



Policy Title

Admission with Advanced Standing Policy

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I. Policy Overview

The purpose of this policy is to establish the limitations associated with admitting a student with advanced standing to the Law Center.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to incoming students seeking admission with advanced academic standing.

III. Policy Compliance

This policy will inform SULC administration, faculty and incoming students of the limitations associated with admitting a student for enrollment to the Law Center who has attended and earned academic credit from another law school. The policy impacts the admission process at SULC for students who have not been excluded from any law school(s) because of scholastic deficiencies.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure

The policy was developed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and approved by faculty vote on August 19, 2020. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is charged with implementing and enforcing this policy.

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

1. A student who has successfully completed work at an ABA-accredited law school and who otherwise meets the requirements for admission to the first-year class at SULC may be admitted to SULC with advanced standing.
2. A student seeking advanced standing must apply for admissions to SULC using the normal admission process.
3. In addition, a transferring student must submit an official transcript from the student's law school, a letter of good standing from the dean of the school, a letter from a professor of the law school from which they are transferring, and copies of the catalog course descriptions and syllabi for all courses, if possible, for which the applying student is requesting credit.
4. Southern University Law Center reserves the right to refuse credits, in whole or in part, or to withdraw credit for prior work.
5. A maximum of 30 credit hours completed at a non-ABA-accredited law school may be accepted for credit at SULC. There is no cap on the number of credit hours which can be accepted for work completed at an ABA-accredited law school.
6. In determining whether to award credit for course work completed at another law school, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs must review the course descriptions and syllabi of courses for which transfer credit is sought and assess the courses to determine if courses are comparable to SULC courses and meet SULC's standards for rigor and quality. Moreover, prior to granting credit for a course that will substitute for a required course in SULC's curriculum, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs must consult with SULC professors who teach the required course and confirm that course at the other law school is comparable to SULC's required course.
7. Credit shall not be granted for course work performed at any law school, if it is determined that a) the course work was undertaken would not be credited towards a Juris Doctor degree, b) the course work was undertaken at a foreign law school, or the course work was earned in an LL.M or other post-Juris Doctor degree program.
8. Students who have been excluded from any law school(s) because of scholastic deficiencies will not be admitted with advanced standing.

VII. Policy History and Review


This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. The policy was reviewed and updated by the SULC faculty on August 19, 2020 and again on October 21, 2020. The policy was reviewed and revised, on July 21, 2021, to clarify the method of determining when to award credit from another law school and that certain course work will not be awarded credit. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at www.sulc.edu.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by:



John K. Pierre
Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

June 21, 2021
Date