

7.11 Distance-Education Credit.

(A) A law school may grant up to twelve distance-education semester credit units or the equivalent in quarter credit units toward its J.D. degree and other professional law degree programs. ~~A law school must not grant a student more than four distance-education semester credit units or the equivalent in quarter credit units in any academic term, and no student in a J.D. degree program may enroll in a distance-education course until the student has completed the first academic year of law study.~~

(B) For purposes of this guideline, “distance-education” is defined as a course in which more than one-third of the instruction is provided by means of:

- (1) Technological transmission, whether by the Internet, open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, satellite, or otherwise;
- (2) Audio or computer conferencing;
- (3) Audio or video cassettes, discs, or other electronic media; or
- (4) Correspondence.

(C) To be eligible to receive distance-education credits, a student must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing. An auditor or visitor may participate in distance-education courses, subject to the requirements of Guideline 7.12.

(D) A law school’s acceptance of distance-education credit as transfer credit is subject to the requirements of guidelines 5.7 and 5.8.

(E) A law school may award credit for a distance-education course if:

- (1) The academic content, the method of course delivery, and the method of evaluating student performance are evaluated and approved as part of the law school’s regular curriculum approval process;
- (2) A structured format for interaction with the instructor and other students is available during the course; and
- (3) A method for monitoring and recording student participation, effort, and accomplishment is integrated into the course methodology.

(F) A law school’s approval of credit for a distance-education course must include a specific explanation of how the course credit was determined. Credit awarded must meet the requirement of fifteen contact hours of instruction for each semester credit granted or the equivalent in quarter units.

(G) Distance-education courses must be graded on the same basis as classroom-based courses.