



Mercer University's Special Consideration Program in Law

Many students are interested in a career in law and Mercer University is happy to help students pursue this goal and prepare for postgraduate study in law school. Knowing what a tremendous process applying to law schools can be, Mercer University is pleased to offer a Special Consideration Program in Law for students applying to Mercer's Law School. This program allows Mercer undergraduate students to receive a special consideration when they apply to Mercer Law School. Students must apply within two years of graduation from Mercer. Highly qualified students that meet the below requirements will receive special consideration from the Admissions Committee at Mercer Law School.

To qualify for the Special Consideration Program in Law, graduates must meet the following requirements:

- Complete at least 60 undergraduate credit hours at Mercer University and receive your bachelor's degree from Mercer;
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 at the time of Law School application and complete the Mercer undergraduate degree with at least a 3.50 GPA;
- Score at or above the median Law School Admission Test score of the preceding year's entering class;
- Demonstrate a commitment to public service; and
- Demonstrate the character, fitness and capability of satisfactorily completing the Law School program and being admitted to the bar.

Mercer's Special Consideration Program in Law Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for the program?

There is no specifically required application for this program. You apply to Mercer Law School as you normally would. When you apply to Mercer Law School (either in your Senior year of college or the year after), you will simply be able to know ahead of time that if you meet these qualifications you will be entitled to special consideration.

Are there any different requirements for my application to Mercer Law?

The requirements are the same as for all applicants to the Mercer Law School:

Mercer University School of Law accepts applications beginning September 1 from prospective students wishing to begin their studies in the fall semester. Acceptance and scholarship decisions begin in December. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications by January 1 in order to receive the timeliest consideration.

Applicants must submit an application (no fee) electronically through LSAC at www.lsac.org.

Applicants must take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Mercer Law School accepts test scores for up to 3 years. The LSAT is offered several times a year and we strongly encourage applicants to take the LSAT in the fall one year prior to their enrollment.

Applicants must register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service at www.lsac.org. You must have a separate transcript sent to LSAC from each undergraduate and graduate institution you have attended. If accepted, you must have your final transcript, which reflects your degree, submitted to LSAC prior to enrolling.

Applicants must submit a personal statement. The personal statement provides prospective students an opportunity to share their perspectives on a number of specified topics. Please refer to the application for specific information regarding the personal statement requirement and topics to be discussed.

Applicants must have two letters of recommendation, preferably from university professors. Letters should focus on your character, intelligence and aptitude for the study of law. Please use the Letter of Recommendation Service provided by LSAC.

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree prior to law school enrollment.

Can I take advantage of the Special Consideration Program if I transfer to Mercer from another college?

The Special Consideration Program requires that you complete at least 60 credit hours (that is typically two years of courses) in residence at Mercer. So if you were a transfer student, you would be required to obtain 60 credit hours' worth of courses at Mercer University to be eligible.

What grades and LSAT scores are required?

You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 both at the time you apply to law school and at the time you finish your undergraduate degree. Your LSAT score should be at or above the median LSAT score of the preceding year's entering class. See Mercer Law School's [Opening Day Statistics](#) for the median score.

If I have the required GPA and LSAT scores, will I automatically receive Special Consideration for admission to the Law School?

You still must demonstrate a commitment to public service (through service learning, extracurricular activities, volunteer work) and the necessary character and fitness requirements (avoid criminal conduct, honor code violations and student judicial proceedings).

If I do not meet the requirements for the Special Consideration Program, should I not bother applying to Mercer Law School?

Absolutely not. The Special Consideration Program is a special benefit for highly qualified Mercer undergraduates, but Mercer Law School still accepts Mercer graduates each year who do not necessarily meet the criteria for the Special Consideration Program.

What are the advantages of the Special Consideration Program for Mercer graduates at Mercer's Law School?

The biggest advantage is that it provides an element of certainty in an otherwise uncertain process.

What are the disadvantages of the Special Consideration Program?

The only real disadvantage is if a student mistakenly thinks he or she should not apply to Mercer Law School if they do not meet the requirements of the Special Consideration Program (they absolutely can and should).