



## **St. John's Law accepts GRE scores for admission**

### **General Application Requirements**

#### Completed Application

Please complete the online application at lsac.org and make sure to indicate you have taken/will take the GRE test in the Standardized Test Score section of the electronic application.

#### A Bachelor's Degree

Must be completed by enrollment date from an accredited college or university. All applicants, whether taking the LSAT or GRE, must also register for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and have all undergraduate and graduate transcripts sent to CAS.

#### LSAT or GRE Score

St. John's Law accepts LSAT or GRE scores, as long as the score was received within five years of the expected date of entry into law school. If you have already taken the LSAT, you must apply via LSAC with your LSAT score. If you apply with a GRE score and are admitted and later take the LSAT, your admission offer and scholarship will be reconsidered with your LSAT score.

Applicants who elect to take the GRE (instead of the LSAT) must instruct the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send all GRE test scores from the prior 5 years. Our GRE school code is 2624. Please note, because not all law schools currently accept the GRE, applicants who do not take the LSAT may limit themselves from being eligible to apply to other law schools in this admission cycle as an entering student or in future admission cycles as a transfer student.

#### Letters of Recommendation

Minimum of two letters but no more than three will be accepted.

#### Personal Statement

Please submit a personal statement or short essay with your application. You may write about any topic you wish. Suggested topics: your decision to pursue a career in law; your reaction to a recent current affairs event; your feelings about a particular community service or extracurricular

activity with which you have been involved; your reaction to a particular item you may have read recently (fiction, nonfiction, or poetry), whether in an article or a book.

### Resume

In reverse chronological order, please include all employment, volunteer and extracurricular activities along with all educational institutions attended. Include an explanation for any gap of time (three months or more) not explained on your resume.

### Optional Statement

If there are economic, cultural, or social factors that have been significant in your development and identity, or that have presented obstacles to you, and you wish the Admissions Committee to consider those factors in evaluating your application, please provide a supplementary statement describing these obstacles. (Optional)

### Optional Video Interview

We offer an opportunity to complete an optional video interview after you submit your written application. This is a unique opportunity to provide additional information about yourself and to demonstrate personal attributes that may not be evident in your application.

### Other Considerations

While GPA and LSAT/GRE scores are important factors in the admissions process, we also look at several other factors including: (1) nature and difficulty of the applicant's course of undergraduate studies; (2) applicant's entire undergraduate record, including ascending or descending trends in achievement; (3) graduate work or degrees; (4) significant extracurricular activities while an undergraduate or graduate student; (5) community activities; (6) work experience; and (7) any personal obstacle that may have interfered with the realization of the applicant's full potential and personal achievements.

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Applying with a GRE Score**

How do I apply?

- Please complete the online application at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) and make sure to indicate you have taken/will take the GRE test in the Standardized Test Score section of the electronic application. Follow all directions provided in the online application.

How should I submit my GRE scores to St. John's Law?

- You must request an official GRE score report from ETS. Please indicate St. John's Law as a recipient of your test scores.

What is St. John's University School of Law GRE school code?

- 2624

Must I register with LSAC's Credential Assembly Service?

- Yes, all applicants, whether taking the LSAT or GRE, must also register for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and have all undergraduate and graduate transcripts sent to CAS.

Do you still accept the LSAT?

- Yes, St. John's University School of Law accepts both GRE and LSAT scores. Please note, because not all law schools currently accept the GRE, applicants who do not take the LSAT may limit themselves from being eligible to apply to other law schools in this admission cycle as an entering student or in future admission cycles as a transfer student.

If I have already taken the LSAT, can I submit a GRE score instead?

- No. If you have already taken the LSAT, you must apply via LSAC and submit your LSAT score(s). If you have also taken the GRE and would like to submit that score in addition to your LSAT score, we will accept and consider that score information along with all other application materials.

What is the minimum GRE score you will accept?

- Just as there is no minimum for LSAT score required to gain admission, we do not have a minimum score requirement for a GRE score. In recent years, our median LSAT score has generally fallen in the 70<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. We expect to admit applicants who perform similarly well on the GRE. If you have multiple GRE scores, we will place greater emphasis on the highest score in the review process.

When should I take the GRE?

- As noted above, you may want to consider taking the LSAT to broaden the number of law schools you are eligible to apply to. However, if you are already planning to take the GRE or prefer it, we recommend you take it prior to March 1, 2018. GRE test scores are officially reported within approximately two weeks of the test date and should arrive prior to our March 15 application priority date. The GRE is a computer-based test administered year-

round at testing centers and other locations around the world. For more information on test dates, testing centers, and registration details, please visit the GRE website at [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/register](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register)

How long is my GRE score valid for admissions?

- As with the LSAT score, the GRE score must have been earned within five years of the expected date of entry into law school.

Is the GRE a valid predictor of law school success?

- Yes, the GRE has been tested at St. John's Law and has been found to be both a reliable and a valid indicator of one's performance during the first year of law school.