

3+3 COMMUNICATION STUDIES BA/JD

3+3 Accelerated BA/BS-JD Program

The 3+3 Accelerated BA/BS-JD program (<https://www.canisius.edu/academics/programs/pre-law/33-accelerated-ba-or-bs-plus-jd/>) through the University at Buffalo School of Law (<https://www.law.buffalo.edu/admissions/3-plus-3.html>) is open to a variety of majors. By participating, you can:

- Complete your undergraduate education and law degree in less time (and for less cost) than the 7 years typically required
- Become fully eligible for scholarships and grants offered to qualified incoming students at the University at Buffalo School of Law
- Upon successful completion of the first-year curriculum at UB Law School, a student's credits for the year will be transferred to Canisius to complete his or her bachelor's degree which will then be conferred by Canisius.

Eligibility

This unique program is open to pre-law students who:

- Plan to major in Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/criminal-justice/>), Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-business-communication-health-studies/wehle-school-business/economics/economics/>), English (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/english/english/>), Environmental Studies (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-natural-environmental-animal-sciences/environmental-studies/>), History (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/history/>), Philosophy (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/philosophy/>), Psychology (BA) (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-business-communication-health-studies/school-behavioral-health-studies/psychology/>), Political Science (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/political-science/>), Sociology (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-arts-education-sciences/school-arts-social-sciences/sociology/>), Communication Studies (<https://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/division-business-communication-health-studies/school-communication-marketing-media/communication-studies/>).
- Take the LSAT or GRE no later than January of their junior year*
- Apply to the UB School of Law no later than February 1 of their junior year
- Complete all academic requirements toward their major by the end of their junior year
- Maintain a cumulative GPA at Canisius of 3.5 or higher

*The LSAT score must be at or above the median LSAT score for the UB School of Law's previous year's enrolled class or the GRE score must be at or above the 70th percentile for Verbal Reasoning and the 40th percentile for Quantitative Reasoning.

For more information, contact the Raichle Center director.

3+3 Strategic Communication BA/JD Roadmap

Freshman

Fall	Spring
ENG 111	ENG 112
RST 101	PHI 101
Attribute: Global Awareness	Field 7: Mathematical Sciences
COM 201	COM 205
COM 204	Field 3: Literature and Arts

Sophomore

Fall	Spring
Field 1: Religious Studies and Theology	Field 2: Philosophy
Attribute: Justice	Attribute: Ethics *
COM 203	Attribute: Diversity
Field 4: History	COM 202
COM Major Elective	COM Major Elective

Junior

Fall	Spring
COM 206	COM Major Elective
Field 6: Natural Sciences	COM Major Elective
COM Major Elective	Free Elective
COM Major Elective	Capstone
Free Elective	Free Elective

Senior

Fall	Spring
1st year JD courses taken at UB	1st year JD courses taken at UB
LAW 509: Torts	LAW 507: Property
LAW 501: Civil Procedure	LAW 505: Criminal Law
LAW 503: Contracts	LAW 511: Constitutional Law
LAW 515: Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I	LAW 515: Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II

ATTRIBUTES - Can be fulfilled using a variety of courses including Field of Knowledge courses and electives with attribute designation

Justice
Ethics*
Diversity
Global Awareness
Advanced Writing Intensive - Must be at the 200-level or above
Oral Communication Skills

* Ethics is required of all students

Note: All students must complete a total of 60 hours of Arts and Science courses. We strongly recommend that all students run a Griff Audit to check for this and any other additional requirements.