

# LAW: U.S. LEGAL PRACTICE SKILLS, LLM

for the Master of Laws, U.S. Legal Practice Skills Concentration

The Illinois LL.M. is designed to prepare students with or without any prior legal training to excel in their professional careers. Foreign-educated students in the LL.M. program are introduced to the U.S. legal system and provided the opportunity to specialize in their own area of academic or professional interest. U.S.-trained lawyers can also enhance their legal expertise to meet their professional and career goals in the LL.M. program.

## Admission

The Graduate College admission requirements (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>) and English language proficiency requirements (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c/>) apply. In addition for the LL.M. program, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement is 80 internet-based. Students are not required to take the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students are admitted on an individual basis according to a review of their prior accomplishments with an emphasis on academic achievement. Admission is generally made for the fall semester only.

## Financial Aid

Applicants to the College of Law graduate programs are welcome to apply for scholarship assistance. Scholarships typically are awarded to applicants with a combination of excellent academic and professional credentials and proven financial need. Awards usually provide part of tuition and do not cover living expenses. There are always more qualified applicants than there are funds available. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to explore alternative sources of funding.

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This concentration requires students to complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in topics integral to U.S. Legal Practice Skills in a third semester. The 12 credit hours for the concentration may not count towards the LL.M. degree or other concentration credit hours and must be completed in addition to the LL.M. or other concentration credit hours.

This concentration will be open to students in the LL.M. degree program at the College of Law. Students are expected to be in good standing and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for the concentration. This concentration is only available as a third-semester concentration. Interested students must apply by the listed deadline at the start of the second semester of the LL.M. degree.

For additional details and requirements refer to the College of Law's graduate degree requirements (<https://law.illinois.edu/academics/degree-programs/llm-program/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

## Master of Laws Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 500	LLM Legal Writing and Research	2
LAW 501	Professional Responsibility	3 or 4

Electives selected from any College of Law course in consultation with the advisor. 26-27

**Total Hours** 32

## Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level (or higher) Hours Required Overall:	12
A concentration is not required.	
One academic year in residence	
Minimum GPA:	2.75

## U.S. Legal Practice Skills Concentration Requirements

The 12 credit hours for this concentration may not count towards the LL.M. degree or other concentration credit hours and must be completed in addition to the credit hours required for the LL.M. or any other concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 692	Field Placements	1 to 4
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Select at least five hours of coursework from the courses below:		5
LAW 603	Torts	
LAW 607	Civil Procedure	
LAW 682	Evidence	
LAW 685	Dispute Resolution	
LAW 695	Fundamentals of Trial Practice	
LAW 793	Advanced Litigation Topics	
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Graduate Degree Programs in the College of Law

- Master of Laws, LLM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/>)
  - concentrations:
    - Corporate Law, Commercial Law, & Trade (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/corporate-commercial-trade/>)
    - Criminal Law (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/criminal/>)
    - Intellectual Property & Technology Law (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/intellectual-property-technology/>)
    - International & Comparative Law (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/international-comparative/>)
    - Justice, Democracy, & Legal Rights (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law/justice-democracy-legal-rights-concentration/>)
    - Regulation, Sustainability, & Compliance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law/regulation-sustainability-compliance-concentration/>)
    - US Legal Practice Skills (p. 1)
- Master of Studies in Law (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-studies-msl/>)

- Doctor of the Science of Law (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/science-law-jsd/>)
- Law, JD ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/professional-programs/jd\\_law/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/professional-programs/jd_law/))
  - Joint Degrees with the Law, JD:
    - Chemistry, MS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las\\_law/joint-degree/chemistry-ms-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las_law/joint-degree/chemistry-ms-law-jd/))
    - Computer Science, MCS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering\\_law/joint-degree/computer-science-mcs-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering_law/joint-degree/computer-science-mcs-law-jd/))
    - Human Resources and Industrial Relations, MHRIR ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law\\_ler/joint-degree/human-resources-industrial-relations-mhrir-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law_ler/joint-degree/human-resources-industrial-relations-mhrir-law-jd/))
    - Journalism, MS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law\\_media/journalism-ms-law-juris-doctor/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law_media/journalism-ms-law-juris-doctor/))
    - Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences, MS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces\\_law/joint-degree/natural-resources-environmental-sciences-ms-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces_law/joint-degree/natural-resources-environmental-sciences-ms-law-jd/))
    - Political Science: Civic Leadership, MA ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las\\_law/joint-degree/political-science-ma-civic-leadership-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las_law/joint-degree/political-science-ma-civic-leadership-law-jd/))
    - Political Science, PhD ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las\\_law/joint-degree/political-science-phd-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las_law/joint-degree/political-science-phd-law-jd/))
    - Urban Planning, MUP ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa\\_law/joint-degree/urban-planning-mup-law-jd/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa_law/joint-degree/urban-planning-mup-law-jd/))

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