Graduate Degree Programs

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.

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.

Graduate Programs:

- **degree**: Master of Laws, LLM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law/master-laws/)
- **concentrations (available for LLM only)**:
  - Corporate Law, Commercial Law, & Trade (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law/corp-commercial-law-concentration/)
  - Criminal Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/llm_law/criminal-law/)
  - Intellectual Property & Technology Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law/intel-prop-tech-concentration/)
  - 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/)

- **degree**: Doctor of the Science of Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/english/#doctoratetext)
Juris Doctor Program

The 3-year JD program at Illinois Law provides students with a first-rate legal education. The curriculum is both timely and robust, exposing students to a healthy blend of doctrinal law, theoretical perspectives, and real-world skills.

JD Program (http://catalog.illinois.edu/law.illinois.edu/academics/degree-programs/jd-program/)

The professional J.D. in Law can be earned jointly with the following graduate degrees:

- Business Administration, M.B.A. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba/#jointdegreetext)
- Chemistry, M.S. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/chemistry/ms-chem-law/)
- Computer Science, M.C.S. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/computer-science/#jointdegreetext)
- Human Resources & Industrial Relations, MHRIR (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/joint-degree-programs/mhrir-jd/)
- Journalism, M.S. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/journalism/journalism-jd/)
- Library and Information Science, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/is_law/joint-degree/library-information-science-ms-law-jd/)
- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, M.S. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/nres/#jointdegreetext)
- Political Science, M.A. with Civic Leadership Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/poli-sci/#jointprogramtext)
- Political Science, Ph.D. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/poli-sci/#jointprogramtext)
- Urban Planning, M.U.P. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/urban-reg-plan/#jointdegreetext)

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