

Duke Law School's Policy for Transfer of Credit Earned at Another Institution of Higher Education

Duke Law School will accept credit earned at other institutions of higher education toward the J.D. as follows:

1. Students who transfer to Duke Law School from another law school in the United States.

Students who enroll in Duke Law School after completing their 1L year at another U.S. law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) will receive credit for coursework in which the student earned at least a 2.1 or equivalent, not to exceed the maximum number of credits a student earns through courses completed during the 1L year at Duke Law. For the current academic year, students earn 33 credits through the 1L curriculum at Duke Law. These credits will be provisionally awarded based on a student's successful completion of two full years at Duke Law School and all Duke Law graduation requirements, with the student earning a GPA of at least 2.1.

2. Students who transfer to Duke Law School from a law school in a foreign country.

Students who enroll in Duke Law School after earning a first degree in law from an eminent foreign law faculty may be admitted to advanced standing at Duke. Provisional credit for course work completed at the foreign law school at which the student earned his or her first degree will be awarded subject to the discretion of the Dean, and upon completion of two full years at Duke Law School and all Duke Law graduation requirements, with the student earning a GPA of at least 2.1.

3. Students who transfer from Duke Law's LLM program for international students to the JD program.

Students who enroll in Duke Law School's JD program after completing Duke's one-year LLM for international students will receive credit for coursework in which the student earned at least a 2.1 or equivalent, not to exceed the maximum number of credits a student earns through courses completed during the 1L year at Duke Law. For the current academic year, students earn 33 credits through the 1L curriculum at Duke Law. Students who transfer into Duke's JD program after completing the one-year LLM for international students will not transfer credit for courses that are required only for the LLM degree. Classes that are required for the LLM degree only are Distinctive Aspects of US Law (LAW 190) and US Legal Analysis and Writing for International Students (LAW 195).

4. Students currently enrolled at Duke Law School who take courses outside of Duke University.

A course taken at another law school or in another division of the University shall not be credited toward the J.D. unless the Assistant Dean for Academic Advising confirms the

educational soundness and authorizes the taking of that course and later determines that the candidate's attendance at and qualitative performance in that course at least satisfies the minimum requirements specified both by the Association of American Law Schools and for graduation from Duke Law School. In general, no credit shall be awarded for such a course unless the student earns a grade of at least a 2.1 or a "C" on a letter-based grading system or its equivalent.

Courses in Other Law Schools. With permission of the Assistant Dean for Academic Advising, a student may earn credit for regular and summer school courses offered by any other law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). For courses taken at schools other than the University of North Carolina School of Law (UNC) or the North Carolina Central University Law School (NCCU), a student may apply no more than six (6) credits earned under this Rule toward the J.D. For courses taken at UNC or NCCU, the total credits applicable to the J.D. are not limited, but a student may take and apply to the J.D. no more than two (2) courses at either institution per semester.

Courses in Other Divisions of Duke University. With the permission of the Assistant Dean for Academic Advising, a student (other than a dual degree candidate) may apply no more than three (3) credits toward the requirements for the J.D., provided such courses are of suitable academic rigor. Courses that are offered at the graduate level are presumptively "of suitable academic rigor." Courses in foreign language study are deemed sufficiently rigorous regardless of their level. Students may petition the Administrative Committee by working with the Assistant Dean for Academic Advising for permission to apply an additional three (3) credits of coursework taken in other divisions of Duke University toward the J.D. requirements. A student's application must be accompanied by supporting documentation demonstrating that the entire group of courses taken in other divisions contributes substantially to the student's legal education. If a student's petition is approved, he or she will have been able to count no more than six (6) credits earned in other divisions of the university toward his or her JD credit requirement.

5. Students who "visit away" at another ABA-accredited Law School.

At the discretion of the Dean, and upon a showing of compelling personal reasons, a student may visit away at another ABA-accredited law school. A "compelling personal reason" will generally be defined as a situation involving (i) the health of a student or a student's immediate family member or (ii) a student's spouse, domestic partner or similarly-situated person living in another city or state. Duke Law will transfer credit for no more than 15 credits per semester to students who visit away, provided the student earns at least a 2.1 or "C" grade (or its equivalent) in his or her coursework. For additional information about visiting away at another law school, please refer to [Law School Rule 3-30](#).