

## TRANSFER OF CREDIT

### **Exchange and Study Abroad Programs**

STCL Houston cosponsors several full-semester and summer study abroad programs. All classes in the summer program are taught in English, have an international or comparative law focus, and count toward the JD degree. Based on the program chosen, the grading will reflect STCL Houston's grading system or reflect a co-sponsoring school's scale that may not include pluses and minuses. Students must meet the visiting student requirements to be eligible for participation in study-abroad courses. Credits earned in any summer study abroad program can amount to no more than one hour credit in excess of the total number of weeks of study. For more information about study abroad programs, visit the Office of Student Organizations and Foreign Programs or the [Study Abroad page](#).

### ***Consortium for Innovative Legal Education***

South Texas College of Law Houston is a member of the Consortium for Innovative Legal Education (CILE), an organization made up of four independent ABA-accredited and AALS-member law schools. The other three participating law schools are California Western School of Law, New England Law Boston, and Mitchell Hamline School of Law. CILE offers shared study abroad experiences and courses that are fully transferrable among the member schools, giving students access to a broader range of course offerings. For more information about CILE, visit [www.cile.edu](http://www.cile.edu).

### **Visiting Other ABA-Approved Law Schools**

STCL Houston students can receive up to 30 hours of credit toward completion of their degree by taking non-required courses as a visiting student at another ABA-approved law school. To do so, students must obtain advance written approval from the Registrar by submitting a Letter of Good Standing Request form, course descriptions for all courses requested for transfer, and a program brochure for any non-cosponsored study abroad program. A letter of standing will be sent to the other law school only if the following criteria are met:

- Complete no fewer than 30 semester credit hours at STCL Houston
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.800 or higher and not be on Academic Supervision
- Pay all outstanding balances due to STCL Houston

Credit will be transferred to STCL Houston only if the following criteria are met:

- The course received prior approval from the Registrar
- The grade for the course is no lower than the minimum grade average required for graduation at the school attended (*i.e.*, a grade of C or better is generally required in each and every course)
- Courses requested for transfer from other Houston law schools are not offered at STCL Houston

Credit for external placements will not be granted except in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Associate Dean having responsibility for clinical programs.