Information for Transfer Applicants

Southern Illinois University School of Law is a full-time, day-time program with admission beginning in the fall or spring semester. Acceptance of transfer applications is always discretionary. Southern Illinois University School of Law does not offer a part-time program.

Students interested in applying as a transfer student must be in good standing and have completed at least one full year at:

- an ABA-accredited law school,
- a non-ABA approved law school that has been granted the power to confer the J.D. degree by the appropriate governmental authority in the law school’s jurisdiction, or
- a non-ABA approved law school whose graduates are permitted to sit for the bar examination in the jurisdiction in which the school is located.

Except in unusual circumstances, an applicant may transfer no more than 30 semester credits from an ABA approved law school. An applicant may transfer no more than 30 semester credits from a non-ABA approved law school.

Transfer students must satisfy all graduation requirements of the SIU School of Law (90 semester hours), which may require taking a first-year course not taken at their original law school or that the Associate Dean determines is not the equivalent to courses taken at the original school. SIU School of Law will grant credit for a course from another law school only if the grade earned is equal to or better than the grade point average required by the other law school for graduation.

All of the following documents must be received in order to provide a complete transfer application. Apply online through LSAC at www.lsac.org.

- Application and Application fee
- Personal Statement and Resume

- CAS Report with valid LSAT score (will be sent from LSAC)
  a. Two new letters of recommendation sent directly to LSAC (preferably from law school professors)
- Personal explanation for Character & Fitness section of application, if applicable

Submit supplemental documents below directly to the Office of Admissions.

- Official law school transcript from your current law school showing grades earned in all first year courses
- Course descriptions or syllabi for all first year law courses completed
- Letter of good standing from the law school dean/registrar certifying that you are in good academic standing and unconditionally eligible for readmission to that school after completion of all first year courses
- Statement from the registrar certifying your class rank after the completion of all first year courses. If rank is listed on your law school transcript, then no separate statement is needed.
- Official undergraduate transcript sent directly from the institution awarding your bachelor’s degree.

Address to send supplemental documents:

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