

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
THE WHARTON SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

PENN LAW SCHOOL SUBMATRICULATION PROGRAM
2008-2009

The Penn Law School offers an opportunity for qualified juniors in the Wharton School to apply early to the Law School and submatriculate into the Juris Doctor (JD) program. In this 3-year + 3-year accelerated program, students' fourth year of study is spent entirely at the Law School as part of its first-year program. Students apply in the junior year.

Applicants must complete at least 28 cus and have no more than 9 cus (and no fewer than 2 cus) remaining toward their undergraduate degree prior to enrollment in the JD program. At least 19 of the 28 cus required for application must be earned with a letter grade at the University of Pennsylvania. Students who externally transfer into Wharton's undergraduate program as a junior (or at the beginning of their fifth semester of college work) are not eligible for submatriculation. Students who are planning to graduate early (i.e., in fewer than 4 years) are not eligible for submatriculation; these students may apply directly to the Law School for matriculation upon completion of their undergraduate program. Dual degree students require permission of both schools to apply.

Submatriculation applicants should complete **Legal Studies 101** no later than the *fall semester* of their junior year. Additionally, all **Business Fundamentals, Societal Environment, and Organizational Environment** courses must be completed by the *spring semester* of the junior year. Students' academic records will be audited prior to and during the application process to ensure they have met the necessary academic requirements to maintain eligibility for submatriculation.

LSAT scores are required. *Applicants should plan to take the LSAT no later than December of the junior year.*

Admissions decisions are made by the Law School Admissions Committee. The rigorous selection process for the joint B.S. in Economics/J.D. program is designed to ensure that each candidate is evaluated in terms of his/her academic and social contribution to the Law School community. Applicants must have superior communication and analytical skills. The Admissions Committee considers the overall quality of applications including academic record—both course selection and grades; LSAT scores; letters of recommendation; community service; cocurricular activities; and examples of written expression.

Submatriculants may use Law School courses to satisfy the Unrestricted Electives (3 cus) and Non-business Electives (2 cus) which are required as part of the Wharton undergraduate curriculum.

Students must satisfy all requirements for the JD degree during their fourth, fifth, and sixth years of study. Following matriculation in the Law School, however, submatriculants may apply up to **four** business or non-business courses taken at the graduate level to double-count for both degrees. In the case of business courses, which may count only toward the Business Breadth and Business Concentration requirements, appropriate undergraduate Wharton courses with graduate-level course listings may be converted to the graduate course numbers solely for the purpose of applying these courses toward the Law School curriculum requirements. No conversion of undergraduate courses to graduate-level courses will be made for courses completed prior to entry into the Law School.

Submatriculants may file for *undergraduate* graduation from Penn at the end of the term in which they will have satisfied all requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from Wharton. Undergraduate degree candidates may graduate at the same time as their entering undergraduate class if they complete all undergraduate degree requirements by the end of their fourth year.

Interested students should follow-up with:

The Wharton Undergraduate Division:

- Make an appointment to discuss your eligibility with Melissa Hagan in the Wharton Undergraduate Division.

The Law School:

- Complete a Law School application online or download a paper application at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/prospective/jd/apply/>
- Submit the completed application with all requested materials by **February 15, 2009**.

Contact Information:

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Ms. Sherita Ragins, Registrar's Office, Penn Law School, (215) 746-7822, sragins@law.upenn.edu. Note: the Law School holds submatriculation information sessions at Wharton in the fall and spring. Interested students may also contact Ms. Ragins to schedule an appointment at the Law School.