AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.
TO LAW, J.D. ACCELERATED
PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's accelerated 3+3 American studies B.A.-to-
J.D. program allows students to apply a maximum of 30 first-year law
school credits to their undergraduate degree programs and receive their
bachelor's degree after the successful completion of the first year at
the School of Law (https://www.slu.edu/law/).

For additional information see the catalog entries for the following
programs:
American Studies, B.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-
sciences/american-studies/american-studies-ba/)
Juris Doctor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor/)

Accreditation
Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited
by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The
accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and
Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark
Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

Requirements
Students are eligible to apply to Saint Louis University's American
studies/J.D. program any time in their undergraduate career. Students
must maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA to continue in the accelerated
program.

After having completed 75 credits, students will submit an application
to SLU's School of Law. If admitted to SLU Law, these students will
begin their J.D. program in their fourth year. The first year of law school
coursework will count as elective credit toward the undergraduate
bachelor's degree. Thus, the College of Arts and Sciences will award
students their degrees after the successful completion of their first year
of law school.

Students will be required to complete at least 75% of credits necessary
to earn their undergraduate degree (i.e., minimum 90 credits) before
matriculating into the first year of law school. These hours must include
the College of Arts and Sciences core curriculum requirements (48 to 51
credits) and American studies major requirements. All core curriculum
and major requirements will be met before students matriculate as first-
year law students.

Continuation Standards
Each accelerated program student will be assigned a faculty mentor in
the Department of American Studies, who will meet with the student
every semester. These meetings will ensure that the student is making
timely progress toward a degree.

The American studies faculty mentor will also review each accelerated
student's academic record at the end of each semester. Any student
whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.50 will go on probation. If the
student's GPA does not improve to the minimum level of 3.50 over the
course of 30 subsequent credits, the student will be suspended from the
accelerated program. A student who is suspended from the accelerated
program will be allowed to continue with the B.A. in American studies
accordance with the department’s undergraduate continuation standard.