



Course Requirements For Transfer Majors

PRE-LAW

Most American Bar Association (ABA) approved law schools require a bachelor's degree and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) for admission. The curriculum leads to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. The LSAT tests for reading comprehension, verbal reasoning, critical thinking, and writing skills.

There is no specific major required for law school; however, the ABA recommends that students prepare for law school by choosing majors that encourage analytical and problem solving skills, critical reading, writing, oral communication and listening skills, general research, and values of serving others and promoting justice. Some majors that students could consider are: English, Philosophy, Political Science, History, and Sociology. Students who complete ABA approved programs have a higher pass rate on the California State Bar Exam than students from other law schools.

Some local California law schools approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) are:

Chapman University School of Law..... www.chapman.edu/law
Loyola Law School www.lls.edu
University of California, Los Angeles www.law.ucla.edu
University of La Verne College of Law law.ulv.edu
University of Southern California..... www.usc.edu/dept/law
Western State University of Law www.wsulaw.edu
Whittier Law School..... www.law.whittier.edu

One local California law school approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CALB) is:

Glendale University College of Law www.glendalelaw.edu

For information about becoming an attorney, LSAT, law schools, and statistics on California Bar Examination passage rates, pre-law students are encouraged to visit the following websites:

Law School Admission Council..... www.lsac.org
The Association of American Law Schools www.aals.org
The State Bar of California..... www.calbar.ca.gov

This guide sheet is based upon university course articulation and catalog information at the time of publication. **Note that students are responsible for the current major requirements upon transfer to the university.** It is advisable to consult with a counselor once a semester for any changes that may occur.

In addition to major requirements, students are advised to complete general education requirements. Applications for admission to the transfer universities are evaluated for completion of lower-division major and general education requirements. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (I.G.E.T.C.) is for UC and CSU transfer students. The CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements are for CSU transfer students. **Note that many independent universities accept IGETC and CSU GE-Breadth as meeting their lower division general education requirements.**

CSU Application Filing Period

*Fall = October 1 – November 30 Winter = June 1-30 Spring = August 1-31 Summer = February 1-28

UC Application Filing Period

*Fall = November 1-30 Winter = July 1-31 Spring = October 1-31

*The majority of transfer students are admitted for fall.

Recommended Web Sites

UC Pathways www.universityofcalifornia.edu

CSU Mentor www.csumentor.edu/

AICCU (Independent Universities) www.aiccu.edu/

Additional resources are available at Transfer and Career Services (AD/SS 203). Additional articulation information can be obtained through www.assist.org.

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