

The University of Scranton and Villanova University Enter Law Degree Affiliation

A new affiliation between The University of Scranton and Villanova University School of Law will provide automatic admission and scholarship support to the law school for Scranton students who meet program requirements.

The agreement, which will take effect beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, allows Scranton students to earn a bachelor's and juris doctor (JD) degree in six, rather than seven years, and provides a minimum scholarship of \$25,000 per year while at Villanova, as long as the student remains in good standing.

“The most unique feature of the agreement is a ‘3-3 program’ in which eligible students will be able to enroll at Villanova Law after three years at Scranton,” said Matthew Meyer, associate professor of philosophy.

To be eligible for guaranteed admission through this program, students must have completed 90 credits, 63 of which must be completed at Scranton, and have a grade-point-average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher and a LSAT score of 158 or higher, in addition to meeting other requirements. The agreement then allows for a maximum of 30 credits from the first year of law school to also count toward the final 30 credits of a bachelor's degree at Scranton. The program is not compatible with all undergraduate majors at Scranton.

The agreement also allows for automatic admission to Villanova University School of Law for students who graduate from Scranton after four years as well, provided the student has at least a GPA of 3.6 and an LSAT score of 154, in addition to meeting other requirements. The agreement provides students with a minimum scholarship of \$5,000 per year while attending law school, provided the student remains in good standing.

In the past four years, more than 150 Scranton graduates have received acceptance into more than 50 law schools throughout the United States, including to some of the country's most prestigious law schools. Scranton has a Pre-Law Advisory Program, which helps students navigate the law school application process throughout their undergraduate years. The program also offers assistance to Scranton alumni who wish to apply to law school.

For more information, visit scranton.edu/academics/cas/pre-law/, or contact Dr. Meyer at 570-941-5814 or matthew.meyer@scranton.edu.

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