

### **LL.M. to J.D. Transfer Option for Cardozo LL.M. Graduates**

Cardozo LL.M. students or graduates, who hold a first degree in law from a foreign law school, have a unique opportunity to earn a J.D. degree in two years from Cardozo. Qualified LL.M. graduates may apply as transfer students during the transfer application period in the spring. Qualified LL.M. students may apply during their last semester of study at Cardozo. If admitted, Cardozo School of Law will grant up to 26 units in advanced standing credit toward the J.D. degree for classes taken during the LL.M. studies at Cardozo.

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is not required; however, students who have taken the LSAT must report their score.

#### **Eligibility**

To be considered for this transfer program candidates must:

1. Hold a foreign first degree in law;
2. Be currently enrolled in Cardozo's LL.M. program or have obtained an LL.M. degree from Cardozo within the last 3 years;
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 in their fall and spring LL.M. studies, or have passed the New York Bar.

#### **Academics & Structure**

All LL.M. transfer students admitted to the J.D. program must enroll full-time in the program during the two academic years and complete the remainder of the eighty-four (84) credits needed to qualify for the J.D. degree. Students must successfully complete all J.D. academic requirements, including the first-year curriculum and upper-level writing requirements.

#### **Application Procedures**

There is no firm application deadline for transfer and visiting students since current law school grades are required; however, we recommend that you submit your application as early as possible and that it be completed no later than August 10 for the Fall term. Your file will not be reviewed until all required materials are received.

A completed J.D. transfer application submitted electronically through LSAC

An official current law school transcript including all grades received from your LL.M. studies. Your application will not be reviewed until Cardozo Admissions has received all your LL.M. grades.

A short personal statement about your reasons for transferring. You must submit this statement as an electronic attachment to your application. Please note that this statement

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should be submitted in lieu of the personal statement requested in our application.

Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a Cardozo Law professor. We prefer that you submit these letters through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service, but will accept letters sent directly to Cardozo.

- An LSAT score is not required. However, if you have taken the LSAT, you must request that a report be sent to Cardozo from the LSAC.
- A letter from the Dean of Students indicating that you are in good standing.
- A resume submitted via an electronic attachment.

### **Contact the Office of Admissions**

If you have any questions, would like to visit Cardozo, or need any help with the admission process, please contact us by phone (212.790.0274) or by e-mail ([lawinfo@yu.edu](mailto:lawinfo@yu.edu)).