LAW, LLM

for the degree of Master of Laws

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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

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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/master-laws-llm/
legal-practice-skills)

Master of Studies in Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
law/master-studies-mls)

Doctor of the Science of Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
law/science-law-jsd)

Law, JD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/professional-programs/
jd_jaw)

Joint Degrees with the Law, JD:

Business Administration, MBA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/bus/joint-degree/business-administration-
joint-mba)
Chemistry, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/acs_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_let/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/law_let/joint-degree/political-
science-ma-civic-leadership-law-jd)
Political Science, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law_let/joint-degree/
political-science-phd-law-jd)
Urban Planning, MUP (http://
catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa_law/joint-degree/urban-
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
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.

**for the degree of Master of Laws**

Each Concentration offers a directed, optional program of study for LL.M. students in an increasingly important field of global legal practice. Each Concentration provides (1) specialized training in the Concentration field of law, (2) guidance to students in developing a program of study with the courses deemed most useful and relevant to the Concentration, and (3) a Concentration designation on their transcripts that will better allow them to market their expertise, thus gaining a competitive advantage in the legal employment market. In some instances, a Dual Concentration (i.e., in Intellectual Property and Justice, Democracy and Legal Rights) is available to eligible students. Eligible students must apply to pursue the Dual Concentration and may stay in residence an additional semester so that the 14-credit requirements of the second Concentration can be independently met. In the case of the Dual Concentration, credits used to satisfy one Concentration cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for a second Concentration. Students interested in remaining in residence for a third semester to complete their program of study must apply by the listed deadline at the start of the second semester of the LL.M. degree. The Concentrations require students to complete a minimum of fourteen credit hours in topics integral to each Concentration. Courses taken toward a Concentration will count toward the student’s LL.M. degree, and must be selected with the program advisor.

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree is designed to prepare students with or without any prior legal training to enhance their professional development by adding familiarity with U.S. law. Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent degree) from an approved school listed on the International Association of Universities List of Higher education Institutions. Full consideration for admission to the LL.M. program will be given to applicants holding a bachelor’s degree in law or a bachelor’s degree in a subject outside law.

The LL.M. degree requires the completion of at least 32 graduate hours of credit and is normally completed in one academic year. All candidates are required to pass Professional Responsibility (LAW 501), a four hour graduate course and LL.M. Legal Research and Writing (LAW 500) a two hour graduate course. The remaining graduate hours are selected from any College of Law course.

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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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