3+3 Early Admission Program Agreement  
The College of Law and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The following proposal was reviewed and discussed by the Educational Policy Committee on September 12, 2013. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

Overview

On August 29, 2013, the faculty of the College of Law approved a proposal to consider for acceptance an application from an undergraduate student before the completion of the bachelor’s degree if the student had met the following eligibility requirements:

1. The student is enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program at any college or university located in the State of Iowa;
2. The student applies to the College of Law during his or her junior year prior to any deadline established by the College of Law for that year’s admissions cycle;
3. The student takes the LSAT soon enough to permit his or her LSAT score to be timely and to be included in his or her application for admission; and
4. The College of Law has entered into an agreement with the student’s undergraduate institution stating that successful completion of the first year of law school will qualify the applicant for a bachelor’s degree.

The approved proposal also states that

Such applicants will be offered admission only if they successfully compete in the College of Law’s overall applicant pool for seats in the given year’s entering class (as based on GPA, LSAT, and other relevant criteria).

Individual universities, colleges, and departments will be entitled to impose their own requirements, such as the completion of specified courses, a GPA above a specified threshold, etc.

CLAS Agreement with the College of Law

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences proposes to enter into an agreement with the College of Law concerning the 3+3 Program, outlined above.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will accept the student’s first thirty hours earned in the College of Law as undergraduate elective credit.

This credit will be counted by CLAS toward the completion of the undergraduate degree only if the following requirements are met by the student before the first semester of study occurs in the law school program:
• 90 hours of undergraduate credit earned
• All requirements for the primary major completed
• All CLAS General Education Program requirements completed
• The CLAS residency requirement completed

Since the required GPA for entrance into the College of Law is substantially higher than the various 2.00 minimum GPAs required for graduation from CLAS and since the required GPA for law school can change from year to year and can be affected by a student’s LSAT scores and other factors, a CLAS GPA for participation in this program has not been listed as a requirement.

The UI residency requirement may be met by attendance in any UI college and thus completion of the UI residency requirement is not listed above as part of this agreement.

Advising Notes

Students who wish to participate in this program must plan their schedules carefully and must complete the requirements for the major, the CLAS GE Program, and the CLAS residency requirement within three years while maintaining a very strong GPA.

Students should keep the following points in mind:

• A student’s status will change once the student is enrolled in the College of Law. The student will no longer be considered an “undergraduate” but will be considered a “professional” student for tuition and fee purposes.
• A student receiving undergraduate financial aid should consult with the Office of Student Financial Aid. Scholarships and grants received as an undergraduate may not be available to a student with “professional” student status.
• After admission to the College of Law, students will not be able to complete additional undergraduate majors, minors, or certificates offered by CLAS or another undergraduate college.
• The final undergraduate CLAS GPA will include the grades earned in the College of Law.
• A student accepted into the College of Law may participate in the appropriate undergraduate commencement ceremony offered by CLAS in May after the successful completion of the remaining credit hours needed for the undergraduate degree.
• If a student wishes to leave the College of Law and return to CLAS, the student must apply to transfer to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences by the stated deadline. Any successfully completed credits from the College of Law will be applied toward the required undergraduate hours. The student will be responsible for any additional hours of credit needed to complete the undergraduate degree.
Outcomes of Program

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will request a report every three to five years from the College of Law concerning the number of participants from CLAS in the program and their general level of performance, allowing CLAS to review the effects of the program on student achievement.