

The Law School

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Juris Doctor (JD) program typically hold a four-year baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment. (Tulane is also willing to consider for admission to the JD program exceptionally well qualified candidates who will have completed at least three-fourths of the work toward a four-year baccalaureate degree.) Applicants must complete and submit the application form, including a personal statement, and provide a score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), as well as an LSDAS report of all prior academic work. (The latter requires that transcripts of work at all colleges and universities attended be sent to the Law School Admission Council.) Letters of recommendation are not required but are encouraged.

Applicants to any of the one-year Master of Laws (LLM) programs must hold a first law degree prior to enrollment. Applicants must complete and submit the application form, transcripts of all prior academic work, letters of recommendation from two faculty members under whom the applicant has studied, and—if the first law degree is from a law school where English was not the language of instruction—a score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Written English (TWE).

Applicants to the Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program must hold both the first law degree and a graduate law degree, such as the LLM. In addition to completing the application form and submitting transcripts of all prior academic work, letters of recommendation from two faculty members under whom the applicant has studied, and, where appropriate, a score on the TOEFL, applicants must also submit a comprehensive research proposal.

Application Materials

Go to www.law.tulane.edu, and click “Apply” for application materials.

Applications may be submitted in hard copy or on-line. Hard copy application materials for the JD, LLM and SJD programs are available from the Tulane Law School Office of Admission or may be downloaded in PDF format from the Law School’s web site, <http://www.law.tulane.edu/admissions/index.cfm?d=apply&main=pdfappmat.htm>

We encourage on-line applications to the JD and LLM programs through the electronic application service of the Law School Admission Council (www.lsacnet.org). The on-line application can also be accessed through the Tulane Law School web site, https://www4.lsac.org/LSACD_on_the_Web/login/open.aspx

Admission Criteria

We look for students who demonstrate the potential to succeed as law students and as lawyers, to contribute in significant ways to the Tulane educational community and to the legal community at large. This determination is made through our review of the candidate’s application materials, supporting documentation, previous academic work, and test scores.

Application Deadlines

October 1 – We begin processing applications

December 1 – We begin reviewing applications

January 15 – We begin announcing admission decisions and merit-based scholarship decisions.

March 15 – Date by which we recommend that applications be complete for optimal consideration