

Student Name:

Expected Graduation Date:

Major(s):

Expected UMassLaw Entrance Date:

UMS Number:

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth ("UMass Dartmouth") and the University of Massachusetts Law School ("UMass Law") has established a 3+3 program that enables students to finish all of their undergraduate major, university studies and college requirements in three years and then start their first year of law school at UMass School of Law. Students who select this option and are successfully admitted to the program will have their first year of law school fulfill elective requirements. Upon successful completion of these requirements, students will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree and a Juris Doctor Degree in 6 years.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the declaration form below. Filling this declaration form and participating in the 3+3 track does not guarantee admission to UMassLaw and does not guarantee students will graduate in 6 years. Students are encouraged to declare this track no later than the end of the first semester of sophomore year to ensure successful progress. Students may start this track and choose to stop the track at any time before their senior year.

***I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare an interest in the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and University of Massachusetts Law School's joint program, leading to a Bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor degree in six years.***

UMass Dartmouth College of Arts and Sciences juniors who meet the following requirements are eligible for application for admission to UMass Law via the 3+3 program under the following terms:

1. Successful completion of the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree at UMass Dartmouth by the end of the junior year (i.e., no less than 90 credits). At least 30 credits must be earned at UMass Dartmouth.
2. Successful completion of all university, college, and major requirements for the bachelor's degree, other than free electives and requirements for which a first-year law school course may serve as an acceptable substitute.
3. Fulfillment of all admissions requirements normally imposed by the law school, including an acceptable performance on the LSAT, letters of recommendation and a personal statement.
4. A cumulative grade point average of a 3.0 or better which meets the standards of UMassLaw.
5. At least two semesters of pre-law advisement.
6. Acknowledgement of good standing from your pre-law advisor and/or 3+3 advisor.

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Signature

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Date

*\*Please see the back of this form for detailed information on required pre-law advising meetings to fulfill your two semesters of undergraduate pre-law advising.*

**Required Pre-Law Advising Appointments**
**Office**

<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Discussion with your Faculty Advisor regarding your intent to participate in the 3+3 Program</b>	Academic Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Introduction to pre-law advising services and resources Discussion on initial interests and major</b>	3+3 and Pre-Law Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Discussion on current major, GPA, and appropriate classes to help prepare for law school each semester</b>	Academic Advisor and 3+3 Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Review progress towards meeting the requirements for admission by the end of the junior year</b>	Academic Advisor and 3+3 Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>UMassLaw admissions process including LSATs, recommendation letters, personal statement, and addendums</b>	3+3 and Pre-Law Advisor

**Recommended Pre-Law Advising Appointments**
**Office**

<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>UMass Law Visit</b>	
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Review of resume and cover letter and law school fellowship and scholarship opportunities</b>	Pre-Law Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Discussion on status of engagement with experiential learning opportunities one to two years prior to law school</b>	3+3 and Pre-Law Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Discussion of LSAT preparation How to explore law schools</b>	3+3 and Pre-Law Advisor
<u>        </u> Date	<u>        </u> Initials	<b>Discussion on Recommendations Discussion on personal statement</b>	3+3 and Pre-Law Advisor

**Major Academic Advisor Name:**
**3+3 Advisor Name:**
**Pre-Law Advisor Name:**

## Stipulations for the UMassD 4th year and UMassLaw 1L Year

Below are terms that students must meet in their senior year at UMass Dartmouth and UMassLaw. This is not an exhaustive list, students are required to meet the terms of the UMassD catalog year for their major and matriculation date:

- Students will be admitted only as full-time students in the University of Massachusetts Law School and will follow the usual course of study for full-time, first- year law students (31 credits). The program is not intended to apply to part-time law students.
- Students must complete all undergraduate major, general education, and college requirements by the end of the third year, leaving only free elective credits or other program requirements needed to complete the 120-credit Bachelor's degree.
- After successful completion of the first year at the Law School (2.7 GPA is required to be in good academic standing and is the minimum GPA for graduation from the law school), the 31 credits earned will be transferred to UMass Dartmouth as free elective credits or appropriate credit towards requirements, and will be sufficient to complete the UMass Dartmouth requirements for the bachelor's degree. The student will graduate from UMass Dartmouth in the Spring semester of the year.
- First year law school grades will not be included with the student's UMass Dartmouth grades in calculating the graduating grade point average.
- Students who have less than a 2.1 GPA at the end of the first semester of law school or less than a 2.6 GPA at the end of the first year of law school will be academic dismissed from the law school. Students with a GPA between 2.6 and 2.7 after the first year of law school will be allowed one semester of probation to raise their GPA to at least a 2.7, which is the GPA required to graduate.
- Students who do not successfully complete the first year of law school or who choose to withdraw, may return to UMass Dartmouth the next semester by completing a readmission form. The readmission fee will be waived. Any completed coursework at the law school will be treated by the university in the same way as other transfer credits.
- UMass Dartmouth seniors in their first year at the law school will be required pay the same tuition and fees to the law school as other first-year law students, but will not be required to pay the tuition or fees to UMass Dartmouth undergraduate program.
- Students in the program have access to library privileges at both institutions throughout their residence at their institution.
- Participation in the 3+3 program is not a guarantee of admission to UMass School of Law.
- It is the student's responsibility to meet the program's academic and eligibility requirements, to prepare for the Law School Admission Test, and to comply with all admissions procedures required by the law school including application deadlines, GPA, recommendation letters and personal statements.
- The program is intended for students who make a conscientious choice to attend UMass School of Law and complete their Juris Doctor Degree at the law school. Students can apply for early admission to another law school or transfer at a later date from UMass Law to another law school.