

TIPS FOR INTER-SCHOOL TRANSFER

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For the video recording of the 'Session on School Transfer' conducted on 21/11/2024, please [click here](#).

This handout is applicable in this academic year (2024-2025) and students are highly encouraged to meet with academic advisors in their current school and those in their school of interest for a clearer understanding about the transfer process.

Students should complement this handout with the [Student Support Directory](#) and other [tip sheets](#) on the [Advising Website](#), where all the supports available at LUMS are listed.

SECTION 1: HOW SHOULD I PLAN MY SCHOOL TRANSFER?

A. CONSIDER YOUR ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS

Self-reflection is very important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider why your current major/school is not meeting your goals and what you need. Use self-assessment tools, research relevant pathways, shortlist potential careers. Take courses in the major you are interested in transferring to and in related fields. Explore courses in your current major (there may be sub-fields suitable for you).
Talk to academic advisors in your current school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide you through the process of what a transfer would require. Help you explore why you feel this school does not match your academic/career goals. Connect you with relevant people in your school of interest.
Talk to academic advisors in your school of interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help you evaluate your fit in their school and connect you with relevant faculty/students to facilitate your field exploration. Check whether you meet eligibility requirements, assess your probability of acceptance, potential course planning (to figure out whether you can manage the transfer), etc.
Talk to faculty in your major of interest and those in related fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss your interest in the field, career aspirations, academic background, skill-set, and consequent potential pathways. Inquire about alternate ways of entering a career in your field of interest if you are unable to secure a transfer.
Talk to professionals in field/careers of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss your suitability for the career path. Inquire about possible alternative ways of entering a career in your field of interest if you are unable to secure a transfer. To find relevant professionals, you can use applications like LinkedIn, or you can reach out to CSO.
Talk to students in major/s of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about the kind of work involved in courses in this major, the skill-set needed, etc.

B. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN

It is highly recommended that you make this back-up plan with academic advisors from your current school.

- The chances of a transfer happening vary by school, and in most cases the application process is very competitive. You should always plan a back-up in case your transfer does not happen.
- Find out ways in which you can meet the transfer requirements (be eligible to apply), while also meeting your current school requirements (in case your transfer does not occur).
- Explore avenues for meeting your career/academic goals in case you do not get the transfer (minors, directed coursework, certifications, online courses, graduate study, work experience, extra-curriculars, etc.).
- Find ways of making the most out of your current school, in case the transfer doesn't happen, to minimise dissatisfaction.

C. SOME TIPS FROM ACADEMIC ADVISORS

- If you are scoring C and below grades in current school but Bs and above in the courses of school of interest, then transfer may be good.
- Consider whether you are okay with the possibility of graduating late (career impact, financial cost, etc.) -- some students have transferred and have tried to take 20 CHS to graduate timely. That puts pressure on students and sometimes drops their CGPA.
 - You must also plan properly, so you can complete the cores of your current school. Otherwise, if you do not get a transfer and you have not kept up with your current school's coursework, then you may graduate late.
- Think closely about your major of interest -- changing majors again after transfer can be difficult.
- If a transfer seems problematic due to eligibility requirements, late graduation, etc., then make sure to consider other pathways.
- In some cases, a transfer to the desired major does boost the learning or academic potential of students (better CGPA, etc.).
- Remember that some schools have different types of courses than you may not be used to (e.g. SBASSE courses have long lab hours), so prior exposure to the types of courses offered in your school of interest can be important.

D. RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

Some notes:

- Inter-School transfer application **deadline is mid-June and the process is expected to be completed by Mid-July** (you can apply earlier than this too). Students are highly discouraged to apply during the semester.
- As per university policy, there is a formal window at the end of every academic year where students can declare their major or also apply for Major Change and Inter School Transfer.
- RO accepts major/school change requests from all over the university. However, the decision regarding acceptance in the major/program is based on the availability of space, student's CGPA and the fulfilment of requirements set by the respective [School/Department](#).
- You can apply at the end of your first-year (except for the case of transfers to SAHSOL, where only sophomore applications are accepted).
- For most cases, junior/senior/super-senior applications are not accepted for inter-school transfer (you should consult with your academic advisors in your current school and those in your school of interest to find out whether applications for inter-school transfer are accepted for such cases). However, changes in major within your current school may be possible.

