



**Transfer and Advanced Standing Rules
(Excerpt from the Academic Policy Statement)**

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10.10 Limitation of Advanced Standing Credit: Transfer students may receive advanced standing credit for work done only in schools approved by the Association of American Law Schools. The amount of advanced standing credit to be allowed will be determined by the Academic Dean. Typically, 30 such credits will be accepted and no credit will be allowed for courses unless the student earned at least a D in such course. Transfer students must complete at least 50% of their credit at Pepperdine.

10.11 Participation in Summer Programs at Other Law Schools: Students wishing to participate in summer programs at other law schools should petition the Dean. The petition should describe the program, courses to be taken and their unit value. The petition should include the beginning and ending dates of the actual class sessions. Upon approval, the student will be notified and a letter of permission listing approved courses will be mailed to the Registrar of the appropriate university. Students who do not submit a written request for prior approval will not receive credit. Attendance at such summer school programs is subject to the following conditions:

- A. Minimum Grade: Credit will be given for courses taken at other schools only if a student achieves a minimum grade of D at the school where the course was taken.
- B. Units Accepted on Pass/Fail Basis: Units accepted for transfer will be accepted on a "Pass/Fail" basis. The actual grade received in the course will not be used in computing the weighted cumulative grade point average.
- C. Required Courses: Permission will not be granted to take required courses at another law school, absent a showing of special need.
- D. Los Angeles Area Law Schools: Students wishing to take courses at any other Los Angeles area law school must be able to demonstrate that the course offerings at the other school will significantly enhance the student's legal education in a way not available at Pepperdine.
- E. Probationary Students Not Given a Letter of Good Standing: Students on

academic probation will not be given a letter of good standing allowing them to attend summer programs at other schools.

- F. Maximum Units to Transfer: Students should not normally expect to transfer more than six (6) units in any one summer. If the student can demonstrate some special need, up to eight (8) units can be transferred in a given summer.
- 10.12 Rule Against Non-Matriculating Status at Other Schools: No student enrolled in the School of Law may attend the second or third year, or any portion thereof during the regular school year, at another law school and receive a degree from Pepperdine.
- 10.13 Treatment of Transfer Grades: All grades earned at other institutions shall be made a part of the student's permanent record in the Records Office with appropriate notations made as to which courses are recognized for advanced standing.
- 10.14 Class Equivalency and Rank for Transfer Students: Transfer students will not be given a class standing. They will, however, be given a rank-in-class equivalency for purposes of comparing their performance to the class as a whole.
- 10.15 Transfer Student's Eligibility for Graduation Honors: Transfer students who have been in residence for at least four semesters or its equivalent at this school will be eligible for graduation honors but not for salutatorian or valedictorian positions.
- 10.16 Transferring from the LLM Program to the JD Program: Pepperdine LLM students can apply to the JD Program as transfer students without taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The applicant's grades and relative difficulty of coursework pursued in Pepperdine's LLM program will be very important factors. Successful applicants will usually have a median grade or higher in at least 12 units tested on the bar exam, or four courses tested on the bar exam.

If the applicant is accepted into the JD Program, he or she may apply to transfer the credits from law classes taken toward completion of the LLM degree. The student must then complete the first year curriculum in his or her second year at Pepperdine. In the third year, enough advanced courses must be completed in order to satisfy the JD graduation requirement.

Students transferring from the LLM to the JD will be awarded the JD degree upon completion of the JD requirements and will not be awarded a LLM degree. Only students currently enrolled in Pepperdine's LLM program may apply in this manner.