



**DON'T LET THE LSAT  
STOP YOU FROM  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
IN THE LEGAL FIELD**

## **1) WHAT IS THE JD FIRST-YEAR EXAM PATH?**

The JFK School of Law at NCU offers an opportunity for a legal education to those who demonstrate strong academic and professional promise but who may not have taken the LSAT or who hold an LSAT score in the lower ranges. Such applicants may gain admission under our JD First-Year Exam Path.

Students accepted into this program path are required to demonstrate their academic ability and prospects for passing the California Bar Examination by earning a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher following their first year of law study to maintain good academic standing and to continue in the JD program. Alternatively, students earning less than a 2.4 cumulative GPA after the first year of study must pass the First-Year Law Students' Exam (FYLSX) in June immediately following their first year of law study to remain enrolled.

## **2) WHAT IS THE FYLSX?**

The FYLSX is a one-day examination offered by the State Bar of California in June and October of each year that tests your knowledge in torts, contracts, and criminal law through multiple-choice and essay questions. Additional information about the FYLSX is available at <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Examinations/First-Year-Law-Students-Examination>.

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### **3) HOW DO I APPLY?**

All applicants must follow the same application process. Applicants without LSAT scores or with scores in the lower ranges will automatically be considered by the Admissions Committee for the JD First-Year Exam Path.

### **4) DOES EVERYONE WITHOUT AN LSAT GET ACCEPTED?**

No. This is not an open admissions policy. It is designed for applicants who have academic history and work experience that show a capacity to perform well in the rigors of law school and to become valued members of the legal profession but who do not have standardized test scores that reflect their ability to perform well on such examinations. We provide substantial test-taking skills training in the first-year curriculum for such students to improve their prospects for success with law school examinations and the FYLSX.

*Students accepted in this program who earn a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or above in Contracts, Torts, and Criminal Law, and who earn credit in all other first year courses, are exempt from the requirement of passing the FYLSX and are eligible to continue into their second year of studies in good academic standing provided all other academic requirements are satisfied. (A 2.40 grade point average is slightly higher than the equivalent of a "C+" grade point average.) Students who do not meet these academic conditions and do not pass the FYLSX administered in June following their first year of law study will be academically disqualified following their first year of law school and will not be permitted to advance into their second year of study or to enroll in any courses at the JFK School of Law at NCU. Students who are disqualified under this policy may re-apply for admission at a later date provided they pass the FYLSX within the first three administrations of the examination for which they became eligible.*

*\*Students who are not in good academic standing at the conclusion of their first year of law study (less than a 2.40 cumulative grade point average) remain eligible to sit for the FYLSX provided they have earned academic credit in Contracts, Torts, and Criminal Law. The JFK School of Law will re-enroll those students, recognize academic credit for those courses, and advance such students to their second year of study provided the FYLSX is passed within the first three administrations of the examination for which they became eligible.*

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