

503 ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM FOR UA STUDENTS
(Application with a Non-LSAT Standardized Test)
Fall 2018 Program Information

Students enrolled at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) are potentially eligible to apply through one of three programs: the regular application process, the streamlined Alabama Scholars Program (expedited review), and this 503 Alternative Program (non-LSAT standardized test). To determine which program is best for you, please visit the Law School website at www.law.ua.edu/admissions/apply or call the Law School Admissions Office.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Senior in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters (fall and spring semesters) of academic work
- Current overall University of Alabama undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.80
- ACT composite score or SAT mathematics and critical reading total score at or above the 85th percentile for the administration of the exam taken by the applicant
- Completed 503 Alternative Admissions Program application, including signed Authorization to Access Records

Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Scores:

This Alternative Admissions Program does not require that applicants take the LSAT. However, if you have taken or will take the LSAT, the Law School will consider your score in making its decision. Although the LSAT is not required to apply through the 503 Alternative Admissions Program, a score may be necessary for an applicant to apply to another law school as an incoming first-year student or to apply to transfer to another law school after the first year.

Limits on this Special Admissions Program:

Admission under the 503 Alternative Admissions Program is governed by the American Bar Association's Standard 503 and Interpretation 503-3. This is a temporary program. During Spring 2017, the ABA informed law schools that the Interpretation 503-3 program will not be available after the Fall 2018 admissions cycle. By rule, the ABA limits the number of students that a law school may enroll under this program. This limit is 10 percent of the previous year's entering class. For the Fall 2018 admissions cycle, the ABA's 10-percent rule requires that UA not exceed 12 acceptances and active offers under the Alternative Admissions Program at any given time.

Decision Timeline:

The Law School will make admissions decisions under this Program in waves. There have been three waves of decisions. To be eligible for this fourth wave, please submit your application to the Law School Admissions Office **no later than June 4, 2018 at 12:00 noon**. Additional waves of decisions, if any, will take place thereafter until the program reaches the cap of 12 admittees, as explained above.

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APPLICATION FORM
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I. Applicant Information

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Preferred First Name: _____ CWID: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Sex: (*optional*) Male Female

Ethnicity/Race: (*optional*)

Part A: Are you Hispanic or Latino? (Please check one)

Yes No

Part B: Regardless of how you answered Part A, please select one or more of the following that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Asian White
 Black or African American

Current Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ LSAC Number: _____

Overall UA GPA: _____ Highest ACT/SAT Score: _____

Are you a senior in good standing at The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) having completed at least six semesters (fall and spring semesters) of academic work? _____

II. Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

For this Program, you do not need to take the LSAT. However, if you have taken the LSAT, the Law School will consider your score in making its decision. Applicants who have taken the LSAT must work with the Admissions Office to submit a completed Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report by the application deadline. Please answer the following questions as to whether you have taken or plan to take the LSAT:

A. If you have taken the LSAT, write “yes” here and list all dates and all scores: _____.

B. If you have not taken the LSAT and you are registered for or plan to register to take the LSAT at a future date, write “yes” here and list the dates you plan to take the LSAT: _____.

If you have not taken the LSAT, but, at the time of application, you are registered or plan to take the LSAT at a future date (you answered “yes” to question II(B) above), the Law School will hold your application for later consideration of your score and will consider your application in the subsequent 503 application wave, if any, after the Admissions Office has received your LSAT score and completed CAS report.

If you did not answer “yes” to either question II(A) or question II(B), but, after application and before the decision wave deadline, you register for the LSAT, you must immediately notify the Admissions Office of the registration. The Law School will hold your application for consideration in the subsequent 503 application wave, if any, after the Admissions Office has received your LSAT score and completed CAS report.

C. If you have not taken the LSAT and do not plan to take it, write “no” here: _____. Note that a “no” answer does not bar you from later taking the LSAT. An LSAT score may be necessary for an applicant to apply to another law school as an incoming first-year student or to apply to transfer to another law school after the first year.

III. Résumé

All applicants must submit a current résumé with any information you wish the Law School to consider.

