

LLM & SJD PROGRAMS

FOR U.S. AND NON-U.S. GRADUATES

- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN BUSINESS LAW
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN CHILD AND FAMILY LAW
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN COMPLIANCE & ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN HEALTH LAW
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT (PROLAW)
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN TAX LAW
- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN TRIAL ADVOCACY, APPELLATE ADVOCACY, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

FOR NON-U.S. GRADUATES

- MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS
TRACK I: U.S. LAW
TRACK II: INTERNATIONAL LAW
- DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (SJD) IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

The Master of Laws (LLM) degree is an advanced graduate law program that allows U.S. and international graduates holding a Juris Doctor (JD) degree, or its equivalent, to continue concentrated study in various fields of the law.

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LLM IN BUSINESS LAW

This legal concentration offers a comprehensive study of the law as it relates to business organizations and planning, international trade, corporate counseling and transactions, and business finance and technology.

LLM IN CHILD AND FAMILY LAW

This legal concentration offers comprehensive study in child law trial practice and legislation, international rights for children, adoption law, and domestic violence.

LLM IN COMPLIANCE AND ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

Tailored for attorneys seeking to develop or sharpen an expertise in transactional law and compliance, students can tailor the program to receive a Certificate in Compliance, enabling them to sit for compliance industry examinations.

LLM IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT

This concentration prepares holders of JD or equivalent law degrees with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to become qualified and effective rule of law advisors, particularly in countries that are developing, in economic transition, or recovering from violent conflict. The program focuses on the practical aspects of rule of law advisory work, preparing you for leadership roles in nationally and internationally backed rule of law initiatives.

LLM IN TAX LAW

This legal concentration area offers a comprehensive study of the law as it relates to federal income tax, corporation and partnership tax, estate and gift planning, and tax procedures and litigation. Graduates of other law schools must demonstrate a high level of achievement in JD tax courses comparable to those required for the Loyola tax certificate.

LLM IN TRIAL ADVOCACY, APPELLATE ADVOCACY, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This program offers students education and training in all three areas of dispute resolution:

- trial advocacy
- appellate advocacy
- alternative dispute resolution

You will learn the theory of each area of law and participate in mock dispute resolution situations by completing coursework and simulated legal practice exercises.

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LLM FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

Loyola's LLM for International Lawyers features two tracks: Immersion in U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers and International Law. Both tracks include two mandatory courses specifically designed to ease the transition into U.S. law, with a strong emphasis on legal writing. You take all other courses together with the JD students. Loyola provides partial-tuition scholarships for qualified students.

TRACK I: IMMERSION IN U.S. LAW

Designed for foreign lawyers who seek to develop an expertise in specific aspects of American law, the rigorous curriculum immerses you in the foundations of U.S. law and legal thought, providing a thorough training in legal skills critical to advising clients in the U.S. or globally. The curriculum is based on the New York Bar Exam eligibility requirements and includes core courses in U.S. law. You may choose from all of the JD classes offered each semester to complete your curriculum.

TRACK II: INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH FOCUS OPTION

You will study private and public international law and choose a focus in any of Loyola's specialty areas, all of which include strong international and comparative components: arbitration, mediation, and negotiation; business; child and family; competition; health; human rights; intellectual property; tax; or trade law. Under the guidance of our engaged international faculty, you also may develop your own focus to match your academic interests and professional goals.

SJD IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

This is a highly selective program, primarily for students who have graduated from the School of Law's LLM degree programs. Students who aspire to be legal academics who wish to pursue a sustained independent study, research, and writing should apply. In this three-year program, students complete a combination of coursework, oral examinations, research, and Colloquium presentation.

PROGRAM DETAILS

TIME TO COMPLETION: All LLM programs can be completed on a full-time basis over a 1-year period. All programs except for the LLM in Rule of Law for Development may be completed on a part-time basis over a 2-year period.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- LLM in Business Law: 21 hours and a 3-credit thesis
- LLM in Child and Family Law: 24 credit hours
- LLM in Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management: 24 credit hours, including drafting a paper of publishable quality on an approved health law topic
- LLM in Rule of Law for Development: 27 hours of course work, including a major capstone project
- LLM in Tax Law: 24 credit hours and a 2-credit thesis paper
- LLM in Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution: 24 credit hours and simulated exercises
- LLM for International Lawyers: 24 credit hours, which may include a thesis paper
- SJD in International and Comparative Law: 5 components of study, research, writing, and final exams. Students complete 10 credit hours of course work, the Colloquium, oral examination, and a dissertation.

Under the accelerated option, LLM degree candidates are required to complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of study. The accelerated option is only available to graduates of Loyola's JD program at the School of Law, or to those who have completed and received a grade of B or better in 6 credits of coursework taken at Loyola in one of its LLM concentration areas as a visiting JD student from another law school. For more information about the accelerated option, please contact the Office of Graduate Legal Studies at Law-GLS@LUC.edu.

LOCATION: All campus-based programs take place at Loyola's Water Tower Campus, except for the LLM in Rule of Law for Development, which is located at Loyola's John Felice Rome Center in Rome, Italy.

The Child Law LLM and Health Law LLM programs have both on-campus and online options. The LLM for Compliance & Enterprise Risk Management is offered solely online.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed online application available at gpem.LUC.edu/apply
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work; transcripts must verify completion of a bachelor's degree and a primary law degree (e.g., JD or LLB)
- Two letters of recommendation
- A one- to two-page statement of purpose
- A resume outlining your work experience, education, or professional or academic achievements, or any information the applicant believes is relevant for his or her application
- A personal interview may be required

The following documents are required, in addition to those listed above, for those who may fall into these categories:

- Either an official TOEFL or IELTS score report for international applicants. This requirement is waived for those who have completed a 4-year bachelor's or a master's degree program in the U.S. Applicants holding a non-U.S. bachelor's degree and wishing to apply for a waiver must submit U.S. transcripts that show that they have also earned a U.S. master's degree. The language test is also waived for those who are from, or who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree at a recognized institution in, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom, where the language of instruction is English.
- International applicants or U.S. residents who completed school abroad are required to submit non-U.S. transcripts to the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE), www.ece.org, for evaluation of credentials. The general evaluation report must show that an applicant's non-U.S. education is equivalent to a U.S. juris doctor degree to be considered for admission.

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AND DEADLINES

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