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.

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Financial Aid
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