



## **Policy for Transfer of Credit from other Institutions of Higher Education**

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

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

For students admitted from ABA accredited law schools, a maximum of 29 hours of transfer credit, or advanced standing, will be granted toward the JD degree requirements. At a minimum, the grade received in a course taken at another law school must be C (or equivalent) or better in order to transfer. Transfer credit for required first-year courses taken at other schools is limited by the amount of credit granted to Tulane first-year students. For example, we grant a maximum of 4 credits for Torts, 4 credits for Legal Research & Writing, etc. Students who have not taken all of Tulane's required courses at the previous law school will be required to take any missing courses at Tulane. Transfer students are not eligible to have graduation requirements reduced by virtue of coursework undertaken in another division of Tulane University, whether or not in pursuit of another degree. Therefore, transfer students may not enroll in joint-degree programs at Tulane.

For students admitted from non-ABA accredited law schools, transfer credit is granted at the discretion of the Assistant Dean of Admission of the Law School. Only 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 Tulane Law School. Currently the number of credits that may be counted pursuant to this standard is 29.

### **2. Students applying to Tulane 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 Tulane 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 Tulane Law School. Currently the number of credits that may be counted pursuant to this standard is 29.

### **3. Students currently enrolled at Tulane Law School who take courses outside of Tulane Law School:**

During the normal academic year, a student may take one course over the period of his/her law school career at another institution's law school for academic credit, provided that: (1) the course does not count toward the 10 credits needed to be a full time in resident student at Tulane; (2) the student pays all tuition and fees at the other institution without any diminishment in the amount of tuition paid to Tulane; and (3) the content of the course is not largely duplicated by any course offered at Tulane for which the student could register. In all instances in which J.D. students accumulate credits away from Tulane, students must

receive a grade of "C" or higher for the credits to be accepted at Tulane Law School. Only the credits will be recorded on the transcript, not the grades received.

A student cannot receive any academic credit toward the J.D. degree for courses taken at Tulane Law School or elsewhere until he or she has become a matriculating full-time law student at Tulane or at another law school.

➤ Joint Degree Programs

The Law School participates in joint degree programs with Tulane's Freeman School of Business (MBA and MACCT); School of Social Work (MSW); Center for Latin American Studies (MA in Latin American Studies); Payson Center for International Development (MS in International Development); Department of Global Health Systems and Development of the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine (MHA); Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences of the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine (MPH or MSPH); and Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences of the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine (MPH). Other joint degree programs may be proposed by students and considered by the Law School on an ad hoc basis. Joint degree programs enable students to complete two degrees in less time than it would take to complete them sequentially, because each school accepts some work completed at the other toward degree requirements (this is generally 9 credit hours for the Law School)

Students must apply to and be admitted to each program separately, informing each program of the application to the other. Once admitted to both programs, students must petition the Joint Degree Programs Committee of the Law School, through the Assistant Dean for Admission, in order to be admitted to the joint degree program. Only after the joint program petition has been approved are students considered to be enrolled in a joint degree program. Transfer students are not eligible to participate in joint degree programs.

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

Students who present compelling personal circumstances may, in rare instances, be permitted to spend one or both semesters of their third year visiting at another law school and transfer the credit to the Tulane law degree. Second year students are permitted to visit away only in critical situations. Examples of compelling personal circumstances that would justify visiting away are the necessity of caring for a critically ill parent when the student is the only caregiver and a student's ill health requiring medical treatment that can be obtained only in another city. The desire to be closer to a boyfriend or girlfriend, to pay less tuition, or to be in or closer to a location where the student wishes to work and settle after law school are not compelling personal circumstances. Students should consult the Assistant Dean for Students about visiting at another law school.

Students who visit at another law school are required to consult the Asst. Dean for Students or the Vice Dean of Tulane Law School to gain approval of the courses that they wish to take at the visiting law school. This approval must be given prior to the courses being taken.