A recommended timeline is outlined below:

Timeline	Key Action
In your first semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider your academic and career goals • Once you realise that there is a mismatch between your goals and your current school/major, start the planning process with academic advisors immediately. For most cases, transfer applications open at the end of first year (and in some cases, at the end of Sophomore year).
Before enrolment in Fall or Spring Semester of the year you plan to apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start planning a transfer with academic advisors in your current school (meeting before enrolments is ideal because they can guide you towards optimal course planning). • Start back-up planning. • Take required courses (for transfer eligibility and for back-up).
At least 4 months before submitting application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start designing your course plan for the transfer application. • Review whether you meet eligibility requirements of your school of interest.
At least 2 months before submitting application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review transfer applications with academic advisors and aim to submit once agreed with advisors. • Ensure all required documentation has been processed.
In July, after application submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the decision made by RO about transfer (applications are usually processed by mid-June -- if you haven't received your result by end-June, reach out to RO to find out application status). • Plan the next steps.

E. WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU APPLY FOR A TRANSFER?

If your transfer application is accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with advisors in your new school to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Review graduation requirements and make a graduation plan ◦ Get assigned to relevant advisors. ◦ Get connected with faculty to develop relations. ◦ Get familiar with optional curricular opportunities (directed coursework, etc.) to facilitate course planning.
If your transfer application is rejected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall back on back-up plan (connect with advising staff in your current school)

SECTION 2: WHAT SHOULD I KNOW WHEN APPLYING FOR A TRANSFER?

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Disclaimer: This information was last updated in the academic year 2021-2022 and may have information which might be outdated.

Note: Merely meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a transfer.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

Note: Please check out the presentation of the 'Session on School Transfer' conducted on November, 2024 [here](#)

Policies and Requirements

For general eligibility requirements and policies regarding the general transfer application process, please refer to the [undergraduate student handbook](#) relevant for your academic year.

To look for your relevant student handbook: Under Documents To Download look for the Student Handbooks and Policies folder which should have the current and previous years' undergraduate student handbooks.

Note: Applications for the transfer happen via Zoom. If you have any queries about the process of applying, you should [email RO](#).

FAQs	<p>Q. Why has the transfer process been made so rigorous in comparison to the previous years? <i>This is simply due to the concept of demand and supply. The number of applications has far exceeded the number of available seats.</i></p> <p>Q. Does the process of switching schools start after the summer semester? <i>No. RO opens the applications towards the end of Spring semester (First week of June).</i></p> <p>Q. My GPA is low because I didn't perform well in my existing major (which is my reason for transferring), so how can I meet the eligibility requirements? <i>Transfers can be competitive. Where GPA requirements are stated, there is no way of getting a transfer without meeting them.</i></p> <p>Q. Can students take courses in the summer, to become eligible for transfer (i.e. to meet transfer eligibility requirements)? <i>If a first-year student finishes a core course in the summer, they will be eligible to apply for transfer in sophomore year only (i.e. for the applications that open for first years, summer does not count).</i></p> <p>Q. Can we apply to multiple school transfers at the same time?. e.g: can I apply for transfer to SSE AND SDSB at the same time? <i>Yes, students can apply for multiple School transfers at the same time. However, it depends upon the number of preferences offered by respective schools. For e.g. an HSS student applies online for SSE school transfer and submits two preferences (BIO and EE). At the same time, the student can also submit two preferences for SDSB transfer (MGS or ACF).</i></p>
Who to contact for follow-up questions..	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Email: helpdeskro@lums.edu.pk

FOR TRANSFERRING INTO MGSHSS

Departments within MGSHSS:

- The Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Department consists of Anthropology/Sociology, English, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Comparative Literature and Creative Arts (CLCA) majors.
- The Economics Department consists of Economics, Economics and Mathematics, Politics and Economics, as well as Economics, Data, and Computer Science majors.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply for a transfer (regardless of department), students must:

- Complete the first-year core curriculum buckets (Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, STEM). The courses that count towards the buckets can be found in the [MGSHSS Core Curriculum Catalogue](#).

