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Master of Laws Requirements

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

Total Hours: 32

Other Requirements

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Select at least ten hours of coursework from the courses below:

- LAW 605: Criminal Proc: Investigation
- LAW 616: Environmental Law and Pol I
- LAW 620: Health Law Policy
- LAW 657: International Human Rights Law
- LAW 660: Individual Employee Rights
- LAW 662: Labor Law I
- LAW 664: Employment Discrimination
- LAW 667: Family Law
- LAW 670: Elder Law
- LAW 685: Dispute Resolution
- LAW 686: Remedies
- LAW 792: Current Legal Problems
- LAW 795: Adv Topics in Criminal Law
- LAW 796: Comparative Law Topics
- LAW 798: Seminars

Total Hours: 14
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 (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/master-laws-llm/legal-practice-skills/)
  - 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/)
    - Joint Degrees with the Law, JD:
      - Chemistry, MS (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/)
      - Human Resources and Industrial Relations, MHRIR (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/)
      - Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences, MS (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/)
      - Political Science, PhD (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/)

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