



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES



Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor

Overview

Lawyers play a vital role in shaping society—advocating for individuals, advising businesses, and serving government agencies in areas of law and justice. Whether specializing in a particular field or practicing across multiple areas, attorneys are problem solvers, advocates, and leaders.

The combined Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor (B.A./J.D.) program offers a streamlined pathway for motivated students to begin their legal careers sooner. This accelerated program allows you to complete both your undergraduate and law degrees in just six years, earning a Bachelor of Arts from St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Juris Doctor from the St. John's University School of Law.

During your first three years, you will complete a minimum of 99 undergraduate credits before starting the School of Law at the beginning of your fourth year. Courses from the required first-year law curriculum count toward both degrees. After successfully completing your first year of law school with a minimum C (2.0) average, you will be awarded your bachelor's degree. Upon completion of the full law school curriculum, you will earn your Juris Doctor degree.

Students interested in this program are encouraged to consult with the pre-law advisor in St. John's College for guidance on appropriate majors, admission requirements, and the application process.

Admission

As a first-year student, you should inform your pre-law advisor that you are interested in pursuing the B.A./J.D. program. You will work closely with a dedicated pre-law advisor to plan your academic path throughout your studies. After completing 60 undergraduate credits, you formally declare your intent to apply for the combined degree program.

Admission is competitive and reflects academic excellence and professional readiness. Successful candidates maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or higher; earn a strong LSAT score (160 or higher); and demonstrate maturity, focus, and a clear commitment to the study of law. Formal application to the University's School of Law is completed during the junior year, no later than March 1.

Designed for high-achieving students prepared to excel in an accelerated environment, the B.A./J.D. program offers a rigorous and rewarding path to a successful career in law.

For more information about admission to this and other acclaimed undergraduate programs at St. John's University, please visit stjohns.edu or contact us directly at

Office of Undergraduate Admission

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Career Outcomes

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of lawyers is projected to grow five percent from 2013 to 2033, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Demand for legal work is expected to continue as individuals, businesses, and all levels of government require legal services in many areas.

Law firms will continue to be the largest employers of attorneys; however, the legal profession is rapidly evolving to respond to new market demands. Increased competition is encouraging innovative staffing models that deliver greater efficiency and value to clients. Several corporations may expand their in-house legal departments, and there may be an increase in the demand for lawyers in various settings such as financial and insurance firms, consulting firms, and health-care providers.

Also, the federal government is likely to continue to need lawyers to prosecute or defend civil cases on behalf of the United States, prosecute criminal cases brought by the federal government, and collect money owed to the federal government. It is projected that budgetary constraints at all levels of government will moderate employment growth.

Additional Information

The St. John's University Pre-Law Advisement program offers individualized advisement and guidance for prospective B.A./J.D. students.

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