Potential transfers must also fulfil the following major declaration requirements for the major they are interested in transferring into:

- **Anthropology/Sociology, English, CLCA, History, Political Science:** At least one course from the intended major with a B grade.
- **Psychology:** Complete PSY 100 with a minimum B grade.
- **Economics:** At least one Economics course with a minimum B grade.
- **Economics and Mathematics:** Minimum 3.3 CGPA, at least B grade in MATH 101, MATH 120, and one Economics course
- **Economics, Data, and Computer Science:** CS 100\CS 1001 Computational Problem Solving\Computational Problem Solving with Python, ECON 111, ECON 121, with a CGPA of 3.3 across the three courses.
- **Politics and Economics:** At least one Economics and one Political Science course with a B grade.

Probability of Transfer (HSS Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum number of students accepted into the Psychology major are 30. If all 30 seats are filled by MGSHSS students, there will be no space for transfer applicants, therefore chances of seat availability are very low. If there are seats available, then all those students who have applied are sorted CGPA wise. • Remaining majors within the HSS department typically have enough seats available to accommodate transfers. <i>In 2024: 6 students applied for a transfer and 5 got accepted. Anthropology/Sociology accepted 2 students, History accepted 1, English accepted 1, and Political Science accepted 1.</i> <i>In 2025: 6 students applied for a transfer and 4 got accepted. Anthropology/Sociology accepted 2, Political Science accepted 1, and CLCA accepted 1.</i> • To increase your chances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Take as many courses from your intended major as you can. ◦ Aim for a grade greater than B in these courses. ◦ Ensure you perform well in reading/writing intensive courses. ◦ Although there are no set CGPA cut-offs, the higher the CGPA, the better your chances. • In case the transfer application to the HSS department is rejected, students can improve their application/complete missing requirements and apply again in Sophomore year (except for Psychology major). <p><i>Note: Transfers are not guaranteed even if you complete the buckets and are subject to availability of seats, CGPA, grades in courses related to your major, as well as your application/interview.</i></p>
Probability of Transfer (ECON Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer into the Economics department is subject to availability of seats. If there are seats available, then all those students who have applied are sorted CGPA wise. • The maximum number of students accepted into Economics and Mathematics as well as Economics, Data, and Computer Science majors are 30 students each. Therefore, if 30 MGSHSS students fill up all the seats in the majors, then the department cannot offer any space to transfer applicants. <i>In the last few years, the Economics department has had 0 transfers due to unavailability of seats.</i> <i>In 2025: 1 student was accepted for Economics and Maths; 0 were accepted for Economics and Pol-Econ.</i> • To increase your chances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Aim for a grade greater than B in courses related to your major. ◦ Ensure a high CGPA, at least above 3.0 for Economics/Politics and Economics (there is no cut-off). ◦ Complete the specific courses and CGPA requirements for your intended major. <p><i>Note: Transfers are not guaranteed even if you complete the buckets/major declaration requirements and are subject to availability of seats, CGPA, and grades in courses related to your major.</i></p>

