

Coronavirus - Law Admission FAQs - St. John's University School of Law

The following questions and answers are designed to provide additional information regarding law school admissions during this time. We will continue to update these FAQs as new information becomes available. Please note the University's coronavirus website is the primary source of information for the institution's overall preparations for and response to the coronavirus.

1. I will have one or more Pass/Fail grade designations for the Spring 2020 semester. How will that affect my application?

We are fully expecting applicants currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate-level academic programs to have transcripts made up entirely or partially of Pass/Fail grades for the Spring 2020 semester. Whether your academic institution has transitioned entirely to a Pass/Fail grading system, or given students the ability to opt into a Pass/Fail system for one or more course, rest assured that it will not negatively impact our evaluation of your transcript in any way. Those students enrolled in programs that are choosing to maintain their existing grading system will also be evaluated in light of the current, stressful circumstances. We don't require any specific type of grading in evaluating transcripts. In fact, we admit applicants from colleges that don't issue grades at all. We understand that some students were hoping to improve their cumulative GPA this semester, but keep in mind that one semester will rarely ever "make or break" an admissions decision, particularly in these uncertain times

2. Will you accept the May LSAT-Flex exam, and how do you plan to compare those scores to the "normal" LSAT?

We will accept scores from the May LSAT-Flex exam and we plan to treat the scores in an identical fashion to the standard LSAT exam. We are confident in the Law School Admissions Council's plan to administer a fair, secure and reliable remote exam that will be proctored virtually. We will also continue to accept GRE scores in place of LSAT scores.

3. The economic consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic have significantly impacted my financial situation and may affect my ability to attend law school in the fall. What should I do?

We completely understand the monumental impacts Coronavirus is having on all our lives. If you are an admitted student in the process of deciding whether it will be possible to matriculate in August, please contact us directly to discuss your specific situation.

4. What will happen in the Fall 2020 semester?

First and foremost, we are confident that our Fall 2020 semester will commence on time! We could not be prouder of the fact that our current students, faculty and staff fully converted to a remote learning and work environment in a matter of days when the current health situation arose. As we have all learned, a lot can happen in four months, *but we currently anticipate that pre-session and Fall classes will be in person*. Rest assured, however, that we are carefully

planning for all contingencies should we need to move classes online again.

5. Can I access virtual experiences in place of visiting St. John's University School of Law?

Yes!

Please take our 4-part virtual tour series located toward the bottom of our [Visit Us](#) page at: <https://www.stjohns.edu/law/jd-admissions/visit-campus>

Additionally, you can view a pre-recorded mock criminal law class given by Dean Simons at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZXGzF5dAz0&feature=youtu.be>

The corresponding case, *The Queen v. Dudley and Stephens*, can be found [here](#)

6. I have questions and would like to speak with an admission professional, what are my options?

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you over the phone or setup a virtual meeting at a time that is convenient for you. Please contact us at lawinfo@stjohns.edu or 718-990-6474.

7. I've been offered a spot on the waiting list, what should I do?

Interested applicants on our waiting list should submit a letter or email of continued interest. They should also utilize our remote "visit" opportunities listed above. We anticipate turning to applicants on our waiting list at several times in late spring or early summer, but the timing of those offers are unpredictable. We encourage interested applicants on our waiting list to keep their email addresses updated and make sure their voicemail boxes are not full, as we usually call or email offers when we have space available.

8. I am interested in transferring to St. John's Law from another law school? Can I still do so with pass-fail grades?

Yes. We know many law schools have converted to a pass-fail grading system for the Spring 2020 term. You are still eligible to apply. The Admissions Committee will evaluate your application and take into consideration the cumulative law school GPA which includes the strength of your first semester grades as well as your LSAT/GRE score, undergraduate GPA, graduate work, work experience, etc. In addition, you may apply after your first year of law school (for Fall 2020) or after the fall semester of your 2L year (for Spring 2021). You can find information about transfer [here](#): <https://www.stjohns.edu/law/jd-admissions/transfer-admissions>

As always, please feel free to contact us directly if you have questions or concerns. Please email lawinfo@stjohns.edu so that we can direct your inquiry appropriately.

Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you on campus sometime soon!