

## ACCELERATION GRADUATION FORM

**Directions:**

Please read the guidelines on the back of this form. Complete the information below and attach a one-page Personal Statement to this application explaining why you want to accelerate graduation. Please include a description of any work, family and other responsibilities you will be balancing along with your law school studies. Return the application to the Office of Student Affairs.

**Deadlines for Submission**

**Applications may be submitted at an earlier date, but not later than:**

- **October 15<sup>th</sup> (or the last business day prior to this date)**
- **March 15<sup>th</sup> (or the last business day prior to this date)**

STUDENT INFORMATION							
Name: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span><i>Last</i></span> <span><i>First</i></span> <span><i>M.I.</i></span> </div>							
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CONTACT INFORMATION							
Phone # (day) : _____ (cell) _____  E-mail Address: _____							

**Please read and sign:**

Students may be permitted to accelerate graduation (i.e., graduate one semester only) by attending classes offered during the regular summer sessions or study abroad programs at Hofstra Law. Because acceleration involves a significant alteration of the usual course of study, it is subject to the most significant limitations in terms of what courses may or may not be taken during the summer session. Full-time students may be able to complete the credits required for graduation in 2½ calendar years (five regular semesters and two summer sessions).

Part-time students may be able complete the necessary credits in 3½ calendar years (seven regular semesters and two or three summer sessions). Students may not accelerate graduation by more than one semester.

In order to accelerate:

- Full-time students must take 12 “regular” credits including regular summer, winter or study abroad programs) at Hofstra Law.

- Part-time students must take 10 “regular” credits (including regular summer, winter or study abroad programs) at Hofstra Law. Students are free to allocate these credits as they choose — i.e., they can take a heavier load one summer and a lighter load another summer, subject to the maximum number of summer credits permitted. If you are a part-time student transferring to the full-time division, you cannot accelerate graduation.

To accelerate graduation, students in their second year must file this with the Office of Student Affairs by the deadline noted on the form. Accelerating students are advised to meet with the Office of Student Affairs for advising prior to submitting the form. The Office of Student Affairs will inform the student via e-mail ([lawstudentaffairs@hofstra.edu](mailto:lawstudentaffairs@hofstra.edu)) of the decision.

I understand that if my request to accelerate is granted, I am required to take classes during the summer in order to satisfy the Law School’s graduation requirements. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Law School’s residency rules and that I am responsible for monitoring my compliance with these and all other courses.

If granted permission to accelerate divisions, I propose to satisfy the residency requirements as follows:

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*Signature*

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*Date*

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Recommendations and Comments:

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OSA Approved Signature

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Date

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OAR Approved Signature

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Date

Office of Academic Records:

SPACMNT:  Effective date of acceleration noted in Comments Box

SGASTDN:  Graduation Status Box Update  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

SHADEGR:  Enter new graduation term \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enter new graduation year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enter new graduation date \_\_\_\_\_