<p>FAQs</p>	<p>Q. Are there any credit hour requirements for transferring into MGSHSS? <i>No, there are no minimum credit hour requirements for transferring into the school.</i></p> <p>Q. I want to transfer to the Econ/Math major in MGSHSS -- do I need to meet the bucket requirements or the major requirements? <i>To get into the MGSHSS school, you need to complete the first- year bucket requirements, regardless of the major you are applying for. For Econ major, Econ-Math, or Econ, Data, and Computer Science: you must also complete the major declaration requirements. Please refer to the Student Handbook for the major declaration details!</i></p> <p>Q. Will courses taken in the summer semester make me eligible for transfer after the first year? <i>The summer CGPA would not be considered as major declaration occurs at the end of Spring Semester, before Summer semester may begin.</i></p> <p>Q. If I transfer to the HSS Department, can I move to the ECON department next year? <i>No, you cannot change your department once you are admitted into the school.</i></p> <p>Q. I am from SSE and I want to transfer to MGSHSS -- how many courses am I required to take? <i>MGSHSS first year Core Curriculum should be complete. If you are from SSE, your STEM bucket should already be completed so you should focus on the remaining 2 buckets (Arts/Humanities and Social/Behavioral). Gurmani school will not force-enrol you into these courses because they should be open for you via normal enrolment (it is not the responsibility of your school of interest to facilitate your entry into certain courses for the sake of your transfer -- the responsibility is always on the student). You may need to drop the pre-registered courses of SSE, excluding University cores, and enrol in the desired courses of MGSHSS as per the eligibility criteria and seats in Phase II of enrollment or in the Add/Drop period. In case of difficulty, contact SSE advisors to request the dropping of some force-enrolled courses so you have room to take up MGSHSS courses.</i></p> <p>Q. I want to transfer from SDSB to MGSHSS -- for this I have to take ACF/MGMT courses. Can the MGSHSS bucket requirements be adjusted so that I have room to take SDSB courses? <i>No. You will need to complete MGSHSS first year buckets. Students should meet with their own school's advising unit and MGSHSS academic advisors to discuss what options they have.</i></p> <p>Q. Do I need to complete the first-year MGSHSS core curriculum if I plan to transfer into MGSHSS after my sophomore year (i.e. applying for transfer in sophomore year)? <i>Yes! The bucket completion requirement applies for all school transfers into MGSHSS.</i></p> <p>Q. Will it be manageable to complete all Economics cores in Junior and Senior year? If we can not enrol in Economics courses before a transfer? <i>Yes, Gurmani school majors have 52 CHs in total. If you plan properly, it is manageable.</i></p>
<p>Who to contact for follow-up questions..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Email: undergradadvising.mgshss@lums.edu.pk

FOR TRANSFERRING INTO SDSB

Eligibility Requirements

Note: Please refer to the [undergraduate student handbook](#) for eligibility requirements.

- **Direct Transfer:**
 - Transfer applicants that have a CGPA greater than or equal to 3.5 by the end of First/Sophomore year.
- **Conditional Transfer:**
 - Transfer applicants that have a CGPA greater than or equal to 3 but less than 3.5.
 - Students must have taken at least three ACF/MGS courses by the end of First/Sophomore year.
 - GCPA weightage must be greater than or equal to 3.3.

Note: Weightage formula involves giving 50% weightage to CGPA of all ACF/MGS courses and 50% weightage to CGPA of courses taken at other schools.

