



## What are the top reasons why the Accelerated Degree Program is such a great opportunity?

- Participants have the opportunity to finish both their undergraduate education and their legal education in six years instead of the normal seven years
- Participants get to save a year of undergraduate tuition
- Participants will complete their legal education at Chicago-Kent, one of the top law schools in the city and a national leader in legal education

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## University of Illinois at Chicago/ Chicago-Kent College of Law Accelerated Degree Program



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



In the Fall of 2004, the University of Illinois and Chicago-Kent College of Law began offering a six-year program that leads to the Bachelor's Degree from UIC and the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Chicago-Kent.

The program is open only to qualified Pre-Law students majoring in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Students accepted into the program will spend their freshman through junior years at UIC. Then, instead of taking a fourth year of undergraduate coursework here at UIC, those students will instead begin their first year of law school at Chicago-Kent. Through specific transfer credits, students will either finish their Bachelor's Degree at the end of their first year or during their second year of law school.

To be eligible for consideration, an LAS student must first have a minimum 3.25 GPA and have completed at least 60 credit hours by the end of their sophomore year. In the fall of their junior year, students are required to enroll in LAS 320 – "Introduction to Legal Analysis," which is taught by a law professor on site at Chicago-Kent.

It is important that students plan ahead so that they have completed 90 credit hours by the end of their junior year. Those 90 hours must include completion of all general education and major requirements.

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Prospective students also need to take the LSAT by February of their junior year. Guaranteed admission into the law school will then be granted to those students who meet all the previous requirements and who receive an LSAT score comparable with the median LSAT score for the previous Chicago-Kent incoming class; for Fall 2006 the median was 161.

Students who participate in the program but who do not meet the criteria for guaranteed admission may still apply to Chicago-Kent after only three years of undergraduate study. In reviewing such applications, consideration will be given to the student's participation in the program. Recently, program participants with LSAT scores in the mid-150s have been competitive.

Interested students should be aware that participants in the program pay University of Illinois tuition for their first three years only. Once accepted to Chicago-Kent, students become directly responsible for paying tuition to the law school. Chicago-Kent students are eligible for both federal and private loans. In addition, substantial scholarship assistance is offered to entering students based on factors that include academic merit and contribution to the law school community. All students admitted are automatically considered for available scholarship awards.

Prospective students should notify the UIC Pre-Law Advisor of their intent to apply before the beginning of their junior year.



## ABOUT CHICAGO-KENT

Chicago-Kent College of Law, the law school of the Illinois Institute of Technology, is the second oldest law school in Illinois. Chicago-Kent was founded in 1888 by two judges who believed that legal education should be available to working men and women. Today, Chicago-Kent students come from more than 40 states and several foreign countries, and from more than 260 colleges and universities.

Drawing on its distinctive affiliation with Illinois Institution of Technology, Chicago-Kent is at the vanguard of exploring new frontiers in the law raised by biotechnology, cyberspace, environmental regulation, intellectual property, international criminal law enforcement, and much more. Chicago-Kent's faculty members engage in broad-ranging legal scholarship and research. They are among the nation's most productive in terms of scholarly books and articles published in leading academic presses, law reviews, and journals.

In addition to the J.D., Chicago-Kent offers joint degrees, specialty certificates, and LL.M. programs. Certificate programs include: Intellectual Property, International and Comparative Law, Environmental/Energy Law, Labor and Employment Law, Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Public Interest Law. LL.M. programs include: International Intellectual Property, Financial Services, Taxation, and Family Law.

For more information about Chicago-Kent please visit the law school website at: <http://www.kentlaw.edu>

For program eligibility please contact the UIC Pre-Law Office to make an appointment at (312) 996-3366.