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Section 1: Policies Applicable to All Students

The rules set forth in this section apply to students admitted to the School of Law as transfer students, and to Elon Law students permitted by the School of Law to take courses at another law school or elsewhere in the University.

Students should also consult the appropriate section below (“Transfer Students” or “Courses Taken by Elon Law Students outside the Law School”) for additional policies.

- All candidates for the J.D. degree are required to complete six full-time semesters in residence at the Elon University School of Law.
- Students may receive credit for work at another law school only upon the receipt of an official transcript from the other school. The School of Law will not request the transcript; the student has the responsibility to do so.
- No credit toward the degree will be given for any course taken at another law school or elsewhere in which the grade received is less than a “C.” The transcript will identify the law school or department where the course was taken and the grade received, regardless of whether credit toward the J.D. is granted.
- No quality points will be awarded for such grades; this means that such credits will apply toward the Elon J.D. degree on a pass-fail basis.
- Elon Law students should be aware that if they take a course outside the Law School in their final semester, and fail to earn a “C” or higher, no credits will be granted toward the J.D. degree for that course, and they may fall short of the 90 credits required to graduate.

Section 2: Courses Taken by Elon Law Students Outside the School of Law

In limited circumstances, the School of Law permits Elon Law students to receive credit towards their J.D. requirements for courses that are not taken at the School of Law, whether at another law school or elsewhere.

In all cases, students must follow proper procedures for obtaining advance permission. Otherwise, no credit will be granted toward the J.D. requirements. Under no circumstances will permission be granted retroactively.

Courses Taken at Another Law School

Summer Session

In the following circumstances only a student may count a maximum of six credits for courses taken during the summer session at another accredited law school toward their J.D. requirements:

- A request to receive credit towards the J.D. degree for courses taken during the summer session of another accredited law school must be submitted on the form provided to the Office of Student Affairs prior to taking those courses;
- The student must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.500 without regard to grades for the spring semester immediately prior to the summer in question, regardless of their effect.

The Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will determine whether a particular course or courses a student takes during the summer session of another law school can be used to satisfy the specific J.D. course requirements of the School of Law.

Visiting Status During a Regular Academic Semester

If a student has a strong academic record and presents a compelling educational reason involving rigorous curricular offerings that are not available at the Elon University School of Law, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may permit him or her to attend another accredited law school for one regular academic semester as a visiting student, while still receiving the J.D. degree from the Elon University School of Law (assuming satisfactory completion of all J.D. degree requirements).

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may, in rare circumstances, consider a petition to visit another law school based on extraordinary compelling personal circumstances that make such a visit necessary.

Petitions for permission to visit away must be submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs prior to attending the other law school. Students submitting such petitions must:

1. Demonstrate compelling reasons to attend the other law school; and
2. Have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 or above immediately before attending the other law school.

Students who are granted visiting away status must complete their last semester at Elon University School of Law, except in extraordinary circumstances.

Transfer to Another law school

A student who wishes to apply for transfer to another law school is required to submit a written notice of intent to the Office of Student Affairs. Letters of good standing are forwarded along with an unofficial copy of grades to the school, pursuant to a request made by the student

Section 3: Additional Policies Applicable to Transfer Students

The School of Law welcomes applications from students who have compiled strong records at their law schools and wish to transfer to the Elon University.

- A transfer application will be considered only if the applicant has attended a school accredited by the American Bar Association.
- With rare exceptions, the School of Law considers students who have maintained an average of “B” or better or are ranked in the top 30 percent of their law school classes and have completed one full year in a day or evening division.
- Credit of two semesters (up to 32 academic credits, and two semesters of residence) may be given for work at another law school.
- Students who have completed more than one full year of law study will be limited to a maximum of two semester’s credit for work at the other law school.
- Whether a particular course or courses a student has taken at another law school can be used to satisfy the specific J.D. course requirements of the School of Law will be determined upon admission.
- Transfer students are not automatically eligible for membership on Law Review on the basis of class rank at another law school. The editorial board of the journal concerned may, at the student’s request, review the transcript and invite an exceptionally well-qualified transfer student to become a member without participating in the writing competition.
- Transfer students may choose to participate in the full intramural Moot Court Competition, which is used to select members of the Moot Court Board and the school’s interscholastic teams.

Section 4: Policies for Visiting Status at Elon Law During a Regular Academic Semester

Elon Law accepts applications for visiting students from other ABA-accredited schools. Visiting student applications, along with the policies and procedures for visiting student applicants, are available at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/law/admissions/VisitingApplicants.xhtml>.