Probability of Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are very limited seats available (especially in recent years), due to higher intake of SDSB students. <i>Note: In 2019-20: Out of 12 student applications, only 2 students were accepted.</i> Suggested courses to take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCT 100, MGMT 142: Open for enrollment to all years in phase 2 and add/drop. ORSC 201, MKTG 201: Open for enrollment to all years except freshmen in phase 2 and add/drop. To increase your chances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the CGPA forms the most important aspect of the consideration, the committee also considers such variables as the nature of the courses taken by the student and the grades in courses that involve skills relevant to ACF/MGS courses, such as numerical ability, critical thinking, writing and communication skills. Even in the case of those who do have a CGPA greater than 3.5, it would be useful to consider planning to take courses such as ACCT 100 or MGMT 142 in the Spring since they are part of the core requirements of ACF/MGS and might signal to the committee serious interest on the part of the student to choose ACF/MGS as a major.
FAQs	<p>Q. How do I know if SDSB is a good school option for me? <i>The best reason for a transfer would be one where the student feels that they have a genuine interest in the subject along with the necessary skills and qualities that would allow them to thrive in that area. While these are difficult to generalise, in the case of ACF/MGS majors it might be said that they are detail oriented, conscientious, organised, competitive, sufficiently comfortable dealing with numbers or data etc. to name some qualities. Students may want to avoid pursuing a transfer to ACF/MGS if they feel they are not comfortable with numbers, prefer creativity and openness in intellectual pursuits as opposed to structure, organisation, and data driven decision making etc. Transfer applications that are made for the wrong reasons include those done out of parental pressure, the desire to transfer to SDSB merely because of 'prestige', lack of an intrinsic motivation or desire to pursue ACF/MGS courses, decisions based on wrong information acquired from peers, seniors, friends etc. or even made completely autonomously without consulting respective advisors or faculty.</i></p> <p>Q. I took an SDSB core but I opted for the Pass/Fail Policy and 'Passed' the course. Am I still eligible for the transfer? <i>Apart from the eligibility requirements outlined in the Student Handbook, the actual decision of who gets transferred is up to a committee and so specific details about scenarios can not be shared.</i></p> <p>Q. I want to transfer to SDSB but I can't seem to get SDSB courses, what can I do? <i>Usually it is easier to get SDSB courses in the Spring because SDSB students take their core courses in the Fall (e.g. Principles of Financial Accounting, etc.) and thus fill up the seats. So you may have better chances of getting courses in Spring. Additionally, you can also email academic advisors about the possibility of you getting force-enrolled into courses (but the chances of this happening are very limited).</i></p> <p>Q. If we apply to SDSB, will we have to select our major when applying? Can we change this major later on? <i>If you get a transfer, you will be transferred into the major as per your transfer application. If you want to change your major, you can reapply next year for the 'Major Reconsideration', but it is not confirmed that you will be allowed to change your major.</i></p> <p>Q. Can I apply for a transfer at the end of Sophomore year? <i>Students can apply for a transfer at the end of Sophomore year as applications will open in April.</i></p> <p>Q. If we apply to SDSB, will we have to select our major when applying? Can we change this major later on? <i>If you get a transfer, you will be transferred into the major as per your transfer application. If you want to change your major later, you can reapply next year for the 'Major Reconsideration', but it is not confirmed that you will be allowed to change your major.</i></p> <p>Q. I'm interested in transferring into the ACF program, and I have an option of taking 3 SDSB courses. In this case, what other course can I take besides ACCT 100 and MGMT 142? <i>In this situation, students have the option of taking whichever relevant SDSB 100/200 level course is open in Phase 2.</i></p>
Who to contact for follow-up questions..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Email: undergradadvising.sdsb@lums.edu.pk
FOR TRANSFERRING INTO SBASSE	
<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>	

Note: For SBASSE, inter-school transfer requirements are the same as the major-declaration requirements (because you will transfer into a major). Please refer to the [undergraduate student handbook](#) for eligibility requirements.

- Potential Transfers must fulfil the following general requirements:
 - Complete at least 27 credits by the end of First year.
 - Complete at least 57 credits by the end of Sophomore year.
- Potential Transfers must also fulfil the following requirements for the major they are interested in transferring into:
 - **Biology:** CGPA of 2.00 or better in Biology and Chemistry courses (BIO 101 and CHEM 101).
 - **Chemistry:** CGPA of 2.00 or better in all subjects and a minimum C grade in Chemistry course.
 - **Computer Science:** CGPA of 3.3 in MATH 101/H, MATH 120/H & CS 100.
 - End of Sophomore year application for inter-school transfer into CS major: CGPA of 3.3 in CS-100, CS 200, CS 202, MATH 101/H and MATH 120/H.
 - **Economics & Mathematics:** CGPA of 2.00 or better or a minimum B grade in MATH 101/H and MATH 120/H.
 - **Mathematics:** CGPA of 2.00 or better or an average B or better in MATH 101/H and MATH 120/H.
 - **Physics:** CGPA of 2.00 or better in the following subjects: MATH 101, MATH 120, PHY 101 and PHY 104.
 - **Chemical Engineering:** CGPA of 2.00 or better in the following subjects: CHEM 101, MATH 101/H, MATH 120/H and CS 100.
 - **Electrical Engineering:** CGPA of 2.00 or better in the following subjects: MATH 101/H, MATH 120/H, PHY 101, PHY 104 and CS 100.

