

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)

Degree Requirements

All requirements for the degrees are subject to change at any time by the faculty or its designated agent. No increase in the number of semester hours required to obtain an LL.M. degree are made effective for LL.M. candidates enrolled at the time of such change and who remain in continuous attendance thereafter. LL.M. students who are not in continuous attendance or who transfer from another law school are subject to the requirements in effect at the time of their reentrance or admission.

Academic Credit

Minimum Credits

All candidates for the LL.M. degrees must successfully complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits and pass all required courses.

In-Class (Or Direct Faculty Instruction) Requirement

LL.M. students are encouraged to create a program that meets their academic and professional needs and classroom instruction is a crucial aspect of that learning. Students who hold a first degree in law from outside of the United States can complete no more than 5 credits outside the law school classroom, including, but not limited to:

- work in the field component of partnership clinics;
- any clinical fieldwork supervised by a person whose primary professional employment is not with the law school;
- individual field placements; or
- LL.M. research projects.

International LL.M. students planning to sit for a U.S. bar examination should consult the rules of the jurisdiction's bar exam regarding non-classroom credits.

Excess Credits

LL.M. students must complete the degree requirements for the program in no more than 36 credits. Any student may submit a request to the LL.M. program director for permission to exceed the 36-credit requirement.

Pace of Study

To demonstrate satisfactory academic progress, candidates for the LL.M. must maintain a minimum pace of study. This pace will vary for full-time and part-time students.

Full Time Students

Satisfactory Academic Progress is defined as 18 credits during a period of two consecutive required academic semesters. LL.M students with F-1/J-1 visas must complete a minimum of two (2) semesters in residence unless such student was admitted with advanced standing. LL.M. students with F-1/J-1 visas must complete all coursework for the LL.M. degree in three semesters or request permission to lengthen their studies through International Students & Scholar Services (ISSS) at Storrs.

Part Time Students

Satisfactory Academic Progress is defined as 6 credits during a period of two consecutive required academic semesters.

Length of Study

All LL.M. students should complete all coursework within five years. A student may submit a request for additional time to the director of the LL.M. program. An LL.M. student who fails to register for class is administratively withdrawn. Any LL.M. student who fails to register for courses for a period of four consecutive semesters (excluding summer terms) will be required to complete an abbreviated reapplication process.

Attempted Credit Requirement

All students must earn 75% of their cumulative attempted credits.¹ Failure to do so may result in academic dismissal.

¹ Completion rate is equal to the number of completed credit hours divided by the number of attempted credits. Completed credit hours will include all credit hours for which a student has earned a final letter grade of (A-D, and P). Credit-hours that are transferred (grade of T) into the University and successfully articulated towards the completion of an educational program or part of a Dual Degree or approved Study Abroad program will be counted as both earned and attempted hours for the purpose of this standard. Courses that are listed as Failure (F), Incomplete (I) or No Grade Received (N) will be counted as attempted but not earned.

Grade Point Average

All candidates for the LL.M. degree must have a cumulative grade point of 2.30 (C+) for all work undertaken at the Law School and receive a minimum grade of C+ on the writing requirement. In computing the average, no consideration is given to grades received for work completed at other schools, including other law schools, even though transfer credit has been given for such work.

Requirements

Students Holding Foreign Law Degree

Required courses for LL.M. students enrolled in any LL.M. program who hold a first degree in law from an institution outside of the United States:

Course	Title	Credits
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2

Course of Study

The scheduling and placement of LL.M. students in required courses (excluding the LL.M. writing requirement) is done by the Registrar. LL.M. students are required to complete all required courses (excluding the LL.M. writing requirement) in the first semester (if offered) in which they begin their LL.M. degree. Deviations from the scheduling of required courses may only be made with the approval of the director of the LL.M. program.

Waiver of Required Course

A student may submit a written request to waive a requirement to the director of the LL.M. program or his/her designee.

