Criminal Justice Studies and UD School of Law
3+2 Accelerated Degree Program

The Program
The Criminal Justice Studies program accelerated pathway to a Juris Doctor (JD) is exclusively available to the incoming first year students. First year students declaring Criminal Justice Studies as a major with a Pre-Law concentration have an opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Studies and a JD in 5 years, as part of our 3 + 2 or, in six years in the 3 + 3 pathway.

Benefits of the 3+2
- Reduced undergraduate tuition, thanks to the accelerated BA program. (Students are still eligible for financial aid at UD)
- Waiver of law school application fees. (Students will need to pay the LSAT or GRE and CAS fees)
- Conditional acceptance to law school when entering UD as a Criminal Justice Studies major with Prelaw concentration
- Knowing required LSAT score when students enter the program as a first year undergraduate.
- Advisors to assist you in the mapping out of your courses.
- The possibility to opt out of the program at any point without repercussion.
- Opportunity to get a jump start on your professional career

How does the 3+2 Work?
Students apply to the University of Dayton, gain admission, and declare the Criminal Justice Studies major with the Pre-Law concentration as an incoming student. Upon admission into the Criminal Justice major with the Pre-Law concentration, students earn conditional acceptance to the UD School of Law.

Students spend the first three years at the University of Dayton enrolled in undergraduate courses fulfilling the education requirements for the bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Studies with Pre-Law concentration. Students complete undergraduate major requirements by the end of their junior year. In the fourth year, eligible students can be admitted as UD School of Law students.

For more information: please email the Criminal Justice Studies program at cjs@udayton.edu