

# STATEMENT OF STUDENT UNDERSTANDING

## Terms and Conditions

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

#### *Overview*

The Pre-Law Committee at Le Moyne College (LMC) will serve as a selection committee that will interview and select potential students each year who may fit the established criteria for entry to Albany Law School (ALB) after their junior year. Le Moyne College has no obligation to nominate a student or students to the Albany Law School, even if the student fulfills the criteria.

Le Moyne students selected for participation by the LMC Pre-Law Committee will fulfill the established terms and conditions as well as fit the eligibility criteria set forth below. Once selected, participating students are expected to continue to meet all established terms, conditions and academic criteria.

Overall, participating students will complete all course requirements, with the exception of electives, for their major by the end of the junior year of undergraduate studies at Le Moyne College before entering the first year of law school at Albany Law. Le Moyne students will receive their bachelor's degree upon successful completion of that first year of law school.

#### *Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria*

##### **Conditional Admission:**

- During the second semester of Freshmen year, students from participating majors<sup>1</sup> will apply to the LMC Pre-law Committee at Le Moyne College for conditional admission into the Le Moyne College and Albany Law School 3+3 Baccalaureate/Juris Doctor Arrangement.
- Participating students must maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- The names of students selected by the Pre-Law Committee at Le Moyne College will be forwarded to the Albany Law School Assistant Dean of Admissions. Le Moyne College's Pre-law Advisor, in conjunction with the Department Chair of the student's respective major at Le Moyne College, will then serve as principal advisors to these students during their undergraduate years.
- Participating students will be provided a typical program that shows the curricular path for the LMC/ALB 3+3 Arrangement for their respective major.
- Participating students will complete all course requirements, with the exception of designated electives, for their respective major by the end of the junior year.
- Le Moyne College will award a baccalaureate degree to participating students who enroll at the

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<sup>1</sup> Participating majors include English, History, Philosophy, Political Science and Psychology.

School of Law through this arrangement and who successfully complete the first year of law school.

**Final Admission:**

- Le Moyne students will be eligible to apply as a 3+3 candidate to the Law School only if s/he will have completed all course requirements, with the exception of electives, for their major by the end of the junior year. The remaining elective courses will be used to fulfill the requirements for the baccalaureate degree, which in this case will be met by completion of the first year of law school. Once the student applies to the Law School through the 3+3 option, the Pre-Law Director at Le Moyne College will send to the student, a copy of the 3+3 Combination Baccalaureate/Juris Doctor Certification Statement (sample below). It will be the student's responsibility to have this certification statement signed by the Registrar at Le Moyne College and returned to the Albany Law School to complete the application process as a 3+3 candidate. A copy of the certification statement should also be provided to the Pre-Law Director at Le Moyne College.
- Le Moyne College students may apply to the Albany Law School prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of their junior year. The application fee will be waived for any LMC student who applies through this LMC/ALB 3 + 3 Arrangement.
- Students will apply as first year J.D. candidates.
- The Albany Law School will grant admission to students recommended by the Le Moyne College Pre-Law Committee who seek early admission to the Law School through this 3+3 Agreement and meet the requirements set forth below:
  1. Le Moyne students must complete the LSAT before admission and earn a one-time or average score that is no lower than the median LSAT score for the prior year's entering class at Albany Law School

Le Moyne students must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.2 as of the end of their third year of undergraduate study.

Students applying to Albany Law School through this 3+3 Agreement must complete an interview with a designated Law School official to help determine their readiness for the study of law. Concerns that arise during the interview, if any, will be communicated to the Le Moyne Pre-Law Committee and may provide a basis for Albany Law School to deny a student's admission to the Law School. Le Moyne students may complete this interview at Albany Law School or via Skype or other media.

Le Moyne College students must complete a standard application to Albany Law School through the LSAC and answer all character and fitness questions. Students must have no character and/or fitness issues which would preclude admission to a state Bar. Applications must include one letter of academic recommendation from a Le Moyne faculty member or the Le Moyne College Pre-Law Committee.

- Once enrolled in the Albany Law School, Le Moyne students must adhere to, and their continued enrollment will be subject to, the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the Law School, including but not limited to its academic standing requirements for first year law students.

- An official, final transcript must be sent to Albany Law School showing that a baccalaureate degree was conferred at the end of the student’s first year of law school.

**Albany Law School Tuition and Merit Scholarships:**

- Tuition will be charged at the Albany Law School rate. Le Moyne students will be eligible to apply for scholarships and financial aid available through the Law School.
- Students will not be eligible for undergraduate level federal, state, or institutional aid from Le Moyne College (e.g., Pell, TAP, and Le Moyne scholarships) while attending the Albany Law School .

**Student Acknowledgment**

I have received and reviewed the above *Statement of Student Understanding* regarding the LMC/ALB 3+3 Baccalaureate/Juris Doctor Arrangement in a meeting with the Pre-Law Director at Le Moyne College. I also understand that either or both Le Moyne College and Albany Law School may change the terms, conditions and eligibility criteria over time. In that event, the Pre-Law Director will provide updates to participating students.

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Student Name & Signature

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Date

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Pre-Law Advisor Signature

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Date

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

**3+3 Le Moyne College Baccalaureate/**

**Albany Law School Juris Doctor Arrangement**

**Fall 2019 Entering Class At Albany Law School**

This is to certify that [STUDENT]:

- Will have completed all course requirements for her/his undergraduate major by June 1, 2019, and;
- Has only elective courses remaining to fulfill the requirements for the baccalaureate degree, which in this case will be met by completion of the first year of law school, and;
- Will be awarded her/his baccalaureate degree from Le Moyne College after successfully completing the first year law curriculum at the Albany Law School. Successful completion requires that the student has earned a C- or higher in all courses taken during the first year of law at Albany Law. An official transcript must be received by the Le Moyne College Registrar's Office indicating successful completion of courses to be transferred before the baccalaureate degree will be awarded.

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[Registrar, Le Moyne College]

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Date

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This is to certify that I will have forwarded to the Albany Law School an official, degree-bearing transcript from Le Moyne College displaying that my baccalaureate degree has been awarded. I will have this official certified transcript sent directly from Le Moyne College. I understand that the Office of Student Administration and the Registrar at the Law School must receive the transcript no later than August 15, 2020.

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[STUDENT]

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Date