

# Pre-Law Orientation

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# What is prelaw?

1. Identify as *pre-law* to your advisor or the prelaw advisor
2. Join the *prelaw listserv*: <https://ppao.uga.edu/about/listserv/>
3. Follow **@ugaprelaw** on Instagram



# What is law school?

1. **Post-undergraduate**, earn a Juris Doctorate (JD)
2. **Three-year** program
3. Prepares you to *pass a state bar exam*





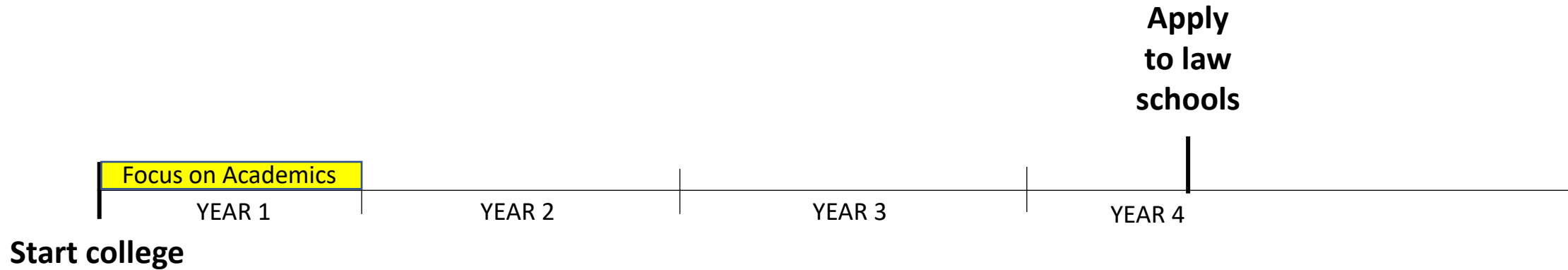
K-JD

## Kindergarten through JD

*About 50% of UGA  
applicants to law school are  
KJD each cycle*



# Path to law school (K-JD)



# The truth about your major & law school

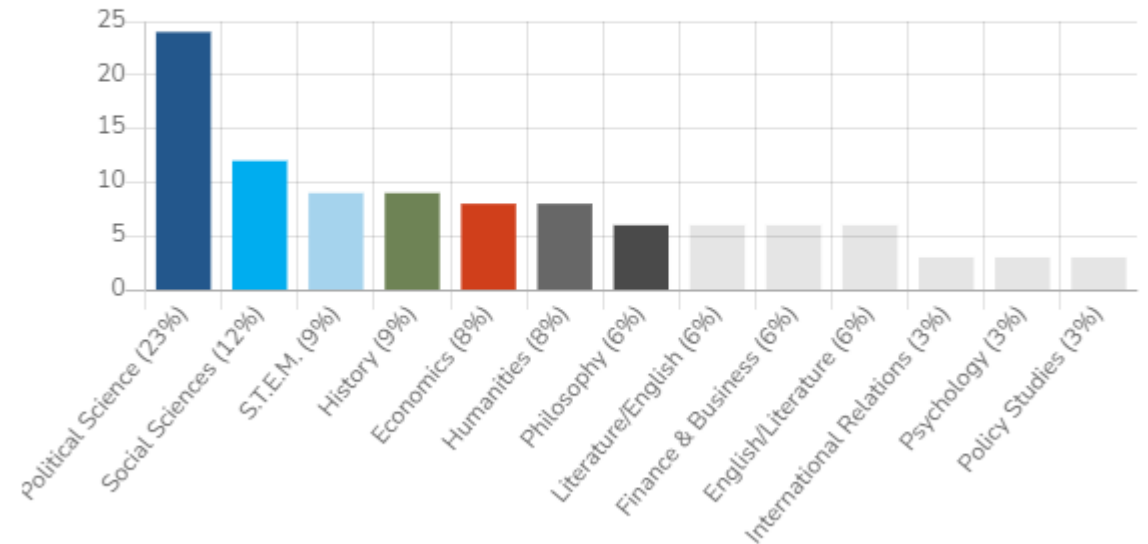
It doesn't matter what you major in!

