

Transfer Credit Policy

Law students who attended ABA-approved and California-accredited law schools are eligible to transfer to Lincoln Law School of Sacramento and must present proof of completion of courses taken at all law schools attended by way of official transcript. They also must provide a letter from the dean of the last school attended in substantiation of their current academic status. Transfer credit may be granted only to students who are exempt from the First-Year Law Students' Examination (FYLSX). Students become exempt from the FYLSX when they have successfully completed the first year of law study at an accredited law school and are eligible for advancement to the second year of study, or when they have taken and passed the FYLSX.

Law students who attended an unaccredited law school may also be eligible to transfer to the Law School, provided they have successfully completed the first year of study and passed the FYLSX.

Credit is granted at the discretion of the law school and determined on an individual basis.

In the case of an applicant who has passed the First-Year Law Students' Examination, credit may be allowed for each completed course in Torts, Criminal Law, and Contracts for which the prior school awarded credit to such applicant, even if the grade was less than would be required to be in good standing. Grades from a previously attended law school are not included in the calculation of any grade point average at Lincoln Law School. All credits are evaluated in relation to similar courses given at Lincoln Law School. No credit will be given for courses completed more than 36 months before the date of admission. All transfer students must take and pass a minimum of 40 units at Lincoln Law School to qualify for graduation.

A law student who is disqualified from a previously attended law school for low scholarship at the end of their first year of law study may restart their legal studies as a first-year law student. No credit for law study completed prior to starting over will be awarded. Law students who seek to restart their legal studies as first-year law students must certify, on a form approved by the Office of Admissions, that they understand that no credit will be awarded for their prior law study for purposes of determining the completion of a year of law study, determining qualification for or exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination, or eligibility to take the California Bar Examination.

A transfer student who is disqualified after successfully completing one year of legal study may be admitted on academic probation and, if repeating a year of study, are required to obtain a grade point average of 2.10 in their first academic year at Lincoln Law School.