

University of Illinois  
College of Law



Admissions Guide  
2009-2010

*for*

J.D.  
Transfer  
LL.M.



# OVERVIEW

The University of Illinois College of Law uses a “rolling” admissions system which means that files are reviewed on a continual basis. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required documents are received by the Admissions Office before applications can be considered for review.



# J.D. and TRANSFER APPLICANTS

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE	
April 1 – July 1	Applications accepted for transfer applicants who have successfully completed first-year studies at an ABA-approved school
June	Preferred month for applicants seeking Early Decision to take test for Fall 2010 admission.
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31	Online applications for Early Decision accepted. Applications must include signed copy of the Early Decision Agreement.
Sept. 1 – March 15	Regular applications for Fall 2010 are accepted.
Nov. 15	Deadline to submit all supporting documents for Early Decision Application.
December	Applicants seeking regular admission for Fall 2010 are encouraged to take LSAT test no later than this month.
December 15	College of Law will notify Early Decision applicants of initial decision. <b>ADMIT:</b> applicant withdraws all pending applications and pays deposit to Illinois by January 15. <b>DENY:</b> no reconsideration during regular decision process. <b>DEFER:</b> application will be re-evaluated during regular review period (after December 15). If admitted through regular process, applicant is released from enrollment commitment.
January	First round of admission notifications mailed out.

# Application Requirements

## J.D. APPLICANTS

- Application (apply through [LSAC](#))
- Personal statement
- Résumé
- Transcripts
- LSAT
- Two letters of recommendation
- ~~\$75 application fee; \$85 for non U.S. citizens.~~ **WAIVED FOR 09-10**

## TRANSFER APPLICANTS

- Application (apply through [LSAC](#))
- Personal statement including reasons for requesting transfer
- Résumé
- Transcripts (mail original to law school)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Letter of good standing from previous law school (mail original to law school)
- ~~\$75 application fee; \$85 for non U.S. citizens.~~ **WAIVED FOR 09-10**

# J.D. Application Essays

## REQUIRED

Include a typed personal statement of 600 words or fewer. There is no formula for a successful personal statement, and different applicants will have different approaches and topics for their essays. At Illinois, we look beyond test scores and grades to find the applicants that are best suited for success. We encourage you to discuss significant life experiences; meaningful extracurricular activities; why you have chosen to pursue a career in the law; significant obstacles met and overcome; particular political, philosophical, or religious beliefs; prior careers; or experiences relating to disadvantage, disability, or discrimination. Any of these subjects, and countless others, could be appropriate for your personal statement and will assist the committee in selecting the best individuals to study at Illinois.

## OPTIONAL

In 200 words or fewer, discuss your specific interest in Illinois. What do you believe the University of Illinois College of Law has to offer to you, and what do you believe you can offer the College of Law?

# ADMITTED STUDENTS

	other important dates for 2010
<b>March 5</b>	First Admitted Student Open House
<b>March 15</b>	Suggested deadline by which to file <a href="#">FAFSA</a> (applicants may begin applying on January 1). Illinois' FAFSA code is 001775.
<b>April 9</b>	Second Admitted Student Open House
<b>TBA</b>	Deadline to submit first deposit.
<b>Late April – Mid May</b>	Financial aid award packages mailed out by the Office of Student Financial Aid.
<b>TBA</b>	Deadline to submit second deposit.
<b>Late May – Early August</b>	Recommended time to seek housing for upcoming year.
<b>Late July – Early August</b>	Student Orientation information sent out from Office of Student Services

# LL.M. APPLICANTS

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE	
<b>September 2, 2009 – February 15, 2010</b>	<a href="#">Online applications</a> accepted for LL.M. applicants (international students only).
<b>Late January / Early February</b>	International Graduate Committee starts reviewing files. Continues to meet approximately every 7 to 10 days. Upon admission, Verification forms are emailed by the Office of Graduate and International Studies and a deposit of \$500 is required.

# Application Requirements

## LL.M. APPLICANTS

- Application
- \$75 application fee
- Statement of Purpose
- Three letters of reference
- Résumé
- Supporting financial documentation and Declaration and Certification of Finance Form
- Copy of official TOEFL score (550 PBT; 250 CBT; 79 IBT or IELTS score of 6.5). Score must be dated within two years of term of entry.
- **Certification of completion of law program**—international students for graduate study must submit official or attested copies of academic credentials from all universities and colleges attended, in a sealed envelope, with a certification stamp across the seal. Academic credentials include mark sheets, certificates, transcripts and examination results and must include all course work, grades and degree information. For each college or university attended, provide a credential in the original language and an attested English translation.

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