Admission as a Transfer Student

Each year, The University of Texas at Austin’s School of Law admits a handful of exceptional candidates who have demonstrated superior academic excellence and leadership potential during their first year of law school to join the Texas Law community in the fall semester.

Applicants admitted as a transfer student will have many of the opportunities that are available to students who begin their law studies at Texas Law. Transfer students attend a special orientation session and are included in our Society Program. All transfer students are required to participate in the Summer Interview Program (SIP) for summer employment, clerkships, or postgraduate positions. Moot court, a law journal write-on competition exclusively for transfers, and judicial clerkship opportunities are also available. Some of these activities begin during the summer, so we encourage students to apply as early as possible to maximize access.

Admission Policies

To be considered for admissions at Texas Law as a transfer student, an applicant must have completed the first-year curriculum in good academic standing at a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association and a member of the Association of American Law Schools and register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

See the General Information Catalog for admissions policies, requirements, and application deadlines.

Academic Credits

Transfer applicants must apply prior to beginning their second year of law school and may transfer no more than 32 semester hours (48 quarter hours).

A transfer student receives academic credit on the following terms:

• total number of credit hours transferred may not exceed the number of credit hours earned during the first year by Texas Law students;
• transfer credit is not given for any course in which the student earned a grade of less than C, or its equivalent as determined by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; and
• a CR grade is recorded for all transferred work.

Please note that transfer students may not qualify for Order of the Coif upon graduation because of the organization’s limitations on grades recorded as credit.

Statement of Non-Discrimination and Equal Education Opportunity

See the "University" section of the General Information Catalog.

Title IX Reporting and Support Disclosure

The Title IX Office uses information provided in reports to reach out to individuals in need, provide them with support, and let them know options available to them related to a formal grievance process. For students, examples of support include academic accommodations, safety support, and connection with other campus and community resources.

Texas Education Code, Section 51.252 requires all employees of Texas universities, including faculty, to report to the Title IX Office any information regarding incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking that is disclosed to them. Texas law requires that all employees who witness or receive information about incidents of this nature (including, but not limited to, written forms, applications, one-on-one conversations, class assignments, class discussions, or third-party reports) must report it to the Title IX Office. Before talking to a faculty or staff member about an incident of this nature, please be aware that they will be required to report this information.

Graduate teaching and research assistants are also designated as mandatory reporters and are required to report behaviors that are considered sexual misconduct, including the types of misconduct described above.

Pregnant and parenting students, faculty, and staff are also eligible to receive support and resources from the Title IX Office. Support and resources may include supportive measures, medically necessary periods of leave, and leaves of absence. Case Managers from the Title IX Office connect with students, faculty, and staff to provide one-on-one, individualized support. If you would like to speak with a case manager for support, please email: supportandresources@austin.utexas.edu.

For more information about reporting options and resources, please visit: https://titleix.utexas.edu, contact the Title IX Office via email at: titleix@austin.utexas.edu, or call 512-471-0419.

Applicant Responsibility and Accuracy of Information

Applicants are under a continued obligation to notify the law school immediately of any and all circumstances and events that may occur from the date an application is submitted to the first day of enrollment that may change any of the responses to their application. Texas Law reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission if the candidate fails to maintain satisfactory academic standing for work in progress, if final records fail to show completion of courses and/or degrees required for admission or if the admission decision was based on incomplete, inaccurate or misleading information furnished by the applicant. In addition, the law school may also report its findings to LSAC’s Misconduct and Irregularities Committee.

Character and Moral Fitness

Applicants who have been convicted of a felony or other serious crime are eligible for admission into the law school; however, because state bar associations often prohibit persons with criminal records from being admitted to the bar regardless of their degrees or training, it may be impossible for such individuals to practice in some states.

In addition to the bar examination, there are character, fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Application Procedures

A $70 nonrefundable application fee will be collected through LSAC at the time the application is submitted.

See our website for detailed application procedures.