



California LAW PATHWAYS

Building a diversity pipeline into the law

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CCC Student Transfer Process Basics

Transferring to a four-year school in California can be a fairly simple process. Public school systems, like the UC's and CSU's, require that a student complete their first two years at a community college, prior to transferring. Requirements for transferring to a UC campus can be found on the [University of California website](#) or on the specific UC campus' admission website. Note that the UC system requires all transfer students to complete the required UC "7 Course Pattern" prior to enrollment at UC. This is different from and in addition to the Law Pathway 7 course curriculum. Information regarding the transfer requirements for the CSU system can be found on the [CSU Website](#).

The transfer process for most California private schools is straightforward. While it includes a holistic review in which the applicant's essay, personal characteristics and accomplishments are considered, it is still a very academically-driven review. Essentially, it comes down to three main considerations:

- Has the applicant completed the recommended coursework (not required) for entry into the respective school or academic division to which they are applying?
- How has the applicant performed; Is the applicant academically competitive?
- Does the institution have any space constraints in the major or school to which the applicant is applying?

California LAW Pathways Benefits

As a Cal Law Pathways participant, be sure to highlight participation in the Law Pathway Program in either the extra-curricular section, the essay, or the "additional information" section of any submitted application. Pathway students should ensure they complete the required 7 course Pathway curriculum to receive the "Pathway Scholar" designation upon graduation. This will enhance your admission chances to a participating Pathway institution. However, admission is not guaranteed.

If seeking to transfer to an institution outside of the Pathway program, it's still advised to complete the Pathway curriculum, as these courses have been vetted and approved as an educational plan to make pre-law applicants competitive to any institution.

Lastly, connect with the designated Faculty Champions or Liaisons of the school(s) where you intend to apply. They can guide you on the admission/transfer process as a designated student Pathway Scholar.

