

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

Saint Louis University's accelerated American studies, B.A. to law, J.D. program allows students to apply a maximum of 29 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 SLU 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 (<https://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

### Admission Requirements

Students are eligible to apply to Saint Louis University's American studies to J.D. accelerated program any time in their undergraduate career.

After completing 75 credits, students will apply to SLU's School of Law (<https://www.slu.edu/law/>). If admitted to SLU Law, these students will begin their J.D. program in their fourth year.

Students must complete at least 91 credits before beginning law school coursework. These must include the Undergraduate University Core requirements and American studies major requirements.

### Program Requirements

The first year of law school coursework will count as elective credit toward the undergraduate bachelor's degree, up to 29 law school credits. Students will have their bachelor's degree conferred after their fourth year of study once they reach the minimum of 120 credits.

Undergraduate Program Requirement	Met by Graduate Course
University Electives	29 credits Law school coursework

Each accelerated program student will be assigned a faculty mentor in the Department of American Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/american-studies/>), who will meet with the student every semester. These meetings will ensure that the student makes timely progress toward a degree.

Students must maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA to continue in the accelerated program. 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 throughout 29 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 in accordance with the department's undergraduate continuation standard.

## Contact Us

For additional information about this program, please contact [american.studies@slu.edu](mailto:american.studies@slu.edu) or call 314-977-2911.