



# *Staying Productive While Preparing for Law School*

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Every student has been in an academic funk at least once, an unfortunate result due to procrastination. Regardless, it is imperative to remain productive and stay on top of tasks when getting ready for law school. There are four components one should adhere to when preparing for law school: seek advice, make a plan, set goals, and acknowledge the basics. Before heading straight into law school preparation, you should create a plan that may help you achieve your end goals. First and foremost, find an environment that is free from distractions and set a designated time for you to work on your goals. As American educator Stephen Convey iterates, “the key is not to prioritize your schedule but to schedule your priorities.”

To identify your goals, ask yourself what lifestyle you want to build. What are the overall results after earning my law degree? To get a sense of what law school you should attend and to prepare yourself for at least the next three years, seek advice from recent or current law students. There are various ways to get in touch with these students. One could ask the administration office for current students’ or alumni’s contact information.

Moreover, use your resources and acquaint yourself with the basic concepts that 1L students will be using. These include subjects like civil procedure, criminal law, torts, and legal writing. Another factor that may go along with preparation for law school is expanding your horizons. Get involved in extracurricular activities and take on a few challenging classes that may help you view various perspectives.

If you have not already applied to law schools, focus on achieving good grades, studying for the LSAT, and building relationships with previous professors for recommendations and overall academic insight.

In order to practice these steps, productivity needs to be apparent. To increase productivity is to not dwell on the negatives. Learn from your mistakes as well as your successes. As once said by Dale Carnegie, “the successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way.” Prioritize your well-being and mental health. It’s okay to take breaks.

Manage the amount of energy you place into certain tasks or events.

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