Probability of Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee evaluates the grades in science courses, CGPA, and the reason to transfer. Students need to demonstrate they are interested in the major they want to transfer into. ● Usually most or all students that apply get accepted, but it is important to not assume that you will get in (have a back-up). ● In 2020-2021: 36 students applied and 24 got accepted <i>Note: Rejections were primarily based on students not being able to meet the eligibility requirements.</i> ● Seats for Computer Science are very limited. For next year, only 5 seats will be offered to transfer students. ● To increase your chances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students should meet with SSE academic advisors and discuss the academic structure of the science school, the kind of commitment that is expected from science majors, and figure out whether the professional demands of the program align with their personality and interests.
FAQs	<p>Q. Do I need A-level Sciences to transfer into SBASSE or are there any other secondary school requirements to enter into SSE? <i>Students are required to have taken Math, Physics, and Chemistry classes in their A-levels/FSC.</i></p> <p>Q. In SBASSE, we are force-enrolled into certain courses -- since we don't have the option of taking up other courses, how can we meet the transfer eligibility requirements? <i>SSE force-enrols students in their first year because SSE majors must complete the greatest number of credit hours to graduate on time, but they leave the students with the option of taking one elective of two credit hours in their freshmen year. If you are very sure about transferring out or about exploring other courses, the academic advisors at SSE can help you get a course dropped but enrolment (or force-enrolment) in any course from other schools is never guaranteed. They can request other schools to force-enrol you but it always depends on the availability of seats in the school of the course of interest.</i></p> <p>Q. If I apply for a transfer in Sophomore year, will I have different course requirements? <i>If students are applying at the end of Sophomore year then in addition to fulfilling the above requirements, they would have additional coursework requirements. For example, for the computer Science major, Sophomore transfer applicants are also required to have taken a CS-200 level course.</i></p> <p>Q. I am applying for transfer in my sophomore year and I want to transfer into SSE -- I have the labs and a few cores left to complete. Will I be able to manage completing all SBASSE course requirements to graduate in 2 years? <i>You will need to write-up a course plan for how you plan to meet school/major requirements to graduate. If you feel that you can't meet these requirements in 2 years, you should meet with your advisors to discuss possible pathways, which could include the potential postponement of graduation. Whoever transfers into SSE will need to complete all labs (CS, EE, Chemistry, Biology and Physics). If you are applying for the EE or Chemical Engineering major, then along with this you will also need to have taken pre-engineering courses in your A-levels/FCs (Chemistry, Physics, and Math).</i></p> <p>Q. Will courses taken in the summer semester make me eligible for transfer into SBASSE after the first year?</p>

	<p>Summer semester courses and CGPA are not considered as only the courses taken till the end of First Year Spring semester are considered. For sophomore students, the summer CGPA and credit hours of freshman year will be considered as long as they have completed 57 credit hours by the end of their sophomore year.</p> <p>Q. How many major preferences do we get while applying to SBASSE? Major preferences vary from each department so they should contact and talk with SBASSE advisors to plan out their transfer preferences. For transfer applications of the year 2022, the students will be able to mention 2 preferences.</p> <p>Q. If I don't get labs for some reason (e.g. enrolment issues, etc.), then what can I do? If you transfer into SSE and you have remaining lab requirements, SSE tries to accommodate you by allowing you to take up labs post-transfer. You should reach out to SSE academic advisors and they will facilitate this. It is important to note that degree delays usually don't happen due to lab/cores not completed.</p> <p>Q. If I am unable to take one or more of SSE's cores, can I still transfer in? Cores are accessible/available once you enter into SSE (because they become a requirement once you become a part of SSE).</p> <p>Q. I have more than 27 credit hours at the end of my freshman year. Will it have any effect on my application and chances of getting into SSE? No, it will have no effect on your transfer application and chances.</p>
Who to contact for follow-up questions..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Email: undergradadvising.sbasse@lums.edu.pk • Other contacts of academic advisors:

FOR TRANSFERRING INTO SAHSOL

Eligibility Requirements

Note: Please refer to the [undergraduate student handbook](#) for eligibility requirements.

Transfer to SAHSOL is contingent on the following:

- Must have achieved rising junior/junior status at the time of application
 - Students who get accepted for transfer, join SAHSOL as juniors in their first year of LLB since Law is a 5-year program; BA phase of law program requires completion of 66 credit hours.
- University Core courses (8-9 credit hours)
 - SS 100 Writing and Communication, SS 101 Islamic Studies, SS 102 Pakistan Studies, LUMS 100 (if applicable)
- Pre-law courses (11-12 credit hours) (at least 2 out of 3 courses):
 - Law 101 – Introduction to Legal Reasoning offered in spring)
 - Law 102 – Introduction to Pakistani Legal System (offered in fall)
 - Law 210 – Concept of Law (offered in spring)
- In-group requirements (16 credit hours):
 - Completion of 4 In-Group courses (any course from HSS or Econ)
- Out-group requirements (9 credit hours):
 - Completion of 3 Out-Group courses (any course from SDSB, SSE (except pre-calculus), or SOE)
- Free Elective requirements (20-21 credit hours)
 - Completion of any number of courses that equal to 20-21 credit hours (NOTE: SS 100A Intro to Writing, MATHS 100 Pre-calculus, any LANG, GSL, or SWR courses count as free electives by default)

Probability of Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers are contingent upon completing BA phase requirements. availability of seats which varies each year. The number of seats is determined considering different factors such as the batch size. • For the past 3 years, SAHSOL has received more applications than the available seats. However, only 4 or 5 have been able to make it in due to limitations in available seats and incomplete eligibility requirements. Note: In 2020, there was only one seat available for transfer while in 2021, only 5 transfer applications were accepted. • To increase your chances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Transfers are usually merit-based. Students who did not get in typically did not perform well in their own major courses, did not do well in their In/Out-Group courses, and ultimately had a low CGPA. Students should aim for a CGPA of 3.2 or above to increase their chances of getting in.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students should perform well in their reading and writing intensive courses as law is a field that requires students to utilise and enhance these skills. ○ Students are also required to write a personal statement outlining reasons why they wish to pursue law. This helps to gauge the level of interest that a student has for law. ○ Students need to be motivated and genuinely interested in the field of law. In the past, students who viewed the law programme as a back-up plan had fewer chances of getting in. ● To decide whether a transfer is a good option for you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students should talk to their school advisors and discuss why they want to transfer to law. ○ Students should also talk to a SAHSOL advisor about the law program structure and expectations and plan or track their progress regarding eligibility requirements.
FAQs	<p>Q. Why are SAHSOL seats so limited? <i>Class and batch sizes have to be maintained according to available facilities and resources. Every year fewer seats are available because of a higher number of initial enrollments.</i></p> <p>Q. Chances of transferring into SAHSOL are very limited -- do you take into account if people transfer out of your school? <i>Yes, if students transfer out or if students drop out, then more seats will open up. Regardless, a back-up plan is highly recommended.</i></p> <p>Q. Will courses taken in the summer semester make me eligible for transfer after the first year? <i>SAHSOL does take pre-law courses and In/Out-Group courses taken in the summer semester into consideration. Transfer applications are submitted and reviewed in the spring semester of students' sophomore year.</i></p> <p>Q. I want to take pre-law courses (ILR/PLS/CoL). However, I have heard it is difficult to enroll in. Is there any way I can be accommodated for meeting this requirement? <i>Priority is always given to law students first, but SAHSOL does open up seats to non-law students during Enrollment phase 2. Students are highly recommended to enrol themselves in these courses first and then contact SAHSOL advisors to plan the courses they need to fulfil eligibility requirements.</i></p> <p>Q. I heard that PLS and ILR are anti-reqs, is that true? If so, how can I take the pre-law courses? <i>These courses are NOT anti-reqs for law students. It is recommended that students from other schools (who are NOT planning to transfer) only take one introductory Law course (Law 101 ILR or Law 102 PLS). This policy has been introduced for the benefit of the entire student body, so that more non-law students have access to introductory Law courses (e.g. for out-group requirements, etc.). Students who want to transfer should contact SAHSOL advisors to discuss how they can complete course requirements.</i></p> <p>Q. Can I take Law 210 without taking the other 2 courses? <i>Law 101 and Law 102 are considered prerequisites for Law 210. However, given the fact transfer applications open in spring, students should talk with SAHSOL academic advisors and see if they can be enrolled in Law 210 simultaneously with Law 101 since both courses are usually offered in the spring semester.</i></p> <p>Q. Can I transfer into the Law program at the end of my first year? <i>No. First year applications are not accepted as students need that time to catch up with the BA part of their LLB program.</i></p>
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