LAW: U.S. LEGAL PRACTICE SKILLS, LLM

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

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The LL.M. and J.S.D. programs of graduate study in law are designed for
foreign law graduates who wish to pursue advanced study and conduct
independent research under the direction of the College of Law faculty.
Two advanced degrees are conferred by the College of Law: the Master
of Laws (LL.M.) degree and the Doctor of Science of Law (J.S.D.). Overall
coordination of the graduate program is the responsibility of the Office
of Graduate and International Programs, and individual inquiries should
be addressed to this office. The Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.) is a
one-year, nonprofessional, terminal degree program designed for those
who have had no legal training and who do not desire a professional law
degree.

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://
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commercial-trade/)
Criminal Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/law/master-laws-llm/criminal/)
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& Technology Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law/
master-laws-llm/intellectual-property-technology/)
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& Comparative Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
law/master-laws-llm/international-comparative/)
Justice,
Democracy, & Legal Rights (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/graduate-majors/llm/justice-democracy-legal-rights-
concentration/)
Regulation, Sustainability, & Compliance (http://
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sustainability-compliance-concentration/)
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law/master-studies-msl/)
Doctor of the Science of Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
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jd_law/)

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Computer Science,
MCS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering_law/
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Resources and Industrial Relations, MHRIR (http://
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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/law_media/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/planning-mup-law-jd/)

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
the tuition and do not cover living expenses. There are always more qualified

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applicants than there are funds available. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to explore alternative sources of funding.

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

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.

**Master of Laws Requirements**

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**Other Requirements**

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1 For additional details and requirements refer to the College of Law’s graduate degree requirements (http://www.law.illinois.edu/admissions/llm-program-overview/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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