GAP YEAR(S) TIMELINE

APPLYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

2 YEARS BEFORE LAW SCHOOL
• Start considering who to ask for Recommendation Letters—get those letters!
• Familiarize yourself with the LSAC and CAS (lsac.org)
• Start studying for the LSAT if you plan on taking it in the summer (Check out Kahn Academy on LSAC for starters)
• Meet with the Pre-Law Advising Team at the Career Center
Your Pre-Law Advisor will always be registered with the LSAC as your undergraduate pre-law advisor

1 1/2 YEARS BEFORE LAW SCHOOL
• Register and create an LSAC account
• Know where you want to apply. Go on Law School Trips, attend the UCSC Graduate and Professional School Fair, or LSAC Forum, and do your research
• Review your application Deadlines. These differ school to school
• Take the June/July LSAT
• Begin writing the Personal Statement
• Perfect your resume

1 YEAR BEFORE LAW SCHOOL
• If you haven’t taken your second LSAT, take it now (October date)
• Sign up/pay for the CAS
• Finalize your Letters of Recommendation
• Send in Official Transcripts
• Send in Applications!
• Fill out FAFSA by the end of February at fafsa.ed.gov

1/2 YEAR BEFORE LAW SCHOOL
• Make the decision of where you want to go to Law School!
• Pay seat deposit. April 1st is the earliest that a school can require a deposit, except for early decision

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• Send Thank You Cards to people who wrote your Letters of Recommendation
• Go to Law School!

CONGRATULATIONS! TIME FOR LAW SCHOOL.