

General LL.M. Program

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

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Southwestern Law School offers a flexible **General Master of Laws Program (LL.M.)** designed for students with a law degree from the United States or abroad who want to expand their studies to attain personal or professional goals.

Southwestern reflects the vibrancy and diversity of Los Angeles and provides an ideal setting for law study. The law school enjoys its deserved reputation for curricular innovation and graduating lawyers who are well-rounded, entrepreneurial, and practice-ready. Southwestern's 11,000+ alumni include prominent leaders in law, business, and public service in nearly every state and more than two dozen countries. Southwestern's impressive alumni base includes legislators, mayors, over 400 state and federal judges, founding/name partners in big, medium, and small firms, as well as senior executives and general counsel to entertainment and corporations across the globe.

PERSONALIZED CURRICULUM*

LL.M. students at Southwestern design individualized courses of study in consultation with a faculty advisor. The particular courses each student takes depends on their area of concentration. Possible areas of concentration are:

- Advocacy and Dispute Resolution
- American Law and Legal Systems
- Business Enterprise Organization and Practice
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Commercial Law
- Corporate Securities Law
- Criminal Law and Practice
- Employment and Labor Law
- Family and Juvenile Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International and Comparative Law
- International Business Law and Negotiation
- International Human Rights
- Jurisprudence and Legal History
- Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties
- Real Property/Environmental Law/Land Use
- Technology Law and Entrepreneurship
- Torts and Compensation Systems

**Note: This is just a sampling of the numerous possible course concentrations. The complete listing of courses is available online at www.swlaw.edu/llm-programs/general-llm/curriculum. Regardless of concentration, foreign students must also complete the course Introduction to American Law, Legal Process, and Institutions.*

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

LL.M. students attend classes on a full-time or part-time basis with Southwestern's J.D. students in the day and/or evening.

To qualify for the LL.M. degree, students must complete 24 units of post-J.D. (or equivalent) coursework, 12 of which must be earned at Southwestern. A maximum of 30 units may be applied to the LL.M. degree.

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

- Take 8 to 16 units per semester
- Typically complete degree within one academic year

PART-TIME STUDENTS

- Take 2 to 7 units per semester
- Typically complete degree within two academic years

Note: International students on F1 Visas are required to maintain full-time enrollment.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

The tuition figures for the academic year are subject to change annually. The most current tuition, fees, and refund policy are available online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/tuition.

Students who are U.S. citizens, or permanent residents, and enrolled in the LL.M. program are eligible to apply for financial aid (federal financial aid programs and private student loans). International students are encouraged to explore financial aid options from sources in their home countries.

A DIVERSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY

Southwestern provides a unique multicultural learning environment. Students represent over 250 undergraduate institutions and come to Southwestern from virtually every state in the U.S. as well as many foreign countries. Recent LL.M. entering classes have included students from countries such as:

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| ■ Argentina | ■ Eritrea | ■ Nigeria |
| ■ Armenia | ■ Germany | ■ Philippines |
| ■ Australia | ■ India | ■ Russia |
| ■ Bangladesh | ■ Indonesia | ■ Saudi Arabia |
| ■ Brazil | ■ Italy | ■ Sri Lanka |
| ■ Cameroon | ■ Japan | ■ Switzerland |
| ■ Canada | ■ Kenya | ■ Thailand |
| ■ Chile | ■ Korea | ■ Uganda |
| ■ China | ■ Mexico | ■ Ukraine |
| ■ Colombia | ■ Mongolia | ■ United Kingdom |

The global perspective and varied backgrounds that are represented within the Southwestern community enhance the academic and cultural experience of all students.

LOCATION

Southwestern is conveniently located in the Wilshire Center/Koreatown area of Los Angeles, very close to a number of different apartment complexes. Students commute from a variety of areas in Los Angeles, and many choose to live in Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale. Visit www.swlaw.edu/campus/los-angeles-area for helpful links about moving to and living in Los Angeles and tips about what to do, where to stay, and how to explore our vibrant city!





STUDENT HOUSING OPTIONS

LL.M. students are eligible to apply for Southwestern's beautiful on-campus student housing complex. The Residences at 7th offers:

- studio, one- or two-bedroom apartments
- furnishings with contemporary finishes
- floor-to-ceiling windows
- wireless internet access
- 42" high definition televisions
- in-unit washer/dryers
- full kitchens
- business center
- private study rooms
- rooftop sundeck
- large central courtyard
- secured indoor parking for residents
- state-of-the-art security system

Additionally, Los Angeles offers a wide variety of housing choices for students within a 30-minute drive from the campus. Southwestern's location on major bus routes and about a block from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Station also provides convenient public transportation options.

PRE-LL.M. PROGRAM

ALLIES—American Legal Learning for Internationally Educated Students

The transition to studying law in the United States may be challenging for foreign students, and the obstacles are not limited to language barriers. The American classroom dynamic and grading process often differ from those at law schools in other countries. Entering LL.M. students are strongly encouraged to participate in the two-week ALLIES program designed to assist them with the transition to studying the American legal system while maximizing their opportunities for success. Students are introduced to best strategies for class preparation, outlining and final exams in a supportive small group environment. ALLIES begins two weeks before regularly scheduled classes in the fall and is a requirement for every student enrolled in Introduction to American Law, Legal Process, and Institutions.

CAREER PLANNING AND COUNSELING

Southwestern's Career Services Office (CSO) is available to assist all LL.M. students through a variety of programs and services, such as individual counseling, alumni-student mixer events, resume preparation workshops and reviews, interviewing workshops, mock interviews, and networking practice. The CSO also provides a myriad of online and print resources on a wide range of topics related to the job-search process.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A special LL.M. administrator is dedicated to working on an individual basis with students to help them become acclimated to Los Angeles and the law school. Services are designed to help students with all aspects of their Southwestern experience, from personalized academic counseling and support programs to small group excursions and other cultural and recreational activities.

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Q: Should I take additional English classes?

A: Proficiency in English is essential to your success in your studies at Southwestern. The city of Los Angeles is home to a number of private institutions of language instruction. If you feel like you would benefit from additional language study, you may want to explore some of these options. However, Southwestern does not offer English language instruction.

Q: Should I submit my transcripts for evaluation by a credentials evaluation service agency?

A: Yes. If you received your law degree from a university outside of the United States or Canada, it is important that you send all of your transcripts to a credentials evaluation service. A degree equivalency statement with an assessment of grade point average should be requested. The service will compile a report that assists the admissions committee in making a final decision.

Q: From which agencies does Southwestern accept credentials evaluation reports?

A: A list of service providers' reports that may be accepted can be found on the *Foreign Applicants* page at www.swlaw.edu/llmgeneral.

Q: Will I be able to sit for a bar examination when I finish this program?

A: This LL.M. program can be tailored for California bar eligibility. There may also be other states in which you will qualify to sit for the examination. We recommend contacting the state bar examiners in the specific state in which you would like to practice.

Please note: the General LL.M. Program is not a bar preparation program; it is a degree program. While you may qualify to sit for a bar examination, you will not have had a chance to study every subject tested on the bar by the completion of your degree. Extensive additional study on your own prior to taking the exam is highly recommended.



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