

XX. TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICY

Under certain circumstances, the law school will accept academic credit earned at another ABA Accredited Law School for transfer to CUA. Only graded courses will be considered for transfer (no pass/fail classes will be accepted for transfer.) The grade in the class must be a C or better. If courses are accepted for transfer, the credit will transfer but the grade will not transfer nor will it be included in the CUA Law grade point average.

This rule summarizes the situations in which credit may transfer and the criteria used to determine whether the credit will transfer and limits on credit transfer.

1. Students seeking to transfer from another ABA Accredited Law School to CUA. CUA welcomes applications from students at other ABA Accredited Law Schools who seek to complete their work at CUA and receive the JD from CUA. When a transfer application is accepted, the prior law school work is reviewed to determine what credit will transfer. CUA will accept a maximum of 30 credits, with a grade of C (or equivalent) or above, in courses that CUA requires in the first year of law school (or a close equivalent.) Also:
 - a. We will accept no more credits for a specific course than we offer, i.e. if the former school awarded 6 credits for Torts, we will only transfer the 4 credits that Torts earns here.
 - b. If the former school awards fewer credits than we do for a specific class, then the smaller number of credits will transfer, i.e. if the former school awarded 4 credits for Contracts, we will only transfer the 4 credits awarded at that school.
 - c. We will not accept credits for part one of a two-part class if the second part has not been taken. For example, if the former school offered Constitutional Law I in first year for 3 credits, and a required Constitutional Law II in second year for 3 credits, we will not accept the credits from part one alone.
2. Students who attend an approved Summer Abroad Program. Current CUA law students may seek permission under Academic Rule XIII to attend Summer School classes at other ABA Accredited Law Schools or at Summer Abroad programs of other ABA Accredited Law Schools. With that prior approval:
 - a. We will accept no more than 5 credits in one summer from any program other than our own program (domestic or study abroad.)
 - b. We will not accept credits from multiple summer school programs.
 - c. Summer courses at other law schools will not count toward CUA residency requirements.
3. Students who attend courses outside the law school during the regular school year. Current CUA law students may seek permission under Academic Rule XII to visit away at another ABA Accredited Law school or to attend one or more individual courses at another ABA Accredited Law school or to take classes relating to the law in other schools or departments of the university for credit toward their J.D. degree. With that prior approval:
 - a. We will generally accept no more than 30 credits from law schools other than CUA, nor more than one academic year's worth of work from a law school other than CUA.
 - b. We expect students to meet our specific course requirements at CUA (Professional Responsibility, the Upper-Division Writing Requirement and the Professional Skills Requirement.) If students have not met the requirements for Professional Responsibility, the Upper-Division Writing Requirement and the Professional Skills Requirement, they must receive specific written approval from the academic dean's office for the course(s) that will meet those requirements at the visited school.
 - c. We strongly recommend that students not visit away in the final semester of law school. However, if a final semester visit away is approved, the student is on notice that we must have official notice of grades from the visited school prior to the date on which the faculty votes on the graduating class. If the grades are not received prior to the faculty vote, the student will not graduate with the graduating class.
4. Students in "Exchange" Programs where a Specific Agreement has been made between CUA and another ABA Accredited School. CUA may enter into an agreement with another school to allow students of one school to visit at the other school under certain conditions. CUA currently has no Exchange Agreements in place.