

Visitor Admissions

Visiting students spend one or two semesters at Cardozo, and graduate from the law school through which they have matriculated.

Application Requirements for Transfers and Visitors

A student seeking admission to Cardozo as a transfer or visiting student must submit the following:

- A completed application for admission through [LSAC online](#).
- An official current law school transcript including all first-year grades. Your application will not be reviewed until we have received all of your first-year grades. Second and third-year students must submit their most recently available transcripts. In some cases, the Committee will delay making a decision on your application until we have received grades from the semester immediately preceding the term you wish to attend Cardozo.
- Your official class rank following the completion of your first year of law school. If your school does not rank, please request that your school send us a statement indicating such. Second- and third-year students must submit their most recently available class ranks. Be advised that the Committee may render an admission decision without your class rank.
- A short personal statement about your reasons for transferring or visiting. You must submit this statement as an electronic attachment to your application. Please note that this statement should be submitted in lieu of the personal statement requested in our application.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must come from one of your law school professors. We prefer that you submit these letters through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service, but will accept letters sent directly to Cardozo.
- A copy of the first page of your CAS report showing your LSAT score. Your law school registrar may send a copy to Cardozo, or you may request that a new report be sent to us from LSAC.
- A letter from the appropriate official of your current law school indicating that you are in good standing. If you are applying as a visiting student, the letter must expressly grant permission for you to study at Cardozo as a visiting student for the applicable semester(s).
- A résumé submitted via an electronic attachment.

Final Transcripts

Transferring 2Ls must submit no later than October 15th of the year of matriculation at Cardozo School of Law, official transcripts from all undergraduate institutions at which they matriculated for a degree. Students who fail to do so will be withdrawn from the Law School.

Character and Fitness

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In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admissions 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.

Deadlines and Decisions

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, and January 1 for the Spring term. Your file will not be reviewed until all required materials are received.

Decisions on transfer and visiting applications are made on a rolling basis beginning when the application is complete. During the review process, the Committee not only evaluates the merits of each application individually, but also relative to all other applications in the pool. Some applications may receive a decision fairly quickly; in many cases, however, the Committee's comparative appraisal of a file is a lengthier process, to allow the Committee to re-review an application and carefully assess a candidate's strength in comparison to the full applicant pool.

As long as a candidate's file is completed in a timely manner, her/his application will be thoroughly reviewed and given full and complete consideration. Due to the careful assessment of each individual application, the Admissions Committee is unable to guarantee that a decision will be made on an application within a particular time frame.

Transfer Credits

Admitted transfer students are informed in their admission package of their transfer credit award.

Transfer credit is given only for courses completed at ABA-approved law schools. J.D. transfer credit is not available for pass/fail courses and will be awarded only for graded courses in which a student received a letter grade of "C" or better, although the grade itself will not transfer. Because of the lack of comparability of grades at other schools, grades in courses taken at another school are not included in the calculation of a J.D. student's Cardozo grade point average for purposes of determining academic standing and class rank at Cardozo, or for determination of honors.

J.D. transfer credit must be specifically approved to satisfy Cardozo's distribution requirements, course prerequisites, writing requirement, professional responsibility requirement, Advanced Legal Research requirement, or concentrations.

Transfer credit will not be awarded for any coursework occurring prior to the beginning of law school study.

Articulation Agreements

Other than our established joint programs (J.D./MSW, J.D./MSB), we have no agreements between schools governing the transfer of credit (articulation agreements).

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Application Status Check

Please click [here](#) to log in to the online status checker.