It doesn't matter what you minor in!

Law schools do not look for any specific courses!

No, a Masters degree does not look better

## Undergraduate Majors



*Columbia Law School 2021 Entering Class Profile*



# What does matter...

- **Overall undergraduate GPA** (of first awarded degree(s))
- **Rigor** of course load each semester – at least **one** semester of 15 credit hours (3000 & 4000-level courses)\*SUGGESTED
- Positive grade **trends**
- Pivoting sooner rather than later



# Some related courses/programs

[Undergraduate school of law courses](#) – JURI (2000, 3000)

PHIL 2020 or PHIL 2300 – for LSAT

Major-related courses with a legal subject

LEGL courses through Terry

Minor in Law, Jurisprudence, and the State\* (POLS 1101 required)

Certificate of Legal Studies\*- (LEGL 2700 required)

Minor in Law, Ethics, and Philosophy

Environmental Law Minor

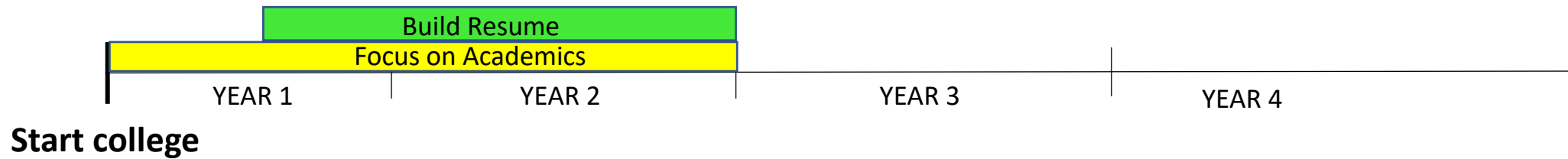
Criminal Justice Minor

\*=application required





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# The truth about your experiences

Law schools want to see evidence of **leadership**.



Depth of involvement is what matters.

Law schools want to see evidence of **service**.



Show a commitment to serving others.

Law schools expect some **professional development**.



Work or internships

Legal experience **NOT REQUIRED**.



Do what you are passionate about.



# There are some legal-related clubs

Phi Alpha Delta



Pre-law fraternity – IG: @pad.uga

The Black Pre-Law  
Association



@bplsassociation – [Group Me](#)

Undergrad. Moot Court



Supreme Court cases, recruits in  
the spring -

Undergrad. Mock Trial



Simulate courtroom litigation, civil  
and criminal cases, recruits in the  
Fall – UGAMockTrial@gmail.com

