



UC Law San Francisco

LLM Program Website	https://www.uclawsf.edu/llm
LLM Program Contact Information	University of California Law San Francisco (UC Law SF) LL.M. Admissions Office 200 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102 U.S.A. Email: llmadmissions@uclawsf.edu Phone: +1 (415) 565-4817
Language of Instruction	English
Language Requirements	Students from universities where the language of instruction is not English must submit proof of English fluency. Official scores from TOEFL and IELTS test are accepted. Preferred scores are 90 for iBT TOEFL and 7.0 for IELTS. If the only score a student has available is from a Cambridge Test, they should contact our office.
Application Procedure	Partner Universities must first nominate students who are eligible for our LL.M. Program. Please email nominated student names and contact information to llmadmissions@uclawsf.edu by March 15, 2026. If you need more time please email us for a deadline extension. Upon receiving the nomination, the UC Law SF LL.M. Admissions Office will contact nominated students directly with further instructions. Students must submit the following documents (unless otherwise stated in our exchange agreements): • TOEFL/IELTS score or TOEFL Waiver Request • Official Transcript(s) • Two Letters of Recommendations • Personal Statement (optional) • Resume or CV
Student Application Deadline	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. We encourage applicants to submit their applications early in order to receive their enrollment decision in a timely manner; however, we will continue to accept and review completed applications until May 31, 2026.

Academic Requirements	LL.M. candidates are required to successfully complete at least 24 credit hours of classes over two semesters of study, beginning with the Fall semester. All LL.M. candidates must take Introduction to Law (Fall, 3 units), Legal Research & Writing for Masters Students (Fall, 2 units), and one of the following first-year required courses: Contracts, Torts, Criminal Law, Property, Constitutional Law, or Civil Procedure. LL.M. candidates may also take Constitutional Law II or Civil Procedure II to satisfy the first-year course requirement. In addition, LL.M. Candidates must attend and successfully complete a 2-week orientation program (1 unit). Global Programs Advisors help students tailor their remaining courses to their own professional and personal interests.
Areas of Specialization	Students may choose to specialize in one of 8 areas of specialization. Specializations are noted on students' UC Law SF transcripts upon consultation with a Global Programs Advisor and completion of at least 12 credits in an area of specialization. Our specialization areas are as follows: • Criminal Law • Dispute Resolution and Legal Process • Environmental Law • Health Law and Policy • International Business and Trade • International Law and Human Rights • Science, Technology, and Intellectual Property • Taxation Students who choose to participate in at least one legal clinic or the Startup Legal Garage and complete a minimum of 6 credits of experiential learning courses will receive a Practice Training Certificate at graduation. Advance approval from the Associate Dean for Global Programs required to participate in this certificate track.
Orientation Program (Mandatory)	All LL.M. candidates must attend a 2-week orientation program prior to the beginning of classes (August 3-14, 2026).
Semester Dates	Fall semester classes begin on August 17, 2026 and final exams will end on December 17, 2026. Spring semester classes begin on January 11, 2027 and final exams will end on May 12, 2027.
Course Enrollment/Registration	Students register for courses online. The Course List for Fall 2026 will become available in June 2026. The current academic year course descriptions may be found at https://www.uclawsf.edu/academics/course-catalog/ . Please note that certain courses, particularly seminars, may not be offered each year. All courses, with the exception of Introduction to Law and Legal Research & Writing for Masters Students, are taken together with UC Law SF Juris Doctor students.
Extracurricular Activities	UC Law SF offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including over 70 student organizations. Please visit https://www.uclawsf.edu/campus-life/student-organizations/ to see the list of student organizations.

Housing	UC Law SF is one of the few graduate schools that offers on-campus guaranteed housing to their students. All rooms on our on-campus housing, the Academe at 198 (https://academe198sf.com/), are fully furnished. Community amenities include large lounges with skyline views, free WIFI, laundry facilities, a fitness center, an outdoor courtyard, bicycle storage, study rooms, communal kitchens, and entertainment rooms. Units are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after enrollment deposits are paid. (Students are responsible for paying rent.)
Immigration Information	Students who are not U.S. citizens or legal U.S. permanent residents must apply for and obtain F-1 student status at a U.S. embassy/consulate prior to participating in the LL.M. Program. Students who need an F-1 student visa must submit the following documents in addition to the required application documents listed in the "Application Procedure" section above after they are officially admitted and submit their non-refundable enrollment deposit: • Completed Certificate of Financial Resources • Documentation of resources to show that a student and/or a student's sponsors have sufficient funds to cover the student's living costs and other expenses (bank statements, letter of sponsorship, etc.) • Dependent Form (if the student is bringing dependents) • A copy of the student's passport's biographic page Students may be eligible to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. For eligibility information, please contact llmadmissions@uclawsf.edu.
Health Insurance Requirements	The University of California and UC Law SF require all enrolled students to have health insurance coverage that meets University of California minimum requirements. All students are automatically enrolled in, and billed for, the University of California Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP) for graduate students. Estimated insurance premiums for the 2026-2027 academic year are U.S.\$2,847-3,987 PER SEMESTER. Students who have another insurance policy that meets and/or exceeds University of California minimum requirements may apply for a health insurance waiver. Information on health insurance for the current 2025-26 academic year is available at https://www.uclawsf.edu/campus-life/student-health-services/uc-ship/. Final UCSHIP premium costs and information on the health insurance waiver process will be sent to admitted students the summer prior to their program start date. PLEASE NOTE THAT COVERAGE UNDER SOME FOREIGN HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS MAY NOT SATISFY THE MINIMUM UC REQUIREMENTS. IF A STUDENT APPLIES FOR A WAIVER AND THE WAIVER IS DENIED, THE STUDENT WILL BE BILLED FOR UCSHIP. NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THIS REQUIREMENT. STUDENTS SHOULD BE SURE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THE UC LAW SF HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

Estimated Tuition, Fees, and Cost of Living (based on the 2025-2026 Academic Year)	Fees: ¹ (Figures are in U.S. Dollars)	
	Tuition: ²	\$55,000
	Mandatory Fees: ³	\$1,250
	Health Insurance: ⁴	\$6,900
	Living Expenses: ⁵	\$34,466
	TOTAL:	\$97,616
	¹ Tuition and fees are subject to legislative, gubernatorial, and UC Law SF Board of Director action, and may change without notice. ² Tuition includes the mandatory two-week orientation. This does not include any scholarships offered to students. ³ Fees include the Activity Fee, MBE Support Fee, and Health Services Fee. ⁴ Health Insurance for UC Law SF students is mandatory. However, entering students with proof of equivalent coverage can apply for a health insurance waiver. If the waiver is approved, the insurance charge will be reversed. ⁵ Living expenses include housing and utilities, food, transportation, books and supplies, and personal expenses. The estimate is based on a nine-month academic calendar and the same estimate is used for on- or off-campus living arrangements.	
U.S. Bar Information	Students who are already practicing lawyers in their home jurisdictions can apply to sit for the bar examination of many states in the U.S.	
	Students who are not admitted to the bar in their own country, but have a first degree in law from a country outside of the United States may apply to sit for a bar exam in the United States if they have the required number of years of study.	
	In California, this means that in addition to an LL.B. degree, students must have been awarded an LL.M. degree from an ABA accredited law school with a minimum of 20 credits of legal education. Students must also have taken at least 12 credits of courses related to subjects tested on the California bar exam, including Professional Responsibility. For more information on bar exam eligibility, students should consult the California State Bar Examiners Rules for qualifying to take the bar exam at www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions .	
	The requirements for taking the New York Bar Exam are similar to those of California, but not the same. To learn more about the New York Bar exam, students should visit the New York State Board of Law Examiners website at www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm .	
	Students interested in being admitted to another state bar should consult the rules for that state bar at https://www.ncbex.org/about/publications .	