

Vermont Law School • 20__ • JD Application

Thank you for your interest in Vermont Law School.

Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in late November and continuing until all admission decisions have been mailed. The preferred application deadline is March 1.

The following items are required to complete your application to the JD program.

- Completed application form
- \$60 application fee
- Professional résumé or curriculum vitae
- Essays as described in the application
- LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report with current LSAT score and all transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation – may be included in Credential Assembly Service report
- All foreign applicants who have not lived or studied in an English speaking country for at least two years must submit IELTS, PTE or TOEFL scores.

Please refer to the Vermont Law School website for complete program descriptions and application information to each of the dual degree programs. Admission to the JD or Joint JD/MELP degree programs does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.

Credits received at other law schools transfer at the discretion of the VLS Registrar.

We encourage you to contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.

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Program

- JD
- Joint JD/MELP
- Extended Four-Year JD
- Extended Four-Year Joint JD/MELP

Optional Dual Degree Interest (Please refer to the VLS website for program descriptions and admission requirements for the dual degree programs. Admission to the JD or Joint JD/MELP degree programs does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.)

- JD/MEM with Yale University
- JD/MPhil with University of Cambridge, England
- JD/LLM with University of Seville, Spain
- JD/French Masters II with University of Cergy Pontoise, France
- JD/MBA, MA or MS with Thunderbird School of Global Management

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant Information

LSAC account number: L _____ U.S. Social Security/SIN# <small>(used for identification purposes)</small>	Have you applied for entrance to Vermont Law School in any previous year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year _____ Have you ever registered at any law school, including Vermont Law School? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year _____
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Legal Name Last name	First name	Middle name
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Previous Name _____

Name you prefer to be called	Gender
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Current mailing address in full (good until mo./day/yr.: _____)	Permanent mailing address in full
No. and street	No. and street
City	City
State	State
Zip Code Country	Zip Code Country
Current telephone no. (include area code)	Permanent telephone no. (include area code)
Current fax no. (include area code)	Permanent fax no. (include area code)
Current Email address <i>(It is critical that we have your current email address as this will be our primary means of communicating with you regarding your application.)</i>	Permanent Email address

Age	Date of birth (mo./day/yr.)	Place of birth: City State Country
What is your first language?	Are you a Resident Alien? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Country of citizenship If born outside the country, when did you enter the United States?

Vermont Law School values the diversity of our student body. If you wish to voluntarily identify yourself to the law school as a member of a particular ethnic group, please respond to the following questions.

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| Are you Hispanic/Latino? ___ yes ___ no | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic | Do you wish to identify yourself as a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person? ___ yes ___ no |
| Select all that apply: | <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American | <input type="checkbox"/> White, Not of Hispanic Origin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races | |

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Educational Background

List the colleges, universities, and/or law schools you have attended since high school graduation. Place an "X" in the box before the name of the institution you are now attending or most recently attended.

<input type="checkbox"/> Institution	Dates	Location	Credits or degree earned	Major
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Military

Have you served, or are you now serving, on full-time, active US military duty?

Yes No

Date of entrance _____

Date of discharge _____

Rank _____

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school _____

Branch _____

Discharge type _____

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Yes No

Standardized Tests

All JD applicants must provide current LSAT scores, no older than from the February, 2006 test date. All foreign applicants who have not lived or studied in an English speaking country for at least two years must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

LSAT Test Date	Score

IELTS or TOEFL Test Date	Score

Areas of Interest

If you had to decide now, which field(s) would you most likely pursue while at Vermont Law School? You are making no commitment by checking these boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation and Procedure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Corporate/Labor Law | <input type="checkbox"/> General Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Entertainment Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional and Governmental Law and Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law and Procedure | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Real Estate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Theory, History and Ethics | |

How did you hear about VLS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-law Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Visit | Name _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Published Rankings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Law School Forum (LSAC)/GRE Forum | Name _____ |
| City/Date _____ | City/Date _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> VLS Alumnae/e |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> LSAC Web Site | Name _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail from VLS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> VLS Web Site |

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Demographic Information

Full name of parent 1 _____

Parent's birthplace _____

Parent's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) _____

Did your parent attend college? Yes
 No

College(s) attended _____

Degree(s) earned _____

Full name of parent 2 _____

Parent's birthplace _____

Parent's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) _____

Did your parent attend college? Yes
 No

College(s) attended _____

Degree(s) earned _____

Has anyone in your immediate family attended or graduated from Vermont Law School? Yes
 No

Name _____

Relationship _____ Graduation Year _____

Essays

The following essay questions are intended to allow applicants the opportunity to present themselves fully and are critical to the Admissions Committee's ability to craft the student body. Please respond to each of the essay topics separately. The first two essays are required; the third essay is optional. Applicants are encouraged to be as forthright and open as possible, and should feel free to discuss unusual circumstances or situations of adversity that may have influenced their current values. Be aware that both the quality of your writing and the thoughtfulness of your answers will be evaluated.

1. Describe the goals that are motivating you to pursue a law degree. How do you think the skills and experience you will gain at Vermont Law School will help you achieve those goals?
2. How have you tried to effect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?
3. Optional Question: Give a realistic appraisal of your academic work since graduation from high school. Please note any inconsistencies in your record and the reasons for them.

Professional Résumé

Please enclose or attach a copy of your professional résumé showing your employment history since graduation from high school. If your education since high school graduation was interrupted from one semester or more, be sure to account for that period of time. In addition, please include awards, and extracurricular and personal activities.

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Character and Fitness

Because of the high ethical standards to which VLS graduates are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as the ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Please read each question carefully and respond appropriately.

If the answer to any of the following questions is “yes,” please explain fully on a separate sheet of paper. Although a charge or conviction may have been expunged, dismissed or vacated from your record by an order of the court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in answer to these questions, irrespective of any advice from any source that such information need not be disclosed.

Similar questions will be asked on the applications for state bar exams. The information you provide on the law school admission application must be consistent with answers you provide to the bar.

4. Have you ever, as an adult or as a juvenile, been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a violation of any civil or criminal law, other than a parking violation or speeding ticket? Yes No
5. Are any civil or criminal charges pending against you? Yes No
6. Has any educational institution, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces), or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including academic probation or suspension) against you? Yes No

I certify that the foregoing information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly inform Vermont Law School if there is any change in any of the facts indicated herein prior to or during enrollment. False statements may result in dismissal or revocation of degree and may affect admission to the bar.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thank you for the time and effort you have given to answer our questions. We have asked them in order to know you better.