University of Vermont/Vermont Law School 3+2 Program

The University of Vermont and Vermont Law School (VLS) offer a unique dual-degree program leading to a Bachelor’s in three years and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree in two years. The Vermont 3+2 program enables highly-focused students to earn both degrees in less time and at less cost from two distinguished institutions. Students may choose to enter the program from selected majors in UVM’S College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, and Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Students complete three years of undergraduate study at UVM, then matriculate at Vermont Law School, where they complete two years of approved coursework for the JD degree from VLS and are enrolled as full-time students.

- Admission to the program occurs at the end of a student’s first year at UVM. Interested students should connect with the College Program Coordinator of the major they plan to pursue early in their first year to clarify the academic requirements and timeline.

- Students must be enrolled as full-time students during the duration of their course of study at UVM. As students will complete their major requirements in a compressed timeframe, it is vital that they follow a plan for doing so from the beginning of their first year at UVM. Students should review the academic plan for their major and connect with the appropriate 3+2 major advisor.

- Credits from the first year at VLS are transferred back to UVM to allow completion of the undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont.

- Students who meet all requirements of the UVM/VLS 3+2 Program will be awarded both the appropriate Bachelor’s degree from UVM and a JD degree from VLS.

- Students who enroll in the program but choose not to complete the law degree after the first year of enrollment at VLS will have their credits transferred back to UVM for completion of the Bachelor’s degree.

APPROVED UVM MAJORS

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
  - Community Entrepreneurship
  - Community and International Development
  - Public Communication

College of Arts & Sciences
  - Economics
  - History
  - Political Science

Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources
  - Natural Resources
  - Environmental Science

REQUIREMENTS

Students apply to the 3+2 Program at the end of their first year at UVM. Eligible students must have completed at least 30 credit hours in two semesters of full-time study and have a minimum GPA of 3.4. Eligible students must be enrolled in one of the approved majors (above) and be on track to complete all requirements in their approved 3+2 major’s academic plan. Eligible candidates must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The number of students selected each year is based on availability.

Students must maintain their GPA at UVM to continue in the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students submit their application by mid-April at the end of their first year. A complete application includes:

- Application form
- Essay
- Minimum one letter of recommendation from a full-time faculty member

Applications are submitted to the UVM-VLS 3+2 coordinators in each College/School.
ADMISSION TO VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

To gain admission to VLS, students sit for the LSAT no later than October of their third year of study at UVM and present a score equal to or greater than 155 and a UVM cumulative GPA of 3.5. If the LSAT score falls below this standard, a student may request permission of VLS to retake and resubmit the test.

Students must complete all necessary Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) requirements and VLS admission paperwork by January 31 of the third year of undergraduate study at UVM. All VLS application fees are waived for students in the program.

Students must have completed the minimum requirements for their approved UVM degree program before matriculating at VLS. Vermont Law School reserves the right to deny admission to any students who have been subject to academic and/or disciplinary action.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS: If you are a prospective undergraduate student and want to learn more about the program, please contact the UVM Office of Admission at admissions@uvm.edu

CURRENT STUDENTS: If you are a current student seeking more information about the UVM-VLS 3+2 Program and requirements within each college/school, please contact:

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