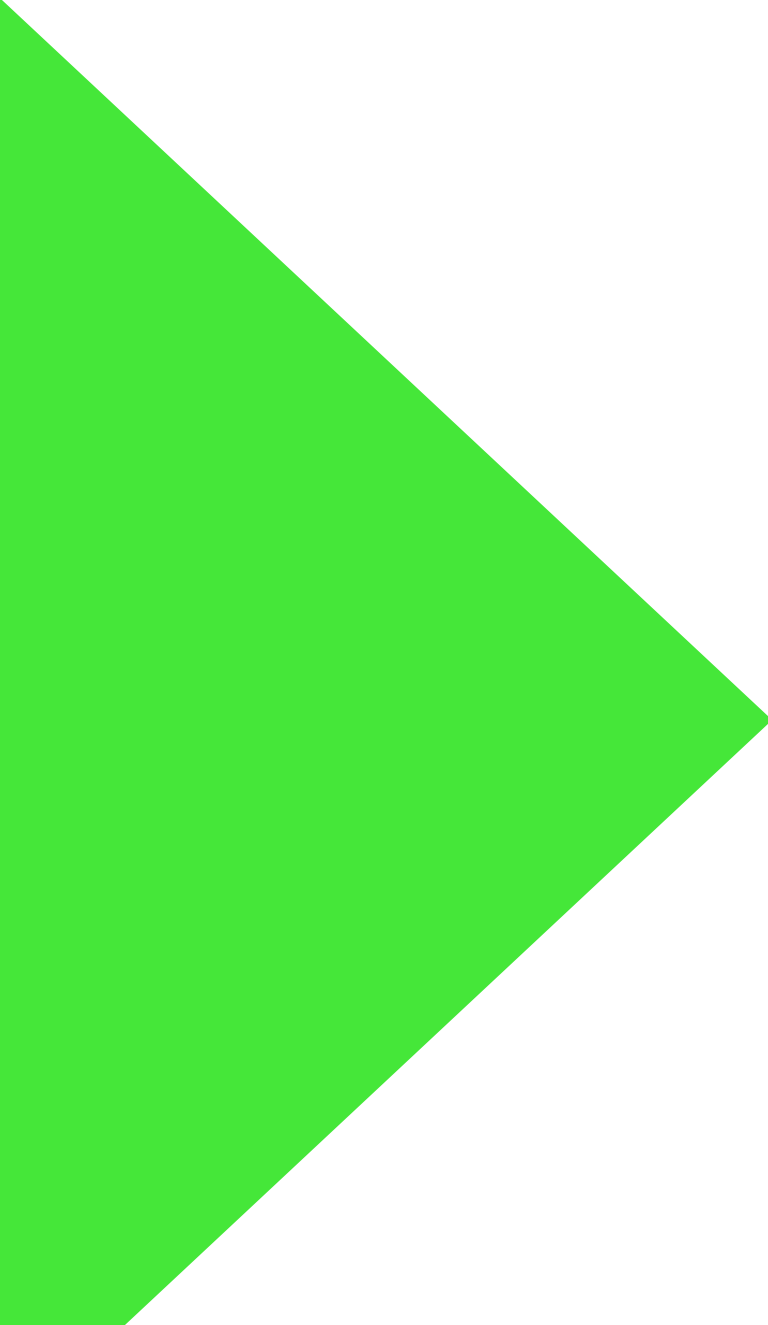
Kappa Alpha Pi



# Some other popular activities

- UGA Judiciary
- Phi Kappa Society
- Ambassador Programs
- CASA Athens (21+)
- Athens Prison Tutorial
- Whatever It Takes
- U-Lead
- Campus Kitchen
- Food 2 Kids

