3+3 Program.
*Earn your bachelor’s degree and law degree in six years.*

Open to students majoring in Journalism or Strategic Communications (baccalaureate degree). *Talk to your advisor.*

Students accepted into the program start earning their law degree (JD) at the beginning of their fourth undergraduate (senior) year.

3+3 students earn their bachelor’s degree and their JD in six years versus seven years.

- 181 credit hours versus 211 hours.
- Minimum of 90 credits in undergraduate/baccalaureate program completed by the end of the junior year.
  - This includes all major and all general education required courses.
- 3+3 students must:
  - Complete a Program Participation Form early their freshman year.
  - Declare their major by the fall semester of their sophomore year.

To apply for the 3+3 Program, students must have at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA through five undergraduate semesters. Students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA after their first year and 3.2 cumulative GPA after their second year will *not* be able to complete the 3+3 Program.

3+3 students in their junior year must:

- Take the LSAT in October (retake in December, if necessary);
- Apply to the WVU College of Law by January 15.
  - College of Law personnel will be available to advise 3+3 students as they prepare for the LSAT and complete their law school applications.

Application decision is made by April 1 of the junior year.

Students with an LSAT score of 158 or higher and undergraduate GPA of 3.7 or higher will be presumptively admitted to the WVU College of Law.

- Students must also pass a character and fitness review (mandated by the Bar).
- Students who do not meet the 158/3.7 threshold will have their applications considered alongside those from the general applicant pool.

To remain in the 3+3 Program, students must earn a C or better in first-year law courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher.

Students who are dismissed from the 3+3 Program (e.g. poor grades) must return to the Media College to complete their undergraduate studies. The Media College will determine if a student will receive academic credit toward their bachelor’s degree for any law school courses successfully completed.