



MINNESOTA LAW
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Welcome to Minnesota Law! The JD Admissions Office hopes you enjoy your experience here and will consider transferring to the JD program after you complete your LL.M. degree. LL.M. to JD Transfer students receive advanced standing credits and complete the JD degree in two years. An in-depth LL.M. to JD Transfer information session will be held later in the fall semester, so this document is a preview of information that will be provided during the session. If you have specific questions about transferring to the JD program, please contact Director of Admissions Robin Ingli at ringli@umn.edu

University of Minnesota LL.M. Transfer Application Requirements

University of Minnesota LL.M. applicants seeking admission as a transfer student must apply through the JD Admissions Office. The \$60 application fee and LSAT will be waived for all University of Minnesota LL.M. students. To complete a transfer application, please submit the following documents and follow the instructions carefully. Questions may be directed to jdadmissions@umn.edu.

Please note, the Admissions Office strongly prefers LL.M. to JD transfer applicants to apply through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Only in circumstances of hardship (financial or extreme difficulty obtaining the undergraduate transcript), may students apply directly to the Admissions Office.

Submit the following items electronically.

1. Application, Personal Statement, Resume

- a. Application - this document is the **FIRST STEP** for you to initiate your LL.M. to JD transfer application. This should be done through CAS; please select the transfer application.
 - i. Hardship Applicants - please email jdadmissions@umn.edu to explain your situation and request a PDF version of our transfer application.
- b. Personal Statement
 - i. 2 pages, double-spaced which should specifically discuss your interest in the University of Minnesota Law School
- c. Resume

2. Official undergraduate transcript

- a. This should be sent to CAS from the degree granting undergraduate institution.
 - i. Hardship Applicants - after receiving approval from JD Admissions to proceed without going through CAS, please contact the LL.M. Admissions Office and have transcripts from LL.M. admission file submitted to JD Admissions.

3. One letter of recommendation from a law school instructor

- a. Recommender submits letter to CAS.
 - i. Hardship Applicants may have professor email recommendation letter to jdadmissions@umn.edu

4. LL.M. transcript

- a. Official transcript sent from One Stop to LSAC and must contain at least first semester grades.
Note: In some instances, the Admissions Office will require both fall and spring semester grades before making a final admission decision.
 - i. Hardship Applicants may have One Stop provide JD Admissions with unofficial LL.M. transcript

5. Letter of Good Standing

- a. Sent directly from MN Law Registrar to JD Admissions Office.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When should I apply to transfer to the JD program?
 - a. Any time after you receive your first semester grades and no later than July 1.

2. Is there a minimum GPA I need to achieve in the LL.M. program?
 - a. There is no minimum, however, the Admissions Committee considers a GPA of 3.2 or higher in the LL.M. program to be competitive. The GPA is just one of many factors considered by the Committee.

3. How much does the law faculty reference matter in the admission process?
 - a. Considerable weight is given to references provided by your LL.M. law professors. The Committee often connects with several of your professors and the Director of the LL.M. program to discuss your qualifications for the JD program.

4. Are scholarships available for LL.M. to JD transfer students?
 - a. Scholarship funding is extremely limited for transfer students at Minnesota Law.