

Law School Timetable

Junior Year (or 2 years prior to law school entry)

		Student Notes
September – December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Register for the Reed Pre-law email list by sending your name to julie.kern.smith@reed.edu. This is your main source for all pre-law related information about internships, alumni events, related seminars, and forums.✓ Attend as many law career sessions (workshops, lectures, panel discussions, etc.) throughout the year as possible.✓ If you have not done so already, begin to establish ties with faculty members who may later write you letters of recommendation.✓ Attend the fall LSAT Prep Course offered through career services. Check our web page (http://www.reed.edu/career) for dates.	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Register to take the LSAT in June. The LSAT/LSDAS registration bulletin is in career services in Greywood. Wait until August to register for LSDAS. Keep your bulletin to reference throughout the process!	
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Attend the spring LSAT prep course that career services offers. Check our web page (http://www.reed.edu/career) for dates.✓ Take the LSAT early in June. LSAT scores are critical, and preparation is crucial.✓ Begin to draft your personal statement. Construct a resume to include with your applications.✓ Research law schools. Refer to <i>LSAC Official Guide to Law Schools</i> or LSAC web site for schools where your scores will most likely gain you admission.	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). Registration forms are in the same booklet as the LSAT registration forms.✓ Have your transcripts (from every institution of higher education you ever attended) sent to LSDAS. These will require your signature and at least 2 weeks advance notice.✓ Register for the October LSAT if you did not take it in June, or if your June score is not competitive.	

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Senior Year (or 1 year prior to law school entry)

		Student Notes
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Research law schools and application deadlines. The career services library has hard a copy of the ABA-LSAC guide, and you may search online: http://officialguide.lsac.org✓ Finalize your personal statement and have it reviewed by a writing tutor, the pre-law advisor, and several other readers.✓ Ask two professors for letters of recommendation. Consider asking a third person for an additional reference. (Another professor or a professional reference such as an internship supervisor, employer, coach, etc. is ideal).	
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Attend the fall LSAT Prep Course offered through career services. Check our web page (http://www.reed.edu/career) for dates.✓ Take the fall LSAT (if you are repeating it or did not take it in June).	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Submit law school applications. Filing by November 15 gives you the advantage of early application.✓ Begin investigating sources of financial aid (federal, institutional, private). Obtain applications and file as early as possible.	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Check with the law schools to be sure that your files are complete. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.✓ Obtain an application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the financial aid office or from http://www.fafsa.ed.gov and file well before the deadline.✓ LSAT is offered again for late applicants.	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Have an updated transcript with your fall term grades sent directly to law schools.	
February - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Evaluate offers of acceptance and financial aid. You will not be required to place a deposit at any particular school until after April 1.	

Career services is here to assist you with your law school preparation and application. We offer assessments (to assist your decisions regarding law school), counseling, personal statement review, LSAT test prep, mock interviews, and many print resources. **Call 503/777-7550** to schedule an appointment, or **visit our web site** for more information: http://www.reed.edu/career/graduate_and_prof_schools/law_school/index.html

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