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Student ID #: _____

Accelerated Graduate Pathway Guide
MAINE LAW 2020-2021
Undergraduate Program Check Sheet to be Used in Combination with Student's Major Check Sheet

Students pursuing the Accelerated Graduate Pathway to Maine Law will be able to use up to 30 credits from their first year of law school to fulfill undergraduate *elective* credits. It is required that students work with their advisor(s) to create a graduation plan upon declaration of the pathway. **Creating a graduation plan ASAP is crucial particularly in the accelerated law pathway** because 1) there are important actions like preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) that pop up as early as sophomore year and 2) it will be advantageous to the student to build "room" into their elective credits for law courses and plan their sequencing early. **Students must apply and be accepted into Maine Law.** **Additional info:**

Approved undergraduate majors: Criminology, Economics (BA or BS), English, Environmental Planning and Policy, Geography-Anthropology, History, Liberal Studies- Humanities, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science (Political Science Track), Psychology, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Sociology

Minimum undergraduate GPA: 3.5

Graduate entrance exam: LSAT ★

Requirements to begin taking graduate-level course: 90 earned undergraduate credits, **acceptance into Maine Law**

Semester students can matriculate into the graduate program: Fall

Maximum graduate credit that can be applied to undergraduate degree: 30 credits

Requirements/ Timeline

Year 1: Fall or Upon Declaration of Accelerated Pathway Program	Completed
Graduation Plan completed with professional or faculty advisor (to include all prerequisites)	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	

Year 1: Spring (or ~15 earned credits)	Completed
Meet with Maine Law Assoc. Dean of Admissions, Caroline Wilshusen at any point during your undergrad career. Contact lawadmissions@maine.edu or 207.780.4341 to set up a meeting!	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	

Year 2: Fall (or ~30 earned credits)	Completed
Read up on Maine Law	
Attend Maine Law Info Session or Open House	
Plan LSAT preparation strategy/ timeline and begin preparing	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	

Year 2: Spring (or ~45 earned credits)	Completed
Consider who you will approach for your 2-4 Maine Law application reference letters	
Register for and continue preparing for LSAT at LSAC.org (Approx. \$200 fee)	
Read up on the Maine Law application process	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	



****First LSAT attempt should happen in June/ July between sophomore and junior year! ****

Year 3: Fall (or ~60 earned credits)	Completed
Register for and take/ retake the LSAT at LSAC.org (Approx. \$200 fee)	
Register for Credit Assembly Service (CAS) (Approx. \$195 fee)- have your transcript and LSAT scores sent to CAS.	
At the start of the semester, request reference letters	
No later than October- Begin the application process for Maine Law	
Complete Maine Law application by Nov. 15th (for early action) or by Dec. 1st to maximize opportunity for acceptance to Maine Law!	
If you have not already, attend Maine Law Info Session or Open House	
Complete FAFSA for graduate level aid	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	

Year 3: Spring (or ~75 earned credits)	Completed
If you haven't yet, complete Maine Law application by April 1 st (or by Feb 1 st for merit consideration)	
First Maine Law deposit required by April 15 th for accepted students	
Maintain 3.5 GPA	

Year 4: Fall (or ~90 earned credits)	Completed
Begin taking law classes if accepted to Maine Law	

Year 4: Spring (or ~105 earned credits)	Completed
Continue taking law classes	
Apply to graduate from USM with your undergraduate degree by April 1 st	

Additional Requirements to Consider Before/ At Time of Undergraduate Graduation

Requirement	Completed
All undergraduate major requirements completed	
All undergraduate core requirements completed	
All general electives completed	