Law School Preparation Checklist

First Year

- Register with the Magner Center on the BC Portal at http://portal.brooklyn.cuny.edu for law-related events and panels. Register with the Magner Center at http://brooklyncollege.erecruiting.com to create your student profile.
- Schedule an appointment with the Center’s Pre-Law Advisors Pamela Brown (718) 951-5774 or Zavi Baynes (718) 951-5696.
- Assess your interests, skills, abilities, and values related to the law profession; take MyPlan Assessment www.magnercenter.myplan.com.
- Schedule an appointment with a Pre-law Faculty Advisor to discuss courses in United States history and contemporary political system.
- Take core courses and electives to become familiar with a variety of fields that develop communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) and logical reasoning skills.

Second Year

- Take challenging courses that will improve your reading, writing, and analytical skills.
- Consult a Pre-law Faculty Advisor about selecting your major. Decide on your major by the time you have earned 61 credits.
- Get involved in club, community, and campus activities; engage with students from ethnic, social, political, religious, and cultural backgrounds different than your own.
- Check out campus organizations for students interested in law.

Third Year

- Schedule an appointment with a Pre-law Faculty Advisor to talk about a law school search, financing a legal education, and preparation for the Law School Admissions Test.
- Register with the LSAC, and pick up the new LSAT/LSDAS handbook at the Magner Center. Check out law school application planning on the LSAC site: www.lsac.org.
- Register for LSAT prep courses, some of which are offered on campus.
- Attend Magner Center law-related events. View the schedule at http://career.brooklyn.cuny.edu/students/preLawEvents.htm.
- Consider a summer pre-law program for a preview of what law school is like. A comprehensive list can be found at http://www.prelawhandbook.com/summer_prelaw_programs.
- Check out the available scholarship opportunities for pre-law students through the following link: http://websql.brooklyn.cuny.edu/schtrack/schbydept.jsp.
Fourth Year

- Create a list of law schools to which you are interested in applying. See lists of schools on the AALS, ABA, and LSAC websites.
- Find the GPA/LSAT score admissions projection tool on the LSAC site, consult a Faculty Advisor, and refine your list.
- Attend the LSAC Law School Forum in New York City. Find information at http://career.brooklyn.cuny.edu/students/preLaw.
- Ascertained application deadlines for all the schools you are considering. Consider early acceptance programs, if applicable.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers and mentors, using the instructions and forms supplied on the LSAC website. Leave time to ask your letter writers to discuss your LSAT score in their letters, if appropriate.
- Start your applications in the fall after you get the results from the June or September/October LSAT.
- Prepare your personal statement. Contact the Learning Center’s pre-law writing tutor, Joseph Russo, at 914-980-0607 or at jrusso@diplomats.com to make an appointment to review your personal statement.

Post-Baccalaureate

- Send the Pre-law research assistant updated contact information and let him/her know whether you are attending law school and, if so, where;
- Join the Alumni Association and keep them apprised of your professional advancement.