

# KEYS TO SUCCESS

## Being Prepared for Law School

This handout provides you with an introduction to the major components of your law school admissions process and things to consider during your undergraduate career. For more detailed information, FAQs, and information on meeting with a Pre-Law advisor, visit [prelaw.fsu.edu](http://prelaw.fsu.edu).

### GPA

Along with the LSAT, your GPA is the primary determinant of your admissions. Only your first undergraduate cumulative GPA is taken into account.

### LSAT

LSAT scores, along with GPA, carry the most weight in law school admissions decisions. Take the LSAT early after thorough preparation.

### MAJOR

There is no preferred major for law school. Choose a major that you're passionate about! Invest in classes that help maintain a competitive GPA and seek out courses that develop analytical and critical thinking skills.

### RÉSUMÉ

Your résumé should highlight experiences that contribute to the development of skills needed for success in the legal field. Consider an internship or other experiential learning opportunities.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement is an opportunity for you to distinguish yourself from other candidates and state your case for admission. Start early, get it reviewed, and make it unique.

### LEADERSHIP

Law schools look favorably on leadership experience. Consider joining a registered student organization (RSO) and taking on a leadership position, or get involved in the community!

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation can support the skills you have displayed throughout your application. Letters from people who can attest to your academic skills are the most important for law school admissions. Build strong relationships with faculty and other professionals during your time at FSU.



The  
**Career Center**  
*linking futures*

TRACKING YOUR PATH TO

# LAW SCHOOL

prelaw.fsu.edu

## APPLICATION YEAR

### SPRING



LSAT/LSAC Preparation

- Join the FSU Pre-Law listserv
- Create an LSAC account
- Take June LSAT (if a Junior)
- Identify possible recommenders

### EARLY FALL



Application Preparation  
& Exploration

- Check 509 reports
- Sign up for LSAT 2nd attempt if needed
- Create master list of schools to apply to
- Begin your applications

### MID FALL



Application Assembly

- Draft personal statement and receive feedback
- Get résumé reviewed
- Confirm letters of recommendation

### LATE FALL



Scholarships/Financial Aid

- Submit applications early!
- Explore financial aid options and possible scholarship offers

### SPRING



Evaluate Your Options  
& Make a Decision

- Respond to your chosen institution and confirm your seat if attending law school

\*This resource provides general guidance and does not fit all student situations.