

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Requirements

You must be at least 18 years of age to apply for admission.

You must complete Concord's online admissions tests. The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is not required (unless you are seeking admission or readmission after having been previously academically disqualified from Concord or another law school); however, if you have taken that test, you may also submit those scores.

If you have earned a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, you may be considered. In general, you should have a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA from your undergraduate work. JD students who have any questions about meeting prelegal education requirements of the State Bar of California (<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Requirements/Education/Pre-Legal-Education/>) should contact them directly.

You must provide an official transcript to the Office of the Registrar that shows completion of a bachelor's degree and any subsequent degrees from an accredited institution, though an unofficial copy may be provided during the application process. If you have a non-U.S. bachelor's degree, you must provide a course-by-course evaluation prepared by a credential evaluation service approved by the State Bar of California (EJD students may use Purdue Global-approved evaluation services). If the bachelor's degree cannot be officially verified by 2 days prior to the first day of your first term, you will need to enroll in a later term.

You must complete a telephone interview, which is crucial to determining your motivation, desire to succeed, and suitability for distance learning. Your completed application and admissions file is then reviewed and decided by the School's Admissions Committee, or its designee, who will decide whether to admit you to the program.

If you have completed your undergraduate and/or graduate study outside the United States, you must have your study evaluated by a credential evaluation service approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners and must demonstrate English proficiency. Such proficiency may be demonstrated by having earned a TOEFL score of 550/213/80 or higher or completion of at least 2 years of college-level study within the United States. All courses offered are conducted in English. You must be able to speak, read, and write English fluently. English abilities will be determined through the School's interview and application process.

If you currently reside in a country or region subject to economic and/or trade sanctions by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) (<https://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/pages/office-of-foreign-assets-control.aspx>) or other authorities, you are ineligible for admission. See Sanctioned Countries in the Accreditation, Approvals, and Memberships (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section of the Catalog for more details.

Concord Law School offers single-course offerings for nondegree-seeking (NDS) students. You must meet all general admissions policies to enroll. NDS courses cannot be paid for by federal financial aid; all tuition is due before enrolling. If you do not already possess a JD from either Concord or another law school, you must receive the Dean's approval prior to

enrolling in any NDS course. Your Admissions Advisor will assist in this process.

Concord Admissions Advisors are available to provide additional information on Concord's admission requirements. For more information about the requirements of the State Bar of California, contact it directly at 213.765.1500 or via its website at <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/>.

Application for Readmission

If you wish to return to Concord after withdrawing or having been dismissed, contact the Admissions Department for application documents.

A condition of your readmission could include successful completion and approval of a satisfactory academic progress (SAP) appeal (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/concord-law-school/policy-information/academic-standards/satisfactory-academic-progress/>). The written appeal must address extenuating circumstances that caused your inability to meet the satisfactory academic progress standards, and the corrective actions you have taken to ensure academic success if the appeal is granted. Provide supporting documentation, if necessary.

EJD Program

If you withdrew or were dismissed from your program, you may apply for readmission and, if admitted, enroll in the next available EJD term.

JD Program

If you withdrew or were withdrawn for nonattendance, financial, or other nonacademic reasons, you may apply for readmission and, if admitted, enroll in the next available JD term. Students seeking to be admitted or readmitted after having been academically disqualified previously from Concord or another law school must have an official LSAT score on file before they can be admitted/readmitted.

If you were dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons, per State Bar of California Guideline 5.6 of the Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules, you may apply for readmission and enroll in a JD term that begins a minimum of 24 months from the date of dismissal.

If you feel you can present credible evidence that the prior academic dismissal was caused by extenuating circumstances (a traumatic event or serious hardship) that prohibited you from performing at your normal level, or if you have passed the First Year Law Students' Exam, you may petition to apply for readmission sooner than 24 months from the date of dismissal as part of your SAP appeal.

Technology Requirements

As part of the admission process to Concord Law School, you are required to attest to certain competencies in the use of technology, have access to a computer, and meet the hardware and software requirements. Refer to the Concord Technical Requirements (<https://www.concordlawschool.edu/admissions/technical-requirements/>) page for details.

Some courses may have additional software and hardware requirements, which are outlined in the course materials.

Authenticity of Student Work

Concord Law School requires that you log into the student portal and learning management system using two unique identifiers (login and

password). After a period of inactivity, you are required to re-log in using your unique identifiers.

At the end of each module in each course, you are expected to verify that you have completed the work. When attempting to log into the learning management system for either major assignments or examinations, you must complete an Acknowledgement Quiz. This step must be completed for you to gain access to the assignment/exam itself. A Student Conduct reminder is part of this Acknowledgement Quiz, which prohibits students from (among other things) submitting assignments that are not their own.

Admitted Students

Fundamentals Program

The Concord experience begins with a thorough orientation to the study of law and the online learning environment. Orientation is a nonmandatory, three-module course in which you will learn how to navigate the online platform, how to access resources available at Concord, and basic legal terminology to help you build a good foundation as you set out on your law school journey.

Many law students start their law school career with little knowledge of the legal system, what is expected of them, or how to get the most from their studies. The course provides an introduction to the skills necessary for a successful start and the background and context that are important for first-year studies at Concord.

As a first-term student admitted to the JD or EJD program, you will be enrolled into a specific Fundamentals course depending on your requested term's start date. Once enrolled, you will receive a robust orientation to Concord and the study of law within a cohort-based online program. The course modules and assignments mirror what you will experience in your first-term courses. You are expected to complete this program prior to the start of your first term. The Fundamentals Program is not available if you are accepting advanced standing admission to Concord.

Deferment of Start Date

You are accepted for a specific term, for example, January, May, or September. After acceptance, but before you complete the orientation, you may request to defer your start date to the next available term.

A deferral may be approved prior to the end of the first week of the term. After the first week of the term, you are subject to the Withdrawal Policy (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/concord-law-school/policy-information/academic-information/>).

Deferrals are granted with the understanding that you must begin your studies the next available term.

- **Example 1.** If you are a new student accepted for the September term, a deferral may be requested to start the following January, which is the start of the next available term.
- **Example 2.** If you are a returning student starting your next term in January, a deferral may be requested to start in May, which is the start of the next available term. (Note: for students who enrolled prior to Concord being granted accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, there may be restrictions on your ability to defer terms within your "qualifying year of study.")