

JD Transfer for Foreign Lawyers Application Requirements

Applicants must hold a first degree in law at a foreign law school and be eligible to sit for a bar exam or practice law in their home country. Applicants must also hold an advanced law degree (LL.M. or equivalent) from a U.S. law school accredited by the American Bar Association, or from a non-U.S. law school with equivalent standards. Under exceptional circumstances, the J.D. Admissions Committee will consider candidates who have completed their first law degree and are licensed to practice in their home country, but do not have an LL.M.

Application Deadline: June 15

LL.M./J.D. Application Checklist

- € Transfer application – available on-line at <https://os.lisac.org/release/startup.aspx?appl=5007A3>. Include a personal statement and resume. **Important:** once you have filled out the application you can either submit it through LSAC (if you do this there will be a fee) or you can download the application on your computer and submit it as a PDF attachment in an email to esegalla@wcl.american.edu.
- € Applicants must have transcripts submitted for both their first law degree and LL.M. For foreign educated candidates this can be done through the applicant's university (if the transcript is translated into English) or World Education Services www.wes.org. WCL requires transcripts that list every course taken and the grades received in each course. The transcript must include an approximate grade point average along with certification that you have earned at least the equivalent of a U.S. baccalaureate degree. If a transcript evaluation was done during the LL.M. admissions process at WCL or at another fully accredited U.S. law school, a copy of that report can be used for the J.D. program.
- € Letter of recommendation from a law professor knowledgeable about applicant's academic achievement. Letter of recommendation can be emailed or mailed to the J.D. Admissions Office.
- € Official transcript of LL.M. academic record, if applicable.
- € Original copy of undergraduate transcript sent to WCL directly from the school that awarded the baccalaureate degree, or the equivalent.
- € TOEFL/IELTS – score report submitted to the LL.M. program will be used for J.D. admissions.
- € If your LL.M. degree is from AUWCL a J.D. counseling form signed by the LL.M. academic advisor is required.

Financial Aid

Eligible transfer students may apply for financial assistance to meet the cost of attending WCL. Information about funding and eligibility is available on the Financial Aid Office website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/finaid/eligibility.cfm> Please direct your questions to the Financial Aid Office directly at (202) 274-4040, Washington College of Law, 4300 Nebraska Ave., NW Suite C305, Washington, D.C. 20016-8187.