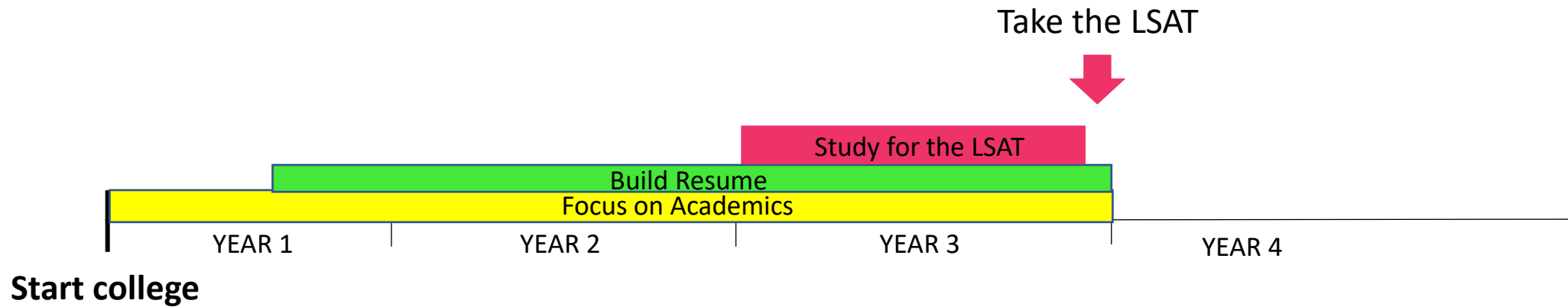




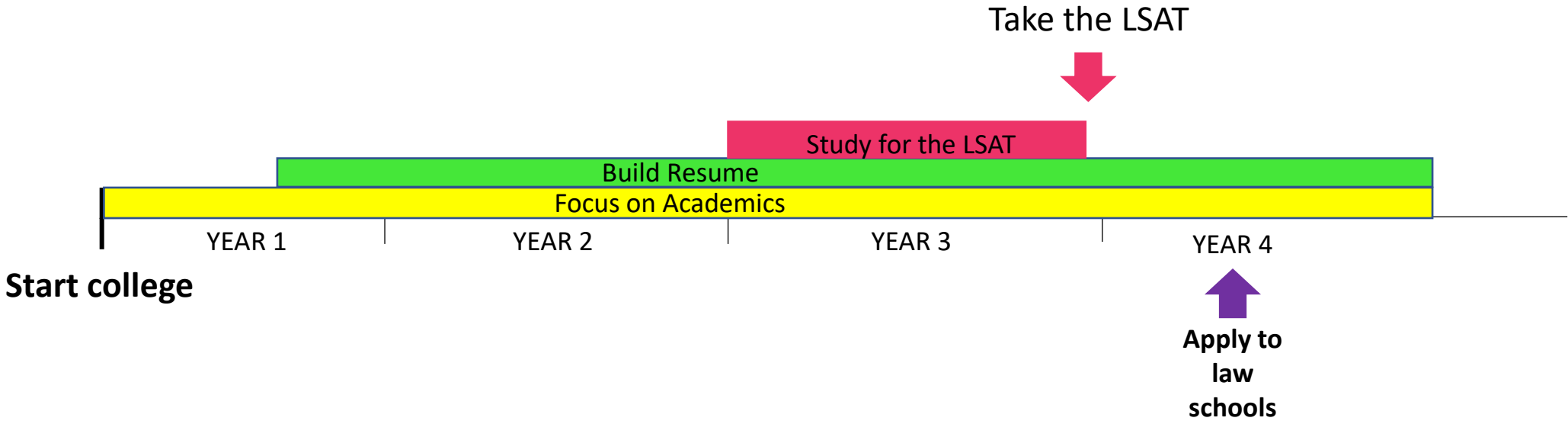
***Extracurriculars are a privilege. Law schools will understand if you have significant personal responsibilities outside of school that prevent you from getting involved.***



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# Apply to law schools

- Most law schools only **start** in the **fall**
- Be prepared to apply **one year prior** to desired start date
- KJD = apply in September/October





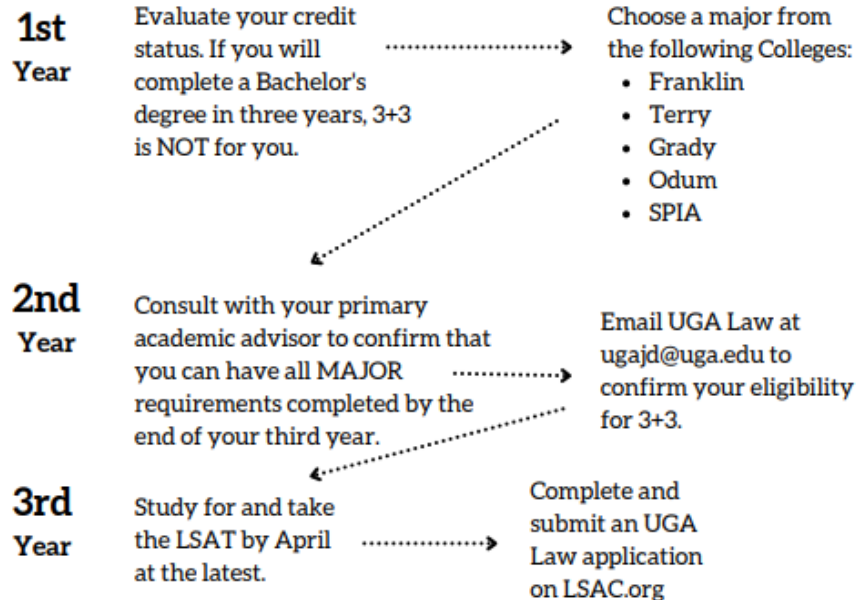
# UGA LAW 3 + 3



## Admissions Process

The 3+3 admissions process is only open to applicants who are currently enrolled as undergraduate students at the University of Georgia. You must meet all of the standard admissions requirements and apply to UGA Law. Admission to UGA Law through this process will be just as competitive as the standard admissions process.

