3+3 Juris Doctor/ B.A. Joint Degree

Program Overview

If you're confident in your commitment to the legal profession, Capital's 3+3 Accelerated Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor Program is for you. Capital offers a path to the completion of both college and law school in six rather than seven years. Capital's 3+3 Program, the first of its kind in Ohio, fuses your final two semesters of college into the first year of law school. You'll save a valuable year of time as well as tuition and will gain the knowledge, skills, experience, and support needed to be successful in Capital's Law School and the legal profession.

3+3 Undergraduate Path to Law School

3+3 Students must complete 100 hours of undergraduate credits over, at most, six semesters, in at least one major, as well as Signature Learning and Capital's Law School entry requirements. Many undergraduate majors work well with this program including Communication, Criminology, Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. A student can apply to law school with any undergraduate major; some majors, however, such as Business, require strategic curricular planning and possibly summer coursework.

Experiential Learning

Capital boasts a long history of fielding outstanding champion debate teams. Participation in debate fosters quick thinking, evidence-based reasoning, and articulate speaking skills. Our internship opportunities provide professional experience and opportunities to establish valuable relationships for the future The Law School at Capital also offers extensive and unique externships, legal clinic work, and pro bono service, along with a nationally recognized bar exam preparation program that prepares law graduates for bar exam success. Our location in Columbus will easily connect and ease you into the legal community, both at the local and state levels of government.

Supporting you on your Career Path

The 3+3 Path to Law School at Capital is challenging, yet each department has a pre-law advisor to support you. This program enables you to choose a major that combines your academic interests with a law degree. This makes it the perfect fit to prepare you for Capital's Law School and beyond.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be admitted to Capital University
- Complete a minimum of 100 undergraduate semester hours including Advanced Placement Credit, 60 hours of which must have been earned from Capital. Transfer credit, credit by examination, and credit recognized through prior learning will not be counted toward the 60 hours
- Complete all Signature Learning, major, and minor requirements
- Meet the requirements for admission to the Capital University Law School

What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

- Criminal Law
- Anti-Human Trafficking
- Pro Bono Work
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- Municipal Court Judge

You'll Be Prepared To:

- Understand the substantive and procedural aspects of the law
- Analyze, synthesize, and critically apply relevant law to a set of facts by using legal reasoning skills
- Use appropriate resources to identify relevant research terms in order to articulate an effective research plan
- Advocate a position and draft legal documents typically encountered in litigation and transactional settings in an organized manner
- Identify and articulate legal problems and present satisfactory options for addressing those problems
- Identify ethical concerns in a variety of situations
- Competently participate as a member of the legal profession

Accelerated Bachelor of Arts

Three Year Sample Curriculum

First Year, Fall
Academic Composition
First Year Seminar
Ethics
Elective
Major Courses

First Year, Spring
Oral Communication
Quantitative Reasoning
Elective
Major Courses

Second Year, Fall
Cultural Pluralism
Fine Arts
Elective
Major Courses

Second Year, Spring
Religious Foundations & the Bible
Global Systems
Elective
Major Courses

Third Year, Fall
Science & Technology in Society
Humanities
Elective
Major Courses

Third Year, Spring
Physical Science
Elective
Major Courses

Accelerated Juris Doctor

Three Year Sample Curriculum

First Year, Fall
Contracts
Torts
Legal Research
Criminal Law
Integrated Core Competencies

First Year, Spring
Contracts
Torts
Legal Research
Civil Procedure Rules
Integrated Core Competencies

Second Year, Fall
Constitutional Law
Civil Procedure
Jurisdiction
Criminal Procedure
Electives

Second Year, Spring
Constitutional Law
Evidence
Electives

Third Year, Fall
Professional Responsibility
Electives

Third Year, Spring
Legal Drafting
Electives

Program Specific Organizations

Student Government

Pre-Law Society Organization

Law and Leadership Institute

Symposium on Undergraduate Scholarship



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All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

Learn More

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