

Fall 2023 Application Instructions

JD, JD-LLM in International Human Rights, and JD-LLM in Taxation Programs

FILING PERIOD and DEADLINE

Thank you for your interest in the JD programs at Northwestern Law! Our application for fall 2023 admission will be available via lsac.org beginning **September 1, 2022**. A complete application consists of several requirements. *You are responsible for ensuring every requirement is submitted by the deadline of **February 15, 2023**.*

As of fall 2022, the admissions team continues to work both in our office at the Law School as well as remotely. Our dialogue with you will largely take place over email. The email account for all prospective applicants and current applicants is: admissions@law.northwestern.edu.

We recommend submitting required documents via your application and through LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Please review the instructions within our LSAC application carefully and check the email account you share with us in your application. Because we do not want you to miss important updates, please make certain your email account is set up to receive messages from admissions@law.northwestern.edu. Doing so will prevent the erroneous delivery of any admissions-related messages to your spam, unwanted, promotions, social, or junk folder(s).

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Application for Admission

The application for admission should be completed in its entirety and to the best of your ability.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the Admissions Committee. You may discuss, among other topics, your personal or professional goals, or the personal, academic, or career influences that have confirmed your decision to pursue a legal education.

Resume

The resume should include the relevant professional, academic, and leadership experience that together illustrate your law school candidacy.

Standardized Test Score

Applicants may satisfy the Law School's admissions test requirement by submitting either the LSAT, the GRE, or both. Through the CAS process, the Admissions Committee will be able to access LSAT results and will consider those results in its review if an applicant has taken this exam. To submit a GRE score, use school code 2579 through ETS.

☐ **The Law School Credential Assembly Service (CAS)**

The LSAC (CAS) report contains the following application requirements:

- All post-secondary transcript(s);
- Results of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and your LSAT Writing Sample as soon as you have a valid score and have completed your Writing Sample; and,
- At least one letter of recommendation.

☐ **Application Fee**

A nonrefundable application fee of \$75 is required to submit your application.

OPTIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS

☐ **Optional Essay**

The optional essay is your opportunity to provide the Admissions Committee with information you may not be able to incorporate within your personal statement. You may review the topic/prompt for our optional essay in the Application for Admission.

☐ **Admissions Interview**

Interviews provide the Admissions Committee with relevant information about your communication skills, maturity, and motivation. Admissions interviews are optional but strongly recommended.

Our interviews are hosted via an online platform. Within five business days of submitting your application, you will receive instructions for completing your online video interview. The process is simple; you will need an Internet-connected device with a functioning webcam and microphone. We recommend you utilize a computer (rather than a phone or a tablet) to conduct the interview. You will be asked a series of questions that various members of our team and the Northwestern Law community have pre-recorded. The questions are relevant for JD applicants.

Following each previously recorded question, you will have 30 seconds to consider your answer. Immediately thereafter, you will have 60 seconds to respond. The system allows for unlimited practice sessions but once you begin the formal interview questions, you will have only one chance; this allows the Admissions Committee to see your extemporaneous responses.

You will have 14 days from the date you receive the invitation to our interview platform to complete the online video interview. We highly recommend completing your interview soon after you receive the invitation to minimize any processing delays of your application.

After the 14 days have elapsed, your application will be moved forward in the process, even if you have not completed your online video interview. *Please note: For applications submitted on or after the application deadline of **February 15, 2023**, interviews should be submitted as soon as possible.*

Please visit our [Interviewing FAQ](#), which contains additional information and guidance for completing our online video interview.