

# LLM IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

## Overview

Today's legal practice and legal institutions are unavoidably multinational as the world has become more global and countries more interconnected. Legal rules that previously affected domestic matters are now often subject to the laws of numerous jurisdictions, which is why the understanding International Law has become more and more necessary. This specialization provides students with the background necessary to recognize, understand and manage problems arising in the international legal order, including: International Trade, Investment, Business, Environmental Problems, and Protection of Human Rights.

Students must complete 24 credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.30/4.00 and comply with the LL.M. writing requirement in order to receive the Masters of Law in International Law degree. Many students pursue different paths in reaching this goal. The exact number of courses taken depends on how many credits are associated with each course. Many students are most interested in our varied international and comparative law courses.

## Specialization in U.S. & Transnational Law LL.M. for Foreign-Trained Lawyers

The International Law LL.M. allows students enrolled in the U.S and Transnational Law specialization to hone their specific interest with a choice of two tracks: the Experiential Learning Track and the Academic Track.

- **Experiential Learning Track:** Students who are on the Experiential Learning Track are required to complete one supervised, hands-on training experience in a workplace related to their area of study through (1) a pre-approved placement in the International Law LL.M. Practicum Program or, (2) Miami Law's Career Development Office Externship Program, or, (3) through a placement that a student secured him/herself and that can be converted into a practicum or field placement. Practicum/externship placements are part-time and range from 1-3 credits (i.e. 40-120 placement hours per semester). As part of the practicum/externship program, students are required to attend a number of on-campus lectures. Students participating in the International Law LL.M. Practicum or Externship Programs will be enrolled in the corresponding academic for-credit course (i.e. LL.M. Practicum I or II, Externship I, II or III) during the semester of their placement. Students on the Experiential Learning Track who are unable to secure a practicum or placement despite diligent efforts on their part may in exceptional circumstances fulfill this requirement by taking additional hands-on lawyering skills courses.
- **Academic Track:** Students in the International Law LL.M. who are on the Academic Track can fulfill all graduation requirements by taking general, writing or skills courses and are not required to complete hands-on training experiences in a workplace.

## Admission Requirements

### DOMESTIC J.D. STUDENTS

Prior to enrollment, full-time and part-time applicants must have earned a J.D. degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- International applicants must hold a J.D. degree or its equivalent from a foreign institution.
- International lawyers must present evidence of graduation from an international law school: official transcripts from all schools attended and listed on the application for admission; certified, translated copy of the transcripts; and photocopies of diplomas received.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of not less than 580 on the written, not less than 237 on the computer based or not less than 92 on the internet based TOEFL test is required to be considered for admission. In the alternative, applicants may take the International English Language Test System exam (IELTS), in which event a score of not less than 7 is required.

## Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 336	International Finance	3
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	3
<b>Electives</b>		<b>15</b>
Public International Law:		
LAW 657	Advanced Immigration	
LAW 760	Human Rights Clinic	
LAW 335	Immigration Law	
LAW 340	International Criminal Law	

LAW 334	International Environmental Law
LAW 311	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
LAW 947	International Moot Court
LAW 318	Law of the Sea
International Business and Cross Border Transactions:	
LAW 995	CROSS-BORDER TRANSACTIONS
LAW 541	Deal Skills: Cross Border Finance Transactions
LAW 589	INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW AND PRACTICE
LAW 398	INTERNATIONAL BANKRUPTCY (VIRTUAL)
LAW 351	International Business Law Seminar
LAW 138	International Intellectual Property
LAW 313	International Sales
LAW 314	International Tax
LAW 705	THE LAW AND PRACTICE OF SOVEREIGN DEBT MANAGEMENT
LAW 529	Transnational Litigation and International Arbitration with a European Nexus
Foreign and Comparative Law:	
LAW 304	Comparative Law
LAW 198	Cuba: Law, Policy, and Transition
LAW 339	Doing Business in Latin America
LAW 988	DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA WORKSHOP
LAW 745	FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH
LAW 243	Islamic Law and Human Rights Seminar
LAW 353	INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH LAW AND THE TALMUD
LAW 762	Latin American Contracts
LAW 390	Spanish for Lawyers I
LAW 570	Spanish for Lawyers II
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>24</b>

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<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 999	Introduction to U.S. Law	2
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
<b>Electives</b>		<b>24</b>
U.S. Law Courses:		
LAW 12	Contracts	
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	
LAW 15	Torts	
LAW 14	Property	
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	
International Business and Trade Courses:		
LAW 988	DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA WORKSHOP	
LAW 723	International Investment Agreements	
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	
LAW 333	Int'L Economic Law	
LAW 313	International Sales	
LAW 314	International Tax	
International Law Courses:		

LAW 312	International Law
LAW 311	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
LAW 341	International Copyright
LAW 947	International Moot Court
LAW 340	International Criminal Law
Dispute Resolution Courses:	
LAW 223	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LAW 742	Mediation
LAW 603	International Commercial Arbitration
LAW 972	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: DESIGN SYSTEMS
LAW 265	SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS LAW
Immigration Courses:	
LAW 335	Immigration Law
LAW 399	Immigration, Strategy, and Removal Defense
LAW 657	Advanced Immigration
LAW 605	Topics in Citizenship and Immigration Law Seminar
Maritime Law Courses:	
LAW 318	Law of the Sea
LAW 300	Admiralty
LAW 303	Coastal Law
LAW 213	Environmental Law
LAW 675	Marine Insurance
LAW 350	Marine Ecology and Law Seminar
LAW 261	MARITIME P.I.
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

This is a sample Plan of Study. Your actual course sequence may vary depending on your previous academic experience as well as current course offerings. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester to determine the appropriate course selection.

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Year One		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 995	CROSS-BORDER TRANSACTIONS	2
LAW 657	Advanced Immigration	2
LAW 541	Deal Skills: Cross Border Finance Transactions	2
LAW 339	Doing Business in Latin America	3
LAW 988	DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA WORKSHOP	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective		3
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	3
LAW 335	Immigration Law	3
LAW 138	International Intellectual Property	1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

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<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 988	DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA WORKSHOP	2
LAW 999	Introduction to U.S. Law	2
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 12	Contracts	4
LAW 265	SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS LAW	1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective		3
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 309	International Business Transactions	3
LAW 335	Immigration Law	3
LAW 138	International Intellectual Property	1
LAW 333	