

Southern Illinois University School of Law

Transfer of Credit Policy

[Excerpted from the School of Law Rules for AY 2022-2023]

The Transfer of Credit Policy for Southern Illinois University School of Law is found in Art. II, § 3(c) of the School of Law Rules, which is excerpted below. The School of Law does not have an articulation agreement that would facilitate transfer of credit from another institution of higher education. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Deans' Suite.

ARTICLE II - ADMISSIONS (J.D. Degree)

[amended 4/14/09; amended 8/12/18]

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3. Transfer

Applications for admission with advanced standing (transfer) will be considered by the Associate Dean if and to the extent that there is space in the second-year class. [amended 11/2005; 4/14/09]

- (a) Requirements for Admission of Transfer Student. In order to be considered for admission to the School of Law by transfer, the applicant must meet the following requirements.
 - (i) Current Admission Requirements. The applicant must meet all current admission requirements set forth in Rule II.1(a).
 - (ii) Minimum One Year. [amended 10/20/09] The applicant must have been enrolled at a school that satisfies the American Bar Association standard for admission with advanced standing, and must have completed at least:
 - (A) one full year of law study at a school which operates on the semester system; or
 - (B) two quarters or trimesters at a school which does not operate on the semester system.
 - (iii) Good Standing. The applicant must be in good standing at the school from which the applicant is transferring. [amended 11/2005; 4/14/09]

- (iv) Documentation. The applicant must provide to the law school the following documents: official transcripts of all undergraduate studies and certification of a degree; an LSDAS report; official transcripts of all law work previously undertaken; a statement of class rank, if available, from the applicant's original law school; a letter from the office of the dean of the applicant's original law school stating that the applicant is in good academic standing and is eligible unconditionally to continue as a law student at that school; and other materials as requested.

- (b) Criteria for Admission of Transfer Student. Approval of transfer applications is discretionary. Transfer applicants may be admitted if it appears that the applicant is likely to successfully complete the requirements for graduation from the School of Law. In making this assessment, the Associate Dean will give primary consideration to the applicant's law school record including, particularly, class rank, GPA, law school attended, and whether the law school attended was approved by the American Bar Association; LSAT; undergraduate GPA, undergraduate school attended and subjects taken; and may consider other relevant factors.

- (c) Effect of Admission of Transfer Student. Admission as a transfer student is subject to the following limitations.
 - (i) Number of Credit Hours Transferred. Except in unusual circumstances, an applicant may transfer no more than 30 semester hours from an ABA approved law school. An applicant may transfer no more than 30 semester hours from a non-ABA approved law school. [amended 11/2005; 10/20/09]

 - (ii) Grade Needed for Transfer of Academic Credit. The School of Law will grant credit only for a course from another law school in which an applicant has earned a grade that is equal to or better than the GPA required by the other law school for graduation from that school. Provided: Credit may be awarded in the discretion of the Associate Dean for courses graded "credit/no-credit" or the equivalent, subject to the limitations for receiving credit for non-graded courses at the School of Law. [amended 4/14/09]

 - (iii) Graduation Requirements. After admission, the transfer student must satisfy all graduation requirements of the School of Law; this may require taking one or more first-year or other required courses which the transfer student did not take at the student's original school, or which the Associate Dean determines are not equivalent to courses taken at the student's original school. [amended 4/14/09]

- (d) Application Period. An applicant may apply for transfer at any time, but the application will not be acted upon until the applicant has satisfied all the requirements of Rule II.3(a).