### General Timeline for 3+3 Applicants



**The application deadline is June 1st, but plan to submit your application earlier in the semester.**

**4th Year** Take JD Courses at UGA Law School to complete your Bachelor's degree.





### Admissions Process

This admissions process is only open to applicants who have received or will receive their undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. Qualified UGA undergraduates may apply to the University of Georgia School of Law without the previously required LSAT score. **DISCLAIMER: UGA Scholars is very competitive. You are not guaranteed admission just by meeting the stated qualifications.**

Before applying to UGA Law School through the UGA Scholars admissions process, you may have the opportunity to attend an Information Session. Check the [UGA Law Recruiting Events page \(law.uga.edu/recruiting-events\)](http://law.uga.edu/recruiting-events) in early August for the date of this event.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- LSAT**  **NO LSAT SCORE ON FILE** (law schools see every score.)
- GPA**  Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of **3.5**
- Tests**  Scored **at or above the 85th percentile** on the SAT or ACT if seeking a J.D. degree.
- Scored **at or above the 85th percentile** on the GRE or GMAT if seeking a dual degree at the School of Law.
- Other**  Have completed or will complete at least **six semesters** of undergraduate work.
- 100% sure that UGA Law is your number one choice. UGA Scholars is **binding**.

### TIMELINE

- September 1st** .... Application opens
- October 1st** .... Application **completion** deadline - all application materials must be submitted by this date.
- Usually within two weeks** .... Decisions sent out. You may be:
- Admitted
  - Put into the standard admissions pool to be re-considered with a LSAT score.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| UGA Law Application (on LSAC.org) | Personal Statement (Max 2 double-spaced pgs.) + optional supplemental essays | Resume                   | Transcripts              | 2 Letters of Recommendation |



**CONTACT:** [UGA Law School](mailto:ugajd@uga.edu) at [ugajd@uga.edu](mailto:ugajd@uga.edu) with any questions or concerns. If you want to discuss whether or not UGA Scholars is right for you, make an appointment for [prelaw advising](#) via SAGE.



# Georgia Law Schools

## 50<sup>th</sup> percentile GPA/LSAT

University of Georgia School of Law	—————	3.83/169
Emory University School of Law	—————	3.80/166
Georgia State University College of Law	—————	3.55/160
Mercer School of Law	—————	3.51/156
Atlanta's John Marshall Law School	—————	3.14/151



# National law schools of interest

## 50<sup>th</sup> percentile GPA/LSAT

Harvard Law School	—————	3.92/174
University of Virginia School of Law	—————	3.91/171
Duke University School of Law	—————	3.85/170
Georgetown Law	—————	3.85/171
Vanderbilt Law School	—————	3.90/170



# 2024-2025 Cost to Apply

	\$
LSAT	238
Credential Assembly Service (CAS)	207
Law School Report	45 per law school
Application Fee	50-85



# Apply to law schools - Resources

- Make an appointment for **pre-law advising**.
- Meet with the **Pre-law Career Consultant, MK Miller** at the UGA Career Center.



# UGA Mentor Program



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Find a UGA Mentor

## Find a UGA Mentor

Networking with experienced UGA alumni, faculty and staff can help you get ahead in life and career, but where do you even start? The UGA Mentor Program narrows down the world of possibilities to meaningful connections. It personalizes the networking experience; connecting you with mentors that are just right for your commitment.

“ It has definitely been amazing having someone in my corner to help me through the uncertainties and keep me motivated! I truly enjoyed the experience and the impact it has made on my first year in college. I value the life-long connection I have made with my mentor.

- Kevin Nwogu (UGA '22)



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