IV. Early Academic Success Program

The School of Law may offer an Early Academic Success Program for a select number of incoming first-year J.D. students. The Law School will invite students to the program based on several factors, including the student’s academic history and interest in the program. If you are interested in participating in the early start program, please indicate your interest here:

Yes No

V. Disciplinary or Criminal History

University and School of Law Community Interests. The University of Alabama has a vital interest in the safety of its campus and character of its students. The School of Law shares this interest, and, as a professional school, has a heightened concern for the behavior, honesty and integrity of its students. Therefore, officials of the School of Law will deny admission to any applicant whom they deem to be detrimental to these interests. To assist in that consideration, the School of Law requires applicants to provide certain information about their disciplinary or criminal history. A criminal or disciplinary history is not an automatic bar to admission. Any admission decision relating to a criminal or disciplinary disclosure is made on a case-by-case basis considering the entirety of the file.

Qualifications for Bar Admission. In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. As part of their character and fitness review, state bar associations ask questions about prior conduct, including disciplinary and criminal conduct. The questions on this application to the School of Law are not necessarily identical to those of any state bar association. For example, state bar questions typically are more exhaustive and cover more types of conduct, such as arrests. **Admission to the School of Law does not guarantee that an applicant will satisfy the character and fitness review and other qualifications of any state bar.**

Conduct Questions. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please attach an additional statement providing complete details, including the dates, circumstances, and resolution. Please also include any information describing how you believe you can positively contribute to the campus community despite any prior issue(s) disclosed below (e.g. evidence of rehabilitation, community service, etc.).

In answering the questions below, “convicted” means a judge or jury has found you guilty of the crime(s) charged against you in a court of law, following a trial or guilty plea. If your conviction has been sealed, expunged, or overturned, you do not have to disclose the conviction associated with that situation.

A. Have you ever been placed on probation, suspended, dismissed, removed, or expelled from any college, university, or other postsecondary institution or are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary action by any academic institution?

Yes No

B. Have you ever been convicted of any felony?

Yes No

C. Have you ever been convicted of an offense involving physical harm to another person or animal?

Yes No

D. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense?

Yes No

E. Have you ever been convicted of stalking or have you ever received a restraining order, protective order or similar directive to avoid or to limit contact with a group or individual?

Yes No

F. Are you currently the subject of pending charges or an indictment for any of the offenses listed above in questions B-E?

Yes No

Appeal. The School of Law will notify an applicant if he or she is denied admission based solely on the conduct questions B-F above. In that particular case, the applicant may appeal the denial by providing a written statement of appeal to the School of Law within seven calendar days from when the denial was received. The appeal statement should be directed to the Associate Dean of Admissions at the School of Law.

VI. Authorization to Access Records

I am applying to The University of Alabama School of Law under the 503 Alternative Admissions Program. I hereby authorize the Law School to access all my records within The University of Alabama data system.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

VII. Certification

By submitting this application, I certify and consent to the following:

- The information contained herein is true, correct, and complete, and false, incomplete or misleading information may result in the revocation of an offer of admission or in other disciplinary action;
- The University may obtain additional information from others pertinent to my record prior to attending the University;
- The University may pursue a background check on me to confirm the accuracy of my application, and I will cooperate with the University in performing any such check;
- The University may release to an appropriate bar association any information pertinent to my character and fitness;
- I will promptly inform the University if there is a change to any of the responses in this application, including any changes to the information regarding my disciplinary and criminal history, whether the incidents occur before or during the application process or after admission and matriculation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

UA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.
See our full policy at: <https://eop.ua.edu/law.html>

Special Requirements Upon Admission:

In addition to the standard enrollment requirements applicable to all admitted students, a student admitted to the Law School through the 503 Alternative Admissions Program who has not yet submitted at Credential Assembly Service report must, **within 60 days of admission**, accomplish the following:

- Create an account with the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) at www.lsac.org
- Register for the LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
- Send all transcripts from all universities and colleges attended, including international institutions, to the CAS
- Send a CAS report to the Law School