LL.M. Writing Requirement

LL.M. students must satisfactorily complete a writing requirement (minimum of 2 credits) as part of their degree program by writing a substantial paper of an intensive, analytical character which is of high

quality. The paper must be on a topic approved by the faculty supervisor and written on a graded basis. LL.M. students are expected to produce as many drafts as necessary to produce a paper meeting this standard, but in all cases are required to submit an initial draft and to make at least one round of revisions after receiving comments from their faculty supervisor. The requirement may be satisfied by any of the following methods:

- Writing a thesis, as described below,
- In conjunction with a class that requires a substantial paper (minimum 20 page length),
- With the permission of the instructor at the beginning of the course, substituting a substantial paper for an examination, or
- As an LL.M. research project of not fewer than two credits supervised by a full-time or adjunct faculty member.

The supervising faculty member has discretion to award credits based on the scope and depth of the student's research and analysis and the amount of work involved, regardless of a paper's length.

Students may alternatively satisfy the LL.M. writing requirement by researching and writing one or more papers. Faculty members are responsible for designing the research and writing assignments. Students may satisfy this requirement by any of the following methods:

- a special research project of not less than two credit hours supervised by a member of the full-time or adjunct faculty
- completing one or more papers in a seminar course that requires multiple substantial papers, with the permission of the faculty supervisor, that the combined work satisfies the writing requirement
- a brief or predictive memorandum written in a live-client clinic
- completion of an advanced legal writing course that requires writing that would satisfy the LL.M. writing requirement

Satisfaction of the LL.M. writing requirement must be by work done on graded basis (i.e., not on a pass/fail basis). The completion of the writing requirement will be verified by the faculty member at the time of grade submission or thereafter. The general expectation is that the final paper or papers will total at least 2500 words (excluding footnotes) per credit awarded.

Because of the multiple draft requirement, students should begin work on a project designed to satisfy the writing requirement by the end of their first semester of study.

LL.M. students must complete the Method of Satisfying the LL.M. Writing Requirement Form (<https://students.law.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3375/private/2021/11/ucwr-llm-fill-in-revised-1.23.17.pdf>) and submit it to the Office of the Registrar prior to graduation. The Registrar will establish an appropriate deadline each term for submitting this form in connection with LL.M. writing requirements completed through a seminar paper in lieu of an exam. This date is posted on the academic calendar and is generally four weeks into each term (or the fourth class meeting of a summer term course). The completion of the LL.M. writing requirement will be verified at the time of grade submission.

Thesis

LL.M. students may, at their option, write a thesis for 3 credits that satisfies the writing requirement. A thesis is a substantial paper that is of publishable or near publishable quality and involves supervised drafts. LL.M. students must write a thesis if they wish to be considered for thesis honors. A thesis can be written in two ways:

- As part of a 3 credit course with permission of the instructor, who acts as the thesis advisor; or
- As an LL.M. 3 credit research project supervised by a full-time faculty member or an adjunct professor with permission of the director of the LL.M. program.

Because of the multiple draft requirement, LL.M. students should begin work on a thesis project designed to satisfy the requirement no later than the middle of their next to last semester of study. (That is, if a student plans to graduate in May, they should begin work on the project no later than the middle of the fall semester.)

Energy and Environmental Law Course of Study

Students enrolled in Energy and Environmental Law may take up to three credits outside of the LL.M. curriculum without the approval of the director of the LL.M. program. Students who seek to enroll in additional coursework beyond 3 credits outside the approved curriculum, must request permission from the faculty director of the LL.M. program. For students with F-1/J-1 visas, all required courses are considered part of the LL.M. curriculum for each program.

Approved Courses

Law School courses approved for the Energy and Environmental Law LL.M. program are listed below. Students who are interested in taking a course that is not on the respective list as part of the 24 credit LL.M. may apply to the Director of the LL.M. for its use in lieu of one of the listed courses. Students must include in that request their interest in the class and how it relates to the respective curriculum. Students may also seek permission to enroll in additional approved courses offered at another UConn school.

Course	Title	Credits
Strongly Recommended Courses		
LAW 7600	Administrative Law	3
Energy Law Courses		
LAW 7356	Energy Law and the Courts: the Grid, Renewables and FERC	3
LAW 7568	Climate Law ¹	3
LAW 7806	Renewable Energy Law	3
LAW 7812	Energy Regulation and Policy	3
Environmental Law Courses		
LAW 7302	Environmental Justice	1
LAW 7312	Environmental Advocacy	2-3
LAW 7568	Climate Law ¹	3
LAW 7650	Environmental Law	3
LAW 7721	Land Use	3
LAW 7758	Animal Law	2-3
LAW 7805	International Environmental Law	3
LAW 7842	Food Law and Policy	3

Clinical Courses

LAW 7616	Clinic: Environmental Law	3
LAW 7844	Field Placement: Center for Energy and Environmental Law	3

Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree

LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2

¹ Climate Law may be used to satisfy either the Environmental Law or the Energy Law requirement. It may not be used to satisfy both requirements. The topic for the Climate Law research paper must reflect the discipline area to which the course is being applied.

Governance, Risk Management and Compliance

Approved Courses

Law School courses approved for the Governance, Risk Management and Compliance LL.M. program are listed below. Students who are interested in taking a course that is not on the respective list as part of the 24 credit LL.M. may apply to the Director of the LL.M. for its use in lieu of one of the listed courses. Students must include in that request their interest in the class and how it relates to the respective curriculum. Students may also seek permission to enroll in additional approved courses offered at another UConn school.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
LAW 7554	Compliance: The Legal Perspective	3
LAW 7605	Business Organizations	3
LAW 7636	Corporate Finance	3
or LAW 7675	Principles of Insurance	
LAW 7987	Legislation and Regulation	3
or LAW 7600	Administrative Law	
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2
Electives		
LAW 7673	Alternative Risk Management	
LAW 7739	Antitrust and Trade Regulation	
LAW 7553	Compliance Systems, Case Studies In	
LAW 7345	Compliance and Enforcement, Problems In	
LAW 7330	Corporate Governance and Sustainability	
LAW 7299	Corporations and Human Rights	
LAW 7313	Data Privacy Law	
LAW 7341	Diversity and the Corporation	
LAW 7655	Employment Discrimination Law	
LAW 7773	Employment Law	
LAW 7812	Energy Regulation and Policy	
LAW 7312	Environmental Advocacy	
LAW 7650	Environmental Law	
LAW 7480	Ethics and Compliance in the Global Organization	

LAW 7980	Federal and State Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practice Laws
LAW 7661	Federal Income Tax
LAW 7844	Field Placement: Center for Energy and Environmental Law
LAW 7842	Food Law and Policy
LAW 7865	Health Law
LAW 7906	Higher Education Law
LAW 7672	Immigration Law
LAW 7717	Insurance Regulation
LAW 7677	International Business Transactions
LAW 7805	International Environmental Law
LAW 7878	International Human Rights
LAW 7962	International Trade Compliance
LAW 7771	Islamic Finance and Investment Law
LAW 7329	Labor Law: Strikes, Picketing, and Secondary Boycotts
LAW 7766	Labor Law: The Union Organizing Campaign and the National Labor Relations Act
LAW 7321	Legal Tech and the Role of the In-House Lawyer
LAW 7728	Multistate Taxation in the New Millennium
LAW 7806	Renewable Energy Law
LAW 7947	Right to Privacy
LAW 7724	Securities Regulation
LAW 7905	Special Education Law
LAW 7366	White Collar Crime and Public Corruption

Human Rights and Social Justice

Course of Study

Students enrolled in the Human Rights and Social Justice LL.M. program may take up to three credits outside of the LL.M. curriculum without the approval of the director of the LL.M. program. Students who seek to enroll in additional coursework beyond 3 credits outside the approved curriculum, must request permission from the faculty director of the LL.M. program. For students with F-1/J-1 visas, all required courses are considered part of the LL.M. curriculum for each program.

Approved Courses

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
<i>Students must select at least one:</i>		
LAW 7878	International Human Rights	
LAW 7883	Human Rights Post Conflict Justice	
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2
Electives		
LAW 7376	Access to Justice	
LAW 7914	American Slavery and American Law: The Legal Origins of Racism in America	
LAW 7344	Bioethics and the Law	
LAW 7326	Connecticut Constitutional Law	

LAW 7885	Children and the Law
LAW 7568	Climate Law
LAW 7609	Clinic: Asylum and Human Rights
LAW 7872	Comparative Law and Rights
LAW 7345	Compliance and Enforcement, Problems In
LAW 7330	Corporate Governance and Sustainability
LAW 7645	Criminal Procedure
LAW 7313	Data Privacy Law
LAW 7341	Diversity and the Corporation
LAW 7360	Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession
LAW 7901	Elder Law
LAW 7331	Empirical Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice
LAW 7655	Employment Discrimination Law
LAW 7312	Environmental Advocacy
LAW 7650	Environmental Law
LAW 7587	Ethics of Public Health
LAW 7561	Evidence Law and Critical Theory
LAW 7653	European Human Rights
LAW 7657	Family Law
LAW 7810	Federal Indian Law
LAW 7592	Health and Human Rights
LAW 7865	Health Law
LAW 7315	Disparities to Access in Health Care
LAW 7906	Higher Education Law
LAW 7339	Housing Discrimination
LAW 7888	Juvenile Law
LAW 7672	Immigration Law
LAW 7357	Insurance and Discrimination
LAW 7805	International Environmental Law
LAW 7679	International Law
LAW 7766	Labor Law: The Union Organizing Campaign and the National Labor Relations Act
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LAW 7697	Law and Public Education
LAW 7763	Law and the Mental Health System
LAW 7336	Legal Research, International
LAW 7759	The Nuremberg Trials
LAW 7334	Pretrial Justice
LAW 7777	Race and the American Legal System
LAW 7381	Race and Property in U.S. History
LAW 7319	Bias, Racism, and Cross Cultural Competency
LAW 7814	Refugee Law
LAW 7925	Sexuality, Gender and the Law
LAW 7365	Speech, Society, and the First Amendment
LAW 7905	Special Education Law
LAW 7792	Street Law in the High Schools
LAW 7947	Right to Privacy

Insurance Law

Course of Study

The Insurance Law Center maintains a list of core courses and related courses. Students enrolled in the Insurance Law LLM who hold a U.S. JD degree may take up to 6 credits of related courses. Students enrolled in the Insurance Law LLM who do not hold a U.S. JD or who hold an international law degree may take up to 3 credits of related courses.

Approved Courses

Course	Title	Credits
Required Course		
LAW 7675	Principles of Insurance	3
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2
Core Courses		
LAW 7673	Alternative Risk Management	3
LAW 7382	Captive Insurance Law	3
LAW 7554	Compliance: The Legal Perspective	3
LAW 7340	Cyber Insurance	2
LAW 7928	Employee Benefits and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act	3
LAW 7691	Health Care Financing	3
LAW 7865	Health Law	3
LAW 7711	Healthcare Liability Insurance	3
LAW 7357	Insurance and Discrimination	2
LAW 7781	Insurance Litigation, Current Issues and Trends	4
LAW 7717	Insurance Regulation	3
LAW 7799	Insurance Solvency Law and Regulation	3
LAW 7354	Insurance, Current Issues In	1
LAW 7324	Insurtech Startup Law	2-3
LAW 7771	Islamic Finance and Investment Law	3
LAW 7894	Law and Economics	3
LAW 7786	Law of Marine Insurance	2
LAW 7686	Liability Insurance	3
LAW 7563	Life Insurance, Annuities, Disability and Long Term Care Insurance	3
LAW 7325	Mass Tort Litigation and the Role of Liability Insurance	3
LAW 7675	Principles of Insurance	3
LAW 7787	Principles of Reinsurance	3
LAW 7790	Property Insurance	2
LAW 7774	Surety Law	3
LAW 7864	Workers' Compensation Law	2-3
Related Courses		
LAW 7600	Administrative Law	3
LAW 7739	Antitrust and Trade Regulation	3
LAW 7639	Bankruptcy	3
LAW 7505	Contracts	4
LAW 7636	Corporate Finance	3
LAW 7655	Employment Discrimination Law	3

LAW 7773	Employment Law	3
LAW 7650	Environmental Law	3
LAW 7962	International Trade Compliance	3
LAW 7984	Law and Interpretation	3
LAW 7763	Law and the Mental Health System	3
LAW 7530	Torts	3
LAW 7742	Trusts and Estates	3

Intellectual Property and Information Governance

Approved Courses

Law School courses approved for the Intellectual Property and Information Governance LL.M. program are listed below. Students who wish to substitute a course not on this list, should make the case for doing so to the Director of the Intellectual Property and Information Governance LL.M.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
<i>Each student must take either</i>		
LAW 7715	Intellectual Property	
<i>Or two of the following three courses</i>		
LAW 7734	Copyright	
LAW 7716	Patent Law	
LAW 7939	Trademark Law	
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2
Electives		
LAW 7304	Art and Artifacts Law	
LAW 7600	Administrative Law	
LAW 7739	Antitrust and Trade Regulation	
LAW 7605	Business Organizations	
LAW 7829	Comparative Intellectual Property Law	
LAW 7734	Copyright	
LAW 7340	Cyber Insurance	
LAW 7705	Cyberlaw	
LAW 7313	Data Privacy Law	
LAW 7364	Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence	
LAW 7842	Food Law and Policy	
LAW 7877	Clinic: Intellectual Property	
LAW 7798	Clinic: Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship, Advanced Fieldwork	
LAW 7715	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7528	Intellectual Property Licensing	
LAW 7677	International Business Transactions	
LAW 7889	Legal Regulation of Art and Public Culture	
LAW 7911	Media and the Law	
LAW 7273	Music Law	
LAW 7716	Patent Law	
LAW 7753	Patent Litigation	
LAW 7735	Patent Law, Adv. Practice and Procedure	

LAW 7274	Quantam Computing and Intellectual Property Law
LAW 7947	Right to Privacy
LAW 7365	Speech, Society, and the First Amendment
LAW 7939	Trademark Law
LAW 7317	Trademark Use and Enforcement
LAW 7980	Federal and State Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practice Laws

U.S. Legal Studies

Course of Study

Students in U.S. Legal studies choose from the entire course list (<https://www.law.uconn.edu/academics/courses>) creating a curriculum that meets individual goals. This flexibility encourages students to study new legal areas for the first time, as well as to further their specialization in particular subjects of interest. Certain courses have prerequisites, so students should consult with the teaching faculty member about their legal background to determine what courses are required prior to enrolling.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2

Executive LL.M. in U.S. Law

Intended for international students studying in their home country pursuing a joint global legal practice degree.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses for Students with a Foreign Law Degree		
LAW 7535	U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 7585	US Law and Legal Institutions: Research and Writing	2

Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of substantive and procedural law within the program's field of specialization.
2. Analyze and solve complex legal problems by applying legal doctrine, policy considerations, and interdisciplinary perspectives appropriate to the field.
3. Demonstrate competency in the type of legal research and writing required by legal institutions, firms, agencies, and international organizations.
4. Effectively employ strategic, practice-oriented skills such as advising, drafting, negotiation, compliance design, advocacy, or litigation strategy, as appropriate to the discipline.
5. Exercise professional judgment and ethical responsibility in domestic and transnational legal contexts.
6. Communicate effectively with a variety of audiences, including clients, regulators, courts, and institutional stakeholders.