

INTERNATIONAL LAW (LLM)

The DePaul Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law provides an intensive course of study that emphasizes the theoretical background and practical skills lawyers need to excel in international law practice.

There are concentrations in five key areas of global practice:

- International Business, Commercial & Trade Law
- International Cultural Heritage Law
- International Governance & Rule of Law
- International Human Rights Law & Policy and Criminal Justice

The DePaul international law program is designed for both experienced attorneys and recent law school graduates from the United States and abroad who wish to:

- Earn an advanced law degree to assist in the pursuit of a career with law firms, governmental and nongovernmental agencies, and academic institutions worldwide
- Obtain practical and theoretical knowledge of international law and its interaction with the laws of the United States and other countries
- Learn the research, analytical and communication skills required to succeed in international law practice
- Represent clients engaged in international transactions and relationships
- Establish a network of professional international contacts and clients
- Work with faculty experts in international and U.S. law
- Interact with students from diverse legal cultures

Additionally, foreign lawyers and graduates will improve English language skills and gain a deep and sophisticated understanding of the U.S. legal system.

With the exception of students admitted to and enrolled in the joint JD +LLM program, credits earned as part of the JD program do not count toward the LLM degree.

Program Requirements	Semester Hours
Core Requirements	6
Elective Requirements	18
Total hours required	24

Learning Outcomes

- Domestic students will be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge of the legal rules and policies in the student's area of specialization.
- Domestic students will be able to conduct advanced legal research and analysis in the student's area of specialization.
- International students will be able to identify structures of the U.S. legal system and government institutions.
- International students will be able to demonstrating understanding of how a common law system operates in a constitutional democracy.
- International students will be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge of the legal rules and policies in the student's area of specialization.
- International students will be able to identify and apply relevant legal authority.

- International students will be able to communication clearly in speech and writing.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Laws program begins with an orientation that introduces graduate students to DePaul's faculty, staff, library, computer and research facilities. Students who received legal training outside the United States also will participate in special courses introducing them to the differences between civil and common law systems, the foundations of the U.S. legal system, the methods of legal reasoning and analysis, and the basics of legal writing in the U.S. legal system.

To earn the LLM in International Law, a student must complete 24 semester hours of credit with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. A summer term is counted as a semester for this purpose. Students who complete 24 credit hours with a GPA below the 2.0 GPA required to earn the degree will not be permitted to continue taking classes to improve their GPA. A student is automatically dismissed if he or she has a cumulative GPA below 2.0 for any three consecutive semesters.

The LLM program may be completed on either a full- or part-time basis but it must be completed within five years. With the exception of students admitted to and enrolled in the joint JD+LLM program, credits earned as part of the JD program do not count toward the LLM degree. In addition, no credit is given for law courses taken before a student is admitted to and enrolled in the LLM program.

Course Requirements

Courses must be selected from the LLM in International Law courses listed below. Candidates must complete the required courses and additional elective courses in their area of concentration, to meet the total requirement of 24 credit hours.

Required Courses for International Students

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 322	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS	3
LAW 556	INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL WRITING AND RESEARCH	3

Core Courses

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 422	INTERNATIONAL LAW	3
LAW 448	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS	3

Students must successfully complete the required core coursework and complete the additional credit hours in one of the following areas of concentration:

International Business, Commercial & Trade Law

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select from the following:		18
LAW 230	UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW	
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	

LAW 290	ANATOMY OF A DEAL: FROM INCEPTION TO CLOSING
LAW 460	BUSINESS PLANNING
LAW 513	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
LAW 522	U.S. CUSTOMS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE
LAW 524	EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM
LAW 583	STUDY ABROAD: MADRID, SPAIN
LAW 588	STUDY ABROAD: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
LAW 593	STUDY ABROAD: HAVANA, CUBA
LAW 608	INTERNATIONAL TAXATION

International Governance & Rule of Law**Required Course**

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 482	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS I	3

Elective Courses

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select elective courses from the following:		15
LAW 221	INTERNATIONAL LAW OF WEAPONS CONTROL	
LAW 230	UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW	
LAW 390	POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE	
LAW 428	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
LAW 513	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 516	IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY	
LAW 583	STUDY ABROAD: MADRID, SPAIN	
LAW 585	STUDY ABROAD: HEREDIA, COSTA RICA	
LAW 588	STUDY ABROAD: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	

International Human Rights Law & Policy and Criminal Justice**Required Course**

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 482	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS I	3

Electives

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select elective courses from the following:		15
LAW 221	INTERNATIONAL LAW OF WEAPONS CONTROL	
LAW 227	CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 230	UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW	
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (approved topic)	
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	

LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC
LAW 390	POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I (Asylum & Refugee; Immigration)
LAW 513	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II (Asylum & Refugee; Immigration)
LAW 516	IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY
LAW 517	ASYLUM AND REFUGEE LAW AND POLICY
LAW 583	STUDY ABROAD: MADRID, SPAIN
LAW 585	STUDY ABROAD: HEREDIA, COSTA RICA
LAW 588	STUDY ABROAD: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

International Cultural Heritage Law

Additional required courses:

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 250 or LAW 428	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR INDEPENDENT STUDY	3
LAW 535	ART AND THE LAW	3

Elective Courses

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select elective courses from the following:		12
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (approved topic)	
LAW 271	TRADEMARK & UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW	
LAW 338	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR CORPORATE TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERS	
LAW 344	COPYRIGHT LAW	
LAW 407	CONFLICT OF LAWS	
LAW 455	LEGAL DRAFTING (Art Market Transactions and/or other approved topic)	
LAW 482	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS I	
LAW 513	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	
LAW 522	U.S. CUSTOMS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE	
LAW 524	EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM	
LAW 608	INTERNATIONAL TAXATION	