USA Transcript Evaluation Agencies

In order to evaluate all applicants on a uniform basis, we require all international applicants to have their international transcripts/grade reports evaluated by an independent company. These evaluation companies translate the information into English as well as provide us with your US grade equivalency. If possible, always request a “course by course” report which lists each individual university course and the grade received.

The John Marshall Law School requires the use of one of the following agencies:

- **Educational Perspectives**
  - P.O. Box 618056
  - Chicago, IL 60681-8056
  - Phone: 312.421.9300
  - Fax: 312.421.9353
  - www.edperspective.org

- **World Education Services, Inc. (WES)**
  - P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station
  - New York, NY 10113-0745
  - Phone: 212.966.6311
  - Fax: 212.739.6100
  - www.wes.org

- **Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)**
  - P.O. Box 514070
  - Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
  - Phone: 414.289.3400
  - Fax: 414.289.3411
  - www.ece.org

- **One Earth**
  - 1360 Regent Street No. 122
  - Madison, WI 53715
  - Phone: 608.205.8189
  - Fax: 608.255.4194
  - www.oneearthvaluations.org

TOEFL Requirements

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) official test scores are required for all international applicants. This requirement may be waived if a student has earned a law degree in a country where English is the official language or has earned a degree from an accredited US college/university. The TOEFL code for The John Marshall Law School is 1344. The law school accepts TOEFL scores for up to two (2) years after the test administration. Original scores must be sent directly from Educational Testing Services to the Graduate Admission and International Education Services Office at The John Marshall Law School in order for the scores to be valid. An application will not be complete and ready for review until the law school receives the official score report.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also accepted by The John Marshall Law School.

To be admitted into a degree program, international applicants must have a high level of English proficiency, as demonstrated by a sufficient TOEFL or IELTS score.

For more information on test taking locations, please contact one of the following agencies:

- **Educational Testing Services – TOEFL Services**
  - P.O. Box 6151
  - Princeton, NJ 08541-6151
  - USA
  - Phone: 877.863.3546 – (US and Canada)
  - Phone: 877.863.3546
  - www.ets.org/toefl

- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**
  - 825 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 112
  - Los Angeles, CA 90041-1741
  - USA
  - Phone: 323.255.2771
  - www.ielts.org

Visa Comparisons

Visa information is NOT applicable to those students taking online classes only.

F–1 Status (FORM I–20)

**Study**

Student must be admitted to a program of study leading to a specific educational objective.

Student must be proficient in English.

Student must show sufficient evidence of financial support.

The John Marshall Law School requires all international individuals to provide proof of health insurance.

**Employment**

On-campus employment is permitted without special authorization (limited to 20 hours per week while school is in session).

Off-campus employment may be authorized by the International Office during the degree program. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

Off-campus employment may be authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service during the degree program. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

Off-campus employment after graduation is permitted (up to 12 months) with authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

**Dependents**

- F–2 dependents are not permitted to work.
- F–2 dependent spouses may not attend school full time. Part-time study must be recreational or vocational in nature.
- F–2 dependent children may attend grades K–12 full time.

The above is a snapshot of both the F and J statuses.

J–1 Status (FORM DS–2019)

**Study**

Student must be admitted to a program of study leading to a specific educational objective.

Student must be proficient in English.

Student must show sufficient evidence of financial support.

Student must either be a part of an established exchange program OR have a significant amount of funding come from an institutional source (e.g., government agency, university funding, or employer-based funding). Loans of any kind constitute personal funds and do not qualify as institutional support or university funding.

Student must have a minimum $50,000 worth of health insurance coverage for self and all dependents.

**Employment**

On-campus employment is permitted with prior authorization from the International Office (limited to 20 hours per week while school is in session).

Off-campus employment, either before and after graduation, may be authorized by the International Office for up to 18 months or for the length of your program, whichever is shorter.

Individuals in J status may be subject to 212(e), the two-year-home-residency requirement. If subject, an individual would be required to spend two (2) years in his/her home country before becoming eligible to return to the US in H–1B, L, K, or Permanent Residency status. For more information see: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1296.html.

**Dependents**

- J–2 dependents may apply for work authorization after they arrive in the US. Authorization involves as an application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. Approval can take up to three (3) months.
- J–2 dependents may attend school full or part time without special authorization.