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The University of Dayton School of Law is accepting applications for its 3+2 program that will allow students to achieve a bachelor's and law degree in as little as five years, rather than the usual seven years.

The 3+2 program is believed to be just one of two such programs in the nation.

"There are many 3+3 programs nationwide, but we wanted to create a 3+2 program to provide students a more affordable higher education option," School of Law Dean Andrew Strauss said. "This will shave a year of tuition and two years of living expenses for students, plus allow them to enter the workforce and start their earning clocks two years sooner."

The School of Law has inked an agreement with the University of Dayton department of communication, the largest major in the College of Arts and Sciences at UD.

"We have a number of students in our department who want to pursue law school, so this will allow them to do so in less time with the same quality education offered at UD to undergraduate and graduate students," said Joe Valenzano III, communication department chair.

"Our faculty are excited to offer this opportunity to our majors in a way that helps students achieve their educational and professional goals in less time.

"There is a lot of synergy between our School of Law and the department of communication, especially in terms of faculty research and undergraduate course offerings that help prepare students for law school, like media law and the First Amendment."

The School of Law also has entered into agreements with University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, and Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati.

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Strauss said the school hopes to secure additional agreements throughout this academic year.

Accepted students first apply to their undergraduate institution and earn provisional acceptance to the University of Dayton School of Law. The first three years will be at the students' originating schools. The fourth and fifth years will be in Dayton where students will complete their bachelor's degrees by satisfying undergraduate electives with credits from the first year of law school.

More information on the University of Dayton School of Law's BA/JD program, including admission standards, can be found via the related link.

The University of Dayton was among the first to offer a two-year accelerated option when the American Bar Association provided law schools that opportunity a decade ago. In 2014, Ohio Supreme Court rule changes allowed students to apply to law schools after three years of undergraduate work.

The School of Law also offers a 3+3 program.

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