3+3 Information and Advising Checklist for CHC Students

What is 3+3? The 3+3 Program enables highly motivated CHC students interested in a legal career to complete both a Bachelor’s degree and Juris Doctor at the University of Oregon Law School in six years rather than the usual seven.

How does 3+3 work? Students participating in 3+3 will spend their first three years enrolled in undergraduate courses fulfilling their CHC core education requirements and the requirements of their chosen major(s) and minor(s). In the fourth year, participating students will be admitted as Law School students and will begin Law School courses, which will also fulfill the students’ remaining undergraduate electives (up to 48 elective credits). The CHC thesis (w/ primary thesis advisor from major, second reader from Law School, and CHC reader) will fulfill the Law School’s writing requirement.

How do I participate in 3+3? No application form or prior commitment is required for CHC students to participate in the Program, although participating students will be required to apply for admission to the Law School in their third year of undergraduate study. Participating students will also have to finish their major, minor, and CHC requirements (minus one elective CHC colloquium and the thesis) by the end of their third year. Discuss the following checklist with your CHC, major, and minor advisors if you wish to position yourself to apply for 3+3 Law School admission:

First & Second Years
☐ Notify your CHC, major, and minor advisors as soon as possible that you plan to participate in 3+3 and that you will need to finish all CHC core education, major, and minor requirements in 3 years. (Please note that it may be difficult to finish a minor as well as a major in only 3 years.)

☐ Develop your own 3-year graduation plan with your advisors. Start thinking about possible thesis topics.

☐ Meet with the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships as early in the process as possible to discuss the potential financial aid implications of entering Law School via 3+3.

Third Year—Fall Term
☐ Meet with advisors to review your Degree Guide to make sure that you are on track to complete your major and CHC requirements (minus one elective colloquium and the thesis defense) by the end of your third year of study.

☐ Continue developing ideas for your thesis project, identify a Primary Thesis Advisor in your major, and prepare to take HC 477H: Thesis Prospectus during winter or spring term. (Please note that it will be easier to secure a Law School professor as a second reader if your thesis is in some way connected to a legal topic.)

☐ Contact the Law School’s admissions office to set up a visit, sit in on a first-year class, and/or tour the Law School.

☐ Take the LSAT no later than January of your third year of study. Submit the rest of your law school application materials during fall term, or early in winter term, of your third year (by the March 1 deadline).

☐ Meet with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office again to remind them of your plans to enroll in 3+3 the following fall.

Third Year—Winter Term
☐ Apply to take HC 477H: Thesis Prospectus during spring term (if you aren’t already enrolled in it).

☐ Apply to Law School and complete the FAFSA (if eligible) no later than March 1 (though the earlier, the better).

Third Year—Spring Term
☐ Take HC 477: Thesis Prospectus class (if you didn’t take it during winter term).

Once you enroll in Law School, remember that you’ll need to apply to graduate no later than two terms before the term during which you plan to defend your thesis and receive your undergraduate degree. Thesis must be defended & undergraduate degree awarded no later than the end of the winter (undergrad) term of the sixth year of the 3+3 Program.