

HOW DO I BECOME A LAWYER?

1. Complete at least three years of an undergraduate degree. Applicants are considered more competitive when they have a four-year Honours degree.
Your degree can be completed in any discipline. Applicants have degrees from a range of disciplines including, but not limited to, commerce, political science, engineering, philosophy, music, biology, and sociology. However, degrees with a criminal justice focus may provide applicants with a stronger foundation.
Seneca Program: [Any Honours degree](#)
To explore how your Seneca diploma may pathway into a degree, please review the [Degree Transfer Guide](#)
2. Complete the LSAT Examination.
Students who want to maximize their chances for admission and be best prepared for law school are encouraged to take the LSAT.
3. Complete a Juris Doctor (Law) Degree.
4. Complete experiential training (Law Practice Program or Articling Program).
5. Pass the Barrister Licensing Examination and Solicitor Licensing Examination (“The Bar”).
6. Meet the Good Character Requirement.
7. Receive a “Call to the Bar” of Ontario (Become Licensed Lawyer).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM

Requirements vary by institution. Common requirements:

- > Completion of at least three years of an undergraduate degree, but most applicants have a four-year degree (Honours)
- > Competitive GPA (usually 3.7 (80-84% or A-) or higher)
- > Competitive LSAT score
- > Personal Statement
- > Autobiographical Sketch (sometimes required)
- > Letters of Reference/Recommendation (at least 2 letters – at least 1 academic)

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

NOTES

- > Unlike admission requirements for other degrees, JD programs generally do not have a minimum GPA or LSAT score listed. Instead, JD admissions are based on the applicant pool year to year. The above GPA and LSAT test scores are general benchmarks only.
- > Strengths in some admission requirements might offset weaknesses in others (e.g. a very competitive GPA might compensate for a subpar LSAT score)
- > The LSAT is offered several times a year. Many law schools recommend that applicants take the LSAT by December for admission to the program for the following fall. Law schools may treat multiple LSAT scores differently (e.g. considering the average, highest, lowest, or all scores).

Note: Based on Ontario Requirements.

If you have more questions, book an appointment with a Pathways Advisor:

<https://seneca.mywconline.com>

This tip sheet aims to ensure accuracy; however, it is your responsibility to confirm all requirements.

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