



**Policy Title**

3+3 Accelerated Law Program Policy

**Policy Number**

SULC-6-009

<p><b>Responsible Units:</b> Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, Office of Enrollment Management &amp; Matriculation Services, SULC Records and Registration, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Financial Aid</p> <p><b>Responsible Officials:</b> Vice Chancellor Of Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management &amp; Matriculation Services, Director of Records &amp; Registration, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Associate Vice Chancellor of Financial Aid Services, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs</p> <p><b>Policy Classification:</b> Institutional</p>	<p><b>Effective Date:</b> April 17, 2026</p> <p><b>Last Reviewed Date:</b> April 17, 2026</p> <p><b>Origination Date:</b> April 17, 2026</p>
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**I. Policy Statement and Rationale**

The purpose of this policy is to establish comprehensive standards, responsibilities, and procedures governing the administration of 3+3 accelerated law programs at the Southern University Law Center (SULC). These programs permit qualified undergraduate students from approved partner institutions to begin law school after three years of undergraduate study and apply the first year of law coursework toward completion of their bachelor's degree.

**II. Policy Scope and Audience**

This policy applies to all SULC personnel and offices involved in the recruitment, admissions, academic oversight, records, financial aid, and legal review of students participating in 3+3 programs. It applies equally to all partner institutions with executed MOUs and to all students enrolled through those pathways.

**III. Policy Compliance**

SULC requires full compliance with this policy governing 3+3 Accelerated Law Programs. All faculty, staff, and administrative units involved in these programs must adhere to the procedures outlined herein.

Compliance with this policy ensures:

- A. Alignment with ABA Standards, SACSCOC Standards, Southern University System regulations, and applicable laws.
- B. Protection of student rights under FERPA, Title IV, and related regulations.
- C. Consistency and transparency in admissions, academic progression, and degree conferral.
- D. Accountability in financial aid administration and public disclosures.

#### **IV. Policy Definitions**

- A. 3+3 Program – accelerated pathway allowing students to complete three years of undergraduate study at a partner institution and matriculate into the SULC JD program in year four.
- B. Partner Institution – regionally accredited undergraduate institution with a formal agreement with SULC for a 3+3 accelerated pathway program.
- C. Conditional Admission – admission granted subject to fulfillment of final eligibility requirements.
- D. Home Institution – the undergraduate institution conferring the bachelor’s degree upon receipt of successful SULC 1L transcript.

#### **V. Policy Implementation Procedures**

SULC established the 3+3 Accelerated Law Program as a strategic initiative to expand access to legal education, strengthen partnerships with undergraduate institutions, and align with accreditation and compliance requirements.

**A. Program Approval** – Each 3+3 pathway must be established by a formal MOU reviewed by General Counsel and approved by the Chancellor.

1. Admissions Procedures – Admissions sets annual recruitment timelines with partners and processes applications through LSAC or SULC portal. Conditional admission shall be monitored until final transcripts and GPA are verified.

2. Registrar Procedures – Registrar codes 3+3 students in the requisite system and transmits official 1L transcripts per FERPA-compliant exchange to partner institutions for degree conferral. Withdrawal, leave of absence, and reenrollment requests shall be coordinated with partner institutions.

**B. Academic Affairs Procedures** – Academic Affairs ensures enrollment in the standard 1L curriculum and monitors academic progress.

1. Academic Affairs provides access to academic services, counseling, and professional development.

2. Annual reports on academic performance and compliance shall be generated for review.

**C. Admissions Requirements**- the admissions requirements shall be the responsibility of the Office of Enrollment Management and Matriculation Services (Admissions). 3+3 applicants must have:

1. A minimum of 90 undergraduate credit hours;
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.25;
3. An LSAT score that meets or exceeds the SULC median score; and
4. Completed an application for the full-time day law school program.

**D. Financial Aid Administration** -The SULC Office of Financial Aid Services is responsible for administering federal, state, and institutional aid for students enrolled in the 3+3 Accelerated Law Program during the student's first year of school, unless otherwise specified in the formal MOU. SULC will determine cost of attendance (COA), eligibility, enrollment status, and financial-aid packaging for all 3+3 students enrolled as first-year students.

1. Consortium or Contractual Agreements - Where required by federal regulation, SULC will execute a consortium agreement with the undergraduate partner institution to ensure compliance with Title IV rules, including 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.5 and 668.8. Unless otherwise stated in the MOU, SULC shall serve as the home institution during the first year of a student's enrollment in the 3+3 Accelerated Law Program.
2. Tuition, Fees, and Billing Responsibilities
  - a. SULC shall assess and collect all applicable tuition and fees.
  - b. No undergraduate tuition may be charged by the partner institution for coursework completed at SULC during the first year unless the MOU explicitly states it is permitted and the agreement is compliant with Title IV regulations.
  - c. SULC is responsible for all financial-aid activities during the enrollment of 3+3 students during the first year at SULC.
3. Joint Institutional Financial Obligations – The MOU shall clearly define how financial responsibilities are allocated between SULC and the partner institution. The responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Tuition and fees
  - b. Financial eligibility and packaging
  - c. Billing timelines and payment expectations
  - d. Scholarship criteria and renewal requirements
  - e. Impacts of academic standing or withdrawal on financial aid
  - f. Other items of information deemed appropriate by the financial aid offices of SULC and the partner institution.

**E. Compliance Monitoring**

1. Each responsible unit (Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Financial Aid, Records & Registration, Office of Enrollment Management & Matriculation Services) shall conduct an annual internal review of its 3+3 responsibilities.
2. The report should include but not be limited to the following information and shall be captured in an annual report by the unit responsible for the information: (1) Number of students from partner institutions; (2) Number of active 3+3 students by cohort; (3) Demographics of 3+3 students; and (4) Summary of academic standing and progress.

3. Financial Aid will review compliance, consortium effectiveness, and accuracy of aid administration.
4. The annual reports from each responsible unit shall be submitted to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor of the Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives.
5. Corrective measures shall be implemented by each responsible unit when deficiencies are identified.

**VI. Policy Related Information**

ABA Standards  
SACSCOC Standards  
FERPA  
Title IV

**VII. Policy History and Review Cycle**

This policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years or sooner if required by changes in accreditation standards, laws, or institutional practices.

**VIII. Policy URL**

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at <https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc-policies>.

**IX. Policy Approval**

This policy was approved by the faculty on April 17, 2026:

  
Alvin Washington  
Chancellor, SULC

April 17, 2026  
**Effective Date of Policy**