

# UMass Law Graduation Checklist

## Congratulations Class of 2021!

This checklist outlines the steps you need to take before graduation day. Additional information will come to you via your UMass e-mail account. Please make sure you are checking it regularly. Details may also be found on the Law School Graduation website: <http://www.umassd.edu/law/students/graduation/>

- Graduation Application**  All students MUST apply for graduation. Log into your COIN Student Center
- Select My Academics > Graduation > Apply for Graduation.
  - Select Apply for Graduation, then select UMDAR Graduation Survey
  - Upon completion of the survey, select apply for Graduation
  - Select the term of your expected graduation from the drop-down menu.
  - Select continue.
  - Submit application.
- Order Cap and Gown**  All students must pre-order their caps and gowns. All financial obligations must be met before picking up your cap and gown. Details on ordering will be posted on the Law Commencement web site as available.
- Bar Certification**  Bar Certificates are prepared by the Law Enrollment Center.  
Certification due dates: Feb Bar - Dec 30<sup>th</sup> /July Bar - April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Helpful Links
- Download the requirements and application materials for **Massachusetts Bar Examination**
  - Find information about **past employment**
- Financial Aid Exit Interview**  Federal regulations regarding your Subsidized, Unsubsidized and Grad Plus loans require that you complete exit counseling upon graduation. You will receive instructions and information about on-line, and individual sessions from Law Financial Aid Services as graduation nears.
- Bar Loan Information**  Federal and private loans for the bar exam fee and private loans to cover the cost of commercial bar preparation courses, including living expenses, are available. For more information about obtaining a bar loan, visit <https://www.umassd.edu/law/admissions/financial-aid/bar-loans/> or contact Law Financial Aid Services.
- Career Services**  Career Services Post-Graduation Planning Appointment  
<https://www.umassd.edu/law/careers/students/symplicity/> link to "Request a Counseling Appointment on the right side of the home page under "Shortcuts"
- Career Services Graduate Placement Survey
- Public Interest Obligations**  PILF recipients are required to perform not less than 200 public service hours and participate in an exit interview. Post-Graduation includes a four-year Public interest law employment commitment.  
<https://www.umassd.edu/law/admissions/public-interest-fellowships/terms/>

## UMass Law Alumni Association

Welcome into the UMass Law Alumni Family! Remember, you will always be a member of the UMass Law Alumni Association. Once you graduate, make sure you stay up to date on what is happening at the Law School by visiting [www.umassd.edu/law/alumni](http://www.umassd.edu/law/alumni)