

With a nationally renowned faculty, a rich and diverse curriculum, myriad opportunities for professional training, and the expansive resources of a world-class research university, Illinois Law features a first-rate LLM program designed to introduce international students to the U.S. legal system.

Benefits

- LLM students enjoy a fully integrated educational experience, where they learn alongside JD students.
- The curriculum offers a blend of doctrinal law, theoretical perspectives, and real-world skills. Students take core classes that provide a strong foundation in essential elements of legal practice and have the freedom to choose from nearly 150 course offerings.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the **Bar Fundamental Track** or **Concentration Track**. The former enables them to focus their studies and course selection on U.S. bar exam preparation while the concentration track provides specialized study in:
 - Corporate Law, Commercial Law and Trade;
 - Criminal Law;
 - Intellectual Property & Technology Law;
 - International and Comparative Law;
 - Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights;
 - Regulation, Sustainability, and Compliance.
- LLM students are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities that will prepare them for legal practice, including clinics, competitions, trial advocacy, student organizations, pro bono, and over 100 lectures and events.

Flexible LLM Program

Spring or Fall Start:

Most students begin the program in the fall semester (August). Limited applications are accepted to begin in the spring semester (January).

2 or 3 Semester Option:

Students may elect to complete the LLM program in 2 or 3 semesters. This allows students the flexibility to customize a program of study, enjoy greater internship opportunities, and benefit from more time to study for the bar exam.

Application Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree, LLB, or equivalent degree. The bachelor's degree need not be in law. Application requirements include:

- Completed application
- Résumé
- Statement of purpose
- Certified transcripts and credentials
- At least one letter of reference
- TOEFL or IELTS or Duolingo score
- Copy of passport page

NO APPLICATION FEE



More than 80% of admitted students receive at least a partial scholarship.





Student Experiences



Federico Matt, Argentina — *CURRENT STUDENT*

“I chose the University of Illinois College of Law because it offers an exceptional education. The professors are front-runners in their fields of expertise and the department provides generous scholarships to students.

The program is very flexible, given that one can decide to begin in the Spring or Fall semester. There is no pre-set curriculum so you can tailor your experience to your interests and even take courses in other schools.

This summer I worked with Professor Aronson at the Immigration Clinic. We provided outstanding bilingual legal advice and representation to foreign individuals from Central America, Europe, and Asia. The College of Law sets you up to thrive in the legal industry. Be reassured that your experience here will deeply enrich your career path and future.”



Bimo Fajar Hantoro, Indonesia — *RESEARCH ASSISTANT, GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY*

“Amazing professors, helpful staff, and lifelong friends. Law school, which I expected to be intimidating, has turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. The University of Illinois College of Law offered a diverse range of courses, allowing students to tailor their LLM program to their specific needs. With a supportive environment both in and out of the classroom, it has allowed me to grow as a person and as an academic. I'll miss the after-class discussions with professors, the Peer's Pub, and the quiet atmosphere of Urbana-Champaign.”



Diana Mamendi, Sweden — *SUMMER ASSOCIATE, BIRD & BIRD*

“The courses provided by UIUC were not only comprehensive, but also taught by amazing professors. Their knowledge and accessibility resulted in a meaningful educational experience. Furthermore, the professors challenge students to express their points of view and thereby encouraging critical thinking and helping students to understand and appreciate diverse perspectives and backgrounds. I also enjoyed interacting with students from diverse backgrounds. Meeting students from all over the world has broadened my perspective and made me appreciate diversity even more. My time spent in Champaign has had a lasting impact on both my personal and academic growth, creating memories and knowledge that I will cherish forever.”