Southern Illinois University School of Law

Transfer of Credit Policy
[excerpted from School of Law rules for AY 2015–16]

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 Chris Behan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, at (618) 453-8722, or cbehan@siu.edu.

ARTICLE II – ADMISSIONS (J.D. Degree)

... 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.

... (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 grade point average 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]