

Policy for Transfer of Credit from other Institutions of Higher Education

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

1. Students transferring to Michigan Law School after beginning their legal education at another law school in the United States:

When a student is admitted from an ABA accredited law school, credit in first-year required classes in which the student has earned a grade equivalent to a “C” or better will transfer, up to the highest number of credits that could possibly be earned by a first-year student at Michigan, which is currently 32 credits.

2. Students applying to Michigan 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 Michigan as determined by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 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 Michigan Law School. Currently the number of credits that may be counted pursuant to this standard is 27.

3. Students currently enrolled at Michigan Law School who take courses outside of the University of Michigan:

All students, including transfer students, must complete at least four terms at the Law School. The Law School’s Academic Regulations outline the circumstances in which an upper-level student may—during the second or third year—receive academic credit for [law coursework taken at another accredited law school](#) or for [non-law coursework taken at other departments](#) within the University of Michigan.

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