

Policy for Transfer of Credit from other Institutions of Higher Education

The University of Michigan Law School will count credit earned at other educational institutions toward the Juris Doctor degree as follows:

1. Students transferring to Michigan Law School after beginning his/her legal education at another law school in the United States:

For students admitted from ABA accredited law schools, credit in classes in which the student has earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better will transfer, up to the highest number of credits that could possibly be earned by a first-year student at Michigan, which is currently 31 credits. If an incoming transfer student has completed course work in excess of 31 credits and wishes to have those credits counted toward her J.D. degree, those credits can be counted pursuant to the standards set out in the first paragraph of section 3, below.

For students admitted from non-ABA accredited law schools, credit in classes in which the student has earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better will transfer. The total number of credits that can be counted toward the J.D. degree may not exceed one-third of the total required for graduation from Michigan Law School. Currently the number of credits that may be counted pursuant to this standard is 27.

2. Students applying to Michigan Law School after having attended a law school in a foreign country:

Credit in classes in which the student has earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better, the content of which would have been granted toward satisfaction of degree requirements at Michigan as determined by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will transfer. The total number of credits that can be counted toward the J.D. degree may not exceed one-third of the total required for graduation from Michigan Law School. Currently the number of credits that may be counted pursuant to this standard is 27.

3. Students currently enrolled at Michigan Law School who take courses outside of the University of Michigan:

Second- and third-year students may, with the prior approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, elect for credit in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the J.D. degree up to six credits earned at schools or universities other than the University of Michigan, including other ABA-accredited law schools. Non-law courses elected must be acceptable for graduate credit or must otherwise be at the highest level appropriate to the student’s level of expertise. The approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for non-law courses will normally be given only upon determination that the course is relevant to, or will contribute to, the education of a lawyer, that the student needs to take the course in order to remain on track for timely graduation, and that no law courses were available to the student. In non-law courses,

the student must have earned a grade equivalent to a “B-” or better for the credit to transfer. In law courses, the student must have earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better for the credit to transfer.

Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students concurrently enrolled in non-law graduate degree programs at schools or universities other than the University of Michigan may elect for credit in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the J.D. degree up to 12 credits from that other program. The student must have earned a grade equivalent to a “B-” or better for the credit to transfer.

4. Students who are given permission to visit another ABA-accredited Law School for compelling and unusual personal reasons for one or two semesters.

Credit for courses in which the student has earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better will transfer, up to a maximum of 15 credits per term, unless the Associate Dean approves a heavier load. In no event may a student may transfer more than 16 credits per term.

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