



Policy Title
Application Standards

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2-003

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I. Policy Purpose

To inform prospective applicants, applicants, admitted students, and interested parties of the application standards and procedures for admission at SULC.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all prospective and admitted students, faculty, and staff of SULC as well as other interested parties.

III. Policy Compliance

New and revised policies introduced for approval after the effective date of this policy shall comply with this policy.

IV. Policy Definitions

Applicant—candidate who has applied for admissions consideration.

Prospect—candidate interested in applying for admissions, but has not formally applied.

LSAT—Law School Admissions Test.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedures

SULC developed this policy to clearly inform prospective and admitted students as well as interested parties of the standards and procedures for application consideration.

E. *Visiting Students*

Visiting students are accepted for summer, fall, and spring sessions. Applications are required, including a letter of good standing from the dean or their designee certifying approval to visit the Law Center and the number of credits transferable.

F. *Character, Fitness, and Other Qualifications*

In addition to successfully completing a bar examination, every U.S. jurisdiction requires other qualifications for admission to the bar, including character and fitness, background checks, and other qualifications. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting that jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

VII. Policy History and Review Cycle

This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format, which was implemented in 2019. Because the policy is administrative in nature, it does not require faculty approval. The policy, and any subsequent changes, are binding once signed by the Chancellor. The policy was reviewed and placed in the uniform policy format by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment on July 26, 2021. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published at <https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc-policies>.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by:



John K. Pierre
Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

July 26, 2021
Date

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

A. *Qualitative Requirements*

Applicants must have earned a scholastic average of at least "C" in courses of substantive academic content and received an acceptable score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Admission will be granted to a select number of qualified applicants.

B. *Quantitative Requirements*

An applicant for admission to candidacy for the Juris Doctor degree must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. An applicant who has been excluded from another law center/school or who fails to present a satisfactory scholastic record may not be considered for admission.

C. *Other Factors*

All applications are reviewed by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee ("Committee"). Among the factors considered by the Committee, in addition to those stated above, are cumulative undergraduate grade point average, work experience, military service, and past pursuits. The Committee also considers socio-economic background, ability to analyze and write well as demonstrated by the written portion of the LSAT and personal statement, and extracurricular activities. An applicant must also have good moral character. If there is any indication that an applicant lacks good moral character, the burden is on the applicant to prove through clear and convincing evidence that the applicant possesses the requisite good moral character to be considered for admission. The Law Center reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant who does not fulfill this requirement.

D. *Admission with Advanced Standing*

Applicants who have successfully completed work at another law center/school approved by the American Bar Association and who have met the requirements for admission to the first-year class may, on application and presentation of proper credentials, be admitted with advanced standing.

If courses presented as a basis for advanced standing were completed at a law center/school outside the State of Louisiana, such courses may be accepted as a substitute for work done in this Law Center, but only to the extent of one year of study. Work done in a Louisiana law center/school may be accepted as the equivalent of work done at the Southern University Law Center up to a maximum of two years. Each student will be required to spend the student's senior year in residence and complete a minimum of 30 academic hours at this Law Center.

The Southern University Law Center reserves the right to refuse credits, in whole or in part, or to withdraw credit for prior work completed at other law schools. Transfer students must present a statement from the dean of the law school last attended certifying the student's eligibility for readmission or continued enrollment at that law school. Students who have been excluded from other law centers/schools because of scholastic deficiencies will not be admitted with advanced standing.