affiliation

For undergraduate students at Case Western Reserve University: Are you a preprofessional scholar?

____ Yes
____ No

List relative(s) who attended Case Western Reserve University. Please specify name, relationship, school within the University, degree and year of graduation.

Are you applying for the 3+3 program? Note, this is only available to students at colleges and universities with a valid 3+3 agreement with Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

____ Yes
____ No

Coursework

Please select up to three area(s) of law which are of particular interest to you.

____________________________________________

Law School Interest

What prompted you to apply to this law school?

Internet

____ ABA
____ Law School
____ LSAC
____ Other

Faculty/Alumni/Professional

____ Admissions recruiter
____ Alumni
____ Faculty/acquaintance
____ Law school faculty member
____ Legal professional
____ Prelaw advisor
____ Relative
____ University/college faculty member

Publications

____ Law school publication
____ LSAC Official Guide to ABA Law Schools
____ Other advertisement
____ Princeton Review
____ US News & World Report

Recruiting Events

____ Campus event
____ Current student
____ International forum
____ Law school direct mail/e-mail
____ Law school fair
____ LSAC Forum
Law School Interest continued

If you attended any events mentioned in the Recruiting Events section, please list them below:

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Have you previously applied to this law school?

____ Yes
____ No

If you applied previously, what year was the application for? __________________________

Were you offered admission?

____ Yes
____ No

Are you applying, or have you applied, to other law schools? If so, please list them.

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List Recommenders

Please list the names of the two individuals who will be your recommenders.

________________________________________________________________________
Certification

I declare that the information given by me in this application and supplemental documents is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and recognize that it is subject to verification. I understand that any offers of admission or financial assistance and/or continued enrollment are contingent upon its accuracy and completeness. I also understand that I have an ongoing obligation to promptly notify the School of Law if there is any change in the information contained herein prior to and/or during my enrollment in the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and that failure in this application's accuracy or completeness or in my obligation to update this information may affect my enrollment status and/or result in disciplinary action. I also understand that admission is conditional upon meeting the requirements stated in the law school catalog and any further written conditions expressed at the time of admission. The law school does not authorize nor is it bound by any requirements or conditions other than those communicated by the law school Office of Admissions. I acknowledge that I have proofread my application and that all information I am about to submit to LSAC for transmission is true and accurate. LSAC is authorized to transmit this electronic signature and my law school application.