

Regent University School of Law Transfer of Credit Policies

1) Incoming Transfer Students

The law school admits a limited number of transfer students. No third-year transfer students will be accepted; however, a third-year student may apply to attend the law school on Visiting Student status. Any applicant for transfer to Regent must submit, along with the application for admission, a letter signed by the dean of the current law school certifying that the applicant is a student in good standing and eligible to return to that school. The applicant for transfer to, or visiting student status at, Regent University School of Law must state whether he or she is applying for admission to the full-time or part-time program.

A maximum of 32 semester credits or 45 quarter credits may be accepted for transfer credit. Only courses with grades of “C” (or equivalent) or better and which are equivalent to courses at Regent or which have acceptable course content will be accepted. The law school will not accept the transfer of the student’s grade point average from the previous law school for any reason. All transfer students are required to take LAW 511 Foundations of Law.

As with all Regent law students, transfer students must complete a total of six credits of constitutional law to fulfill the law school curriculum. Credits of constitutional law taken at a previous law school may count towards the six credits. The balance of credits needed must be taken from LAW 683 Constitutional Law I and LAW 684 Constitutional Law II offered at Regent. The appropriate course will be determined in the discretion of the Associate Dean in consultation with the current constitutional law professors based on the coverage of issues taught by the previous law school. Students may therefore end up completing more than six credits of constitutional law. Additional hours may still be accepted for transfer as elective hours.

2) Regent Students Visiting at Another Law School

After matriculation at Regent University School of Law, a student may only transfer credits earned at another law school with advance permission of the Academic Policies Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Students should file a petition to transfer credits from another law school at least two months before the deadline to apply at the other school in order to guarantee a timely response.

Petitions to transfer credits earned during a summer term at an ABA-approved law school will be reviewed by the Academic Policies Committee on the basis of the appropriateness of the petition, taking into account the student’s academic standing, and by the Curriculum Committee with regard to the specific courses proposed. Petitions to transfer credits from a foreign law school in an existing Regent-approved student-exchange program will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee with regard to the specific courses proposed.

Petitions to transfer credits earned at another ABA-approved law school during one or more regular academic terms (other than summer) will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances. A determination of “extraordinary circumstances” will be made by the Academic Policies Committee on the basis of all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, whether the

circumstances were unforeseeable at the time the student first enrolled at Regent, the nature of the circumstances, the number of credit hours already completed at Regent, the number of credit hours and specific courses proposed for the other law school, and the student's academic standing. In general, reasons related to finances, bar preparation, employment, or networking do not constitute "extraordinary circumstances." In any case, the granting of any petition is also subject to approval by the Curriculum Committee of the specific courses proposed to be taken at the other law school.

Only courses with grades of "C" (or equivalent) or better are eligible for transfer credit.

3) Articulation Agreements

The law school has no articulation agreements with other institutions involving transfer of credit.