

Le Moyne College 3+3 Baccalaureate/Albany Law School Juris Doctor Arrangement

Le Moyne College has an exciting agreement with Albany Law School that allows qualified Le Moyne students to attend Albany Law and finish their degrees at both institutions within six (6) years *total*. That provides a significant tuition and residence cost savings, as students do not have to pay for the traditional seven (7) years to get a law degree (four [4] years of college plus three [3] years of law school).

How the 3+3 Arrangement Works:

The 3+3 Arrangement currently involves Le Moyne majors in Political Science, English, History, Philosophy or Psychology only.

Students at Le Moyne interested in the 3+3 Arrangement indicate their commitment by the second semester of their freshman year. Participating Le Moyne students will have to complete all their core, required Le Moyne coursework within 3 years. This means that participating Le Moyne students will complete all course requirements, with the exception of designated electives, for their respective major by the end of the junior year.

The Le Moyne student working on the path of the 3+3 will have to maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher at Le Moyne to qualify for potential recommendation by the Le Moyne 3+3 Pre-Law Committee to the Albany Law School for admission there. If recommended by the Le Moyne Pre-Law Committee, participating Le Moyne College students may apply to Albany Law School before June 1st of their junior year.

Admission under this 3+3 arrangement will be granted by Albany Law School if the Le Moyne student's grade at Le Moyne at the time of application is, as mentioned, at least 3.2 or higher, and he or she must complete the LSAT before admission and earn a one-time or average score no lower than the median LSAT score for the prior year's entering class at Albany Law. Le Moyne students must complete a standard application to Albany Law through the LSAC, and answer all character and fitness questions. The application fee will be waived. Students must have no character and/or fitness issues which would preclude admission to a state Bar. The application must include one letter of academic recommendation from a Le Moyne faculty member or the Le Moyne College Pre-Law Committee. Further, Le Moyne 3+3 applicants must complete and pass an interview with Albany Law to help determine the student's readiness for the study of law.

If accepted to the Albany Law School, the qualified Le Moyne student would then begin his or her first year of law school at Albany in what would have been their fourth, senior year at Le Moyne. Le Moyne College will award a baccalaureate degree to participating students who successfully complete the first year of law school.

The qualified Le Moyne student will complete the full three (3) years of required law school curriculum at Albany Law School – meaning the student will be finished with Le Moyne and Albany Law in six (6) years total, rather than the usual seven (7) years, and will graduate with both a Le Moyne College degree and an Albany Law School degree.

Tuition for Albany Law School will be charged at its rate. Le Moyne students will be eligible to apply for scholarships and financial aid available through the law school.

The Caveat: This is a Rigorous Course of Study. It is Not for Everyone, and Not Everyone Will Qualify:

The Arrangement is rigorous, with strict academic criteria for success. It requires intellectual ability, perseverance, excellent grades, a good score on the LSAT, and demonstrated maturity. The Arrangement does not guarantee recommendation by Le Moyne for admission to Albany Law School, nor does it guarantee admission to Albany Law. It is not for everyone, and not everyone who starts out will succeed. But we'll be there with you each semester, checking your progress and making recommendations to let you know if you're on track or not.

In the end, as in all academic endeavors that involve professional graduate school, your success depends upon your motivation and ability. And if you do not qualify for the 3+3 Arrangement, or decide during your undergraduate education that it's not for you, there's no downside -- you simply finish your four years at Le Moyne in the regular fashion, and apply for law school, graduate school, get a job, etc., as you would have without participating in the 3+3 Arrangement.

Have More Questions?

Please utilize the additional link provided under this law school heading where you can read the "Statement of Student Understanding" describing the complete terms and conditions of the Le Moyne College 3+3 Baccalaureate/Albany Law School Juris Doctor Arrangement. A copy of this "Statement of Student Understanding" will be executed in the second semester of the Le Moyne student's freshman year for conditional admission into the 3+3 Arrangement, so for full transparency it is a good idea to read it now.

Please feel free to contact Prof. James T. Snyder, Esq., the Director of the Le Moyne 3+3 Pre-Law Committee by e-mail at snydejat@lemoyne.edu anytime, or call him at (O) 315-445-4497, or (Cell) 315-383-5565, to discuss the Agreement in greater detail. Prof. Snyder will be the participating student's 3+3 Agreement advisor during his or her years at Le Moyne.

The Le Moyne/Albany Law School 3+3 Arrangement. It's well worth a look at Le Moyne.