

MASTER OF LAW AND LETTERS (LL.M) IN U.S. LEGAL STUDIES



ENHANCE YOUR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE THROUGH U.S. LAW

The LL.M in U.S. Legal Studies is a unique opportunity for foreigneducated lawyers and law graduates to understand the American legal system. This program is designed to satisfy the educational requirements of the California State Bar for foreign-educated attorneys.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Learn how to effectively advocate for your clients
- ✓ Learn the basics of several specific areas of American law
- Perform modern American legal research using online databases and other resources
- ✓ Gain the legal analysis skills crucial for advocacy on behalf of a client

The program is a full immersion experience that places you in the same in-person classes as J.D. students. You will learn from experienced faculty who are experts in their fields and who will challenge you to think critically and creatively. You will also benefit from your classmates' diverse perspectives and backgrounds from different countries and cultures.

If you are interested in applying for the LL.M in the U.S. Legal Studies program, please visit our website for more information on admission requirements, deadlines, tuition and fees, scholarships, and more.









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MASTER OF LAW AND LETTERS (LL.M) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ADMISSIONS CALENDAR FALL '26	
OCT 20	Application Opens
FEB 17	Application Closes
MAR 1	Interview Notifications Sent
MAY 1	Admissions Decisions Made
EARLY AUG	Start Date

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Apply through LSAC, selecting LL.M program
- ✓ You must have a law degree or its equivalent from the country in which you are qualified to practice law
- Prove your English language proficiency with a TOEFL Digital Exam Score of 90 or above (not required if your native language is English)
- ✓ Submit your transcripts via LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS). A minimum GPA of 3.2 is required/recommended
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit a personal statement
- ✓ Submit your résumé or curriculum vitae
- ✓ Eligible, qualified applicants will be invited to interview via video conference. This is an important part of the evaluation process and is required for admission

If LL.M students meet all of the requirements set by the California State Bar, the LL.M degree will position them to be able to sit for the California Bar Exam. Students may be eligible to take the bar exam in other states. Students are responsible for determining eligibility and requirements for any other jurisdiction.

To begin the process, please create an LSAC LL.M CAS account. Creating an account requires one-time fees charged by LSAC. To help offset these costs, Western State does not charge an application fee for our LL.M Program.



PROGRAM OF STUDY

REQUIRED COURSES (26 UNITS)		
Introduction to US Legal System and Civil Procedure	4 units	
Constitutional Law I	3 units	
Professional Responsibility	3 units	
Criminal Law	3 units	
Evidence	4 units	
ELECTIVE COURSES (SELECT THREE COURSES)		
Administrative Law	3 units	
Administrative Law Constitutional Law II		
	3 units	
Constitutional Law II	3 units 3 units	
Constitutional Law II Criminal Procedure	3 units 3 units 3 units	

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