

Transfer and Visiting Students

Regent University School of Law admits a limited number of transfer students. Regent University School of Law does not have any articulation agreements with any other law schools. No third-year transfer students will be accepted; however, a third-year student may apply to attend the School of Law on Visiting Student status. Any applicant for transfer must submit, along with the application for admission, a letter signed by the dean of the student's current law school certifying that the applicant is a student in good standing and eligible to return to that school. The applicant for transfer to the School of Law must state whether he or she is applying for admission to the traditional J.D. or flexible J.D. program.

A maximum of 32 semester credits or 45 quarter credits may be accepted for transfer credit. Only courses with grades of "C" (or equivalent) or better and which are equivalent to courses at Regent or which have acceptable course content will be accepted. The School of Law will not accept the transfer of the student's GPA from the previous law school for any reason.

The School of Law may grant J.D. credit for courses completed at another ABA-approved law school if the courses were undertaken as a J.D. student. The School of Law will not grant more than 30 credit hours toward a J.D. degree for any of the following (individually or in combination): (1) courses completed at a law school in the United States that is not approved by the ABA Council on Legal Education but has been granted the power to confer the J.D. degree by the appropriate governmental authority in the unapproved law school's jurisdiction, or if graduates of the unapproved law school are permitted to sit for the bar examination in the jurisdiction in which the unapproved law school is located, provided that the courses were undertaken as a J.D. degree student and the School of Law would have granted credit toward satisfaction of J.D. degree requirements if earned at the School of Law; (2) courses completed at a law school outside of the United States, provided that the School of Law would have granted credit toward satisfaction of J.D. degree requirements if earned at the School of Law; (3) credit hours earned in an LL.M. or other post-J.D. program at a law school outside the United States, provided that the student graduated from the law school, that study led to successful completion of a J.D. degree course or courses while the student was enrolled in a post-J.D. degree law program and the law school has a grading system for LL.M. students in J.D. courses that is comparable to the grading system for J.D. degree students in the course.

The School of Law may transfer credit hours for credit earned toward a graduate degree before the student's matriculation into the School of Law's J.D. program, provided that the student was enrolled in a joint degree program at a law school that would have allowed credit for the non-J.D. coursework had it been completed contemporaneously with the joint degree program, the credit would have counted toward the J.D. degree had the student been enrolled in the joint degree program at the time the credits were earned, and the credit was earned no more than three years prior to the student's matriculation into the School of Law's J.D. program. The non-J.D. coursework can be

completed in another department, school, or college of the university with which the School of Law is affiliated or at another institution of higher learning, provided that the courses are ones the School of Law would have allowed credit for had they been taken as part of its joint J.D. program.

The School of Law will not grant credit toward a J.D. degree for work taken in a pre-admission program.

As with all Regent law students, transfer students must complete a total of six credits of constitutional law to fulfill the School of Law J.D. curriculum. Credits of constitutional law taken at a previous law school may count towards the six credits. The balance of credits needed must be taken from LAW 683 Constitutional Law I and LAW 684 Constitutional Law II offered at Regent. The appropriate course will be determined in the discretion of the Associate Dean in consultation with the current constitutional law instructors based on the coverage of issues taught by the previous law school. Students may therefore end up completing more than six credits of constitutional law. Additional hours may still be accepted for transfer as elective hours. Students interested in attending Regent University School of Law as a Visiting Student must submit (1) an application for admission; (2) the nonrefundable application fee; (3) a personal statement explaining why he or she desires to be a Visiting Student; (4) a letter of good academic standing from the current law school authorizing the student to enroll at the School of Law as a Visiting Student; (5) at least one academic letter of recommendation from a law faculty member and either a spiritual letter of recommendation (preferred) or a general/employer recommendation; and (6) official undergraduate, graduate (non-law), and law school transcripts (including fall and spring grades for each year attended), as applicable. (Regarding transcripts, an updated Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report, to include the official undergraduate transcript on file at LSAC, must show conferral of the student's degree. Official transcripts for any graduate work (non-law) should also be on file at LSAC, and if a graduate degree was granted, the transcript must show conferral of the student's degree. A student's LSAC account is active for 5 years. If the student's LSAC account is still active, Regent will obtain the CAS report from LSAC; however, if the student's LSAC account is no longer active, the student will need to request a copy of his or her CAS report from the current law school and send it to Regent at apply@regent.edu.)

Regent Students Visiting at Another Law School

After matriculation at Regent University School of Law, a student may only transfer credits earned while a visiting student at another ABA-approved law school with advance permission of the Academic Policies Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Students should file a petition to be a visiting student and transfer credits from another law school at least two months before the deadline to apply at the other school in order to guarantee a timely response.

Petitions to be a visiting student during a summer term at another ABA-approved law school will be reviewed by the Academic Policies Committee on the basis of the appropriateness of the petition, taking into account the student's academic standing, and by the Curriculum Committee with regard to the specific courses proposed. Petitions to transfer credits earned while a visiting student at a foreign law school in an existing Regent-approved student-exchange program will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee with regard to the specific courses proposed.

Petitions to be a visiting student during one or more fall or spring semesters at another ABA-approved law school will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances. A determination of "extraordinary circumstances" will be made by the Academic Policies Committee on the basis of all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, whether the circumstances were unforeseeable at the time the student first enrolled at Regent, the nature of the circumstances, the number of credit hours already completed at Regent, the number of credit hours and specific courses proposed for the other law school, and the student's academic standing. In general, reasons related to finances, bar preparation, employment, or networking do not constitute "extraordinary circumstances." In any case, the granting of any petition is also subject to approval by the Curriculum Committee of the specific courses proposed to be taken at the other law school.

Only courses with grades of "C" (or equivalent) or better are eligible for transfer credit. No credit will be awarded for pass/fail courses taken as a visiting student.

Any Regent student who plans to be a visiting student and transfer credits earned at another ABA-approved law school during his or her final semester of law school must concurrently enroll that semester in a course offered by Regent University School of Law. At least one academic credit hour must be earned through Regent University School of Law in a student's final semester of law school.