

Information for Transfer Applicants

Southern Illinois University School of Law is a **full-time, day-time** program with admission always beginning in Fall. Acceptance of transfer applications is always discretionary. Southern Illinois University School of Law does not have a part-time program available.

- Students interested in applying as a transfer student must be in good-standing and have completed at least one full year at:
 - an ABA-approved 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.
- If a student has completed more than one full year of study at an ABA-approved law school, credit will be given for courses in excess of one year only in exceptional cases. If a student has completed more than one full year of study at a non-ABA approved law school, credit will not be given for more than 30 hours of courses.
- 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 our faculty determine to not be the equivalent to courses previously taken. 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 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**:

Submit items below online through LSAC at www.lsac.org.

- Application
- Application fee
- Memorandum to the Admissions Committee answering all five questions
- Current Résumé (uploaded with online application)
- LSDAS Report (Report will be requested by us and sent from LSAC)
 - a. Current registration for LSDAS
 - b. LSAT taken within past 5 years
 - c. Two letters of recommendation sent directly to LSAC (preferably should be from law school)

Submit or Send supplemental materials below directly to school:

- Supplemental documents and explanations for Character & Fitness section of application, if applicable
- Official law transcript sent directly to SIU from your current law school showing grades earned in all first year law courses
- Course descriptions or Course 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 are eligible unconditionally 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 you do not need a separate statement
- Official transcript sent directly to SIU from the undergraduate institution where bachelor's degree was awarded

Address to send supplemental materials:

Southern Illinois University School of Law
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
1209 W. Chautauqua Road; Mailcode 6811
Carbondale, IL 62901 email: lawadmit@siu.edu

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