



# 3+3 B.A. + J.D.

## ACCELERATED LAW DEGREE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

### HOW IT WORKS

- Complete your Major and General Education requirements at Eastern in 3 years (90 credits); receive your B.A. from Eastern after successful completion of first year of law school at NIU
  - Majors that currently work at Eastern with the 3+3 include Political Science, Public Relations, Philosophy, and Journalism
  - Save a year's worth of time and tuition; normally, these two degrees take 7 years to complete.
- Application requirements include an electronic application form, a personal statement, an LSAT score reported through the Law School Admissions Council's Credit Assembly Service, a transcript, at least one letter of recommendation, and a letter from Eastern stating that the applicant has complied with the general education and major requirements. Applicants are also encouraged, though not required, to submit a résumé.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO NIU LAW

- Complete all general education requirements at Eastern, as well as all requirements for the major. Applicants must complete at least three-fourths of the credit hours required to complete their undergraduate degree, and must have no more than 30 credit hours remaining to be earned for their undergraduate degree.
- Both current Eastern undergraduate students and transfer students to Eastern are eligible to participate in the program.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Possess a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.25 or higher as of the time of application.
  - Take the LSAT no later than February of their third year of study and score above the 50th percentile of the previous year's matriculating class at NIU Law.
  - Apply for admission to NIU Law by April 30 of their third year of undergraduate study at Eastern.
- Participants in the program will be allowed to matriculate at NIU Law only if, in addition to the above requirements, they are admitted.
  - Notify your academic advisor at Eastern as soon as possible, and keep up with them regularly for assistance in tracking your progress
  - Students who matriculate at NIU Law as part of this program will pay tuition and fees for each year of study at NIU Law to Northern Illinois University. Merit-based scholarships and financial aid from NIU Law are always available for competitive applicants, including those in the Accelerated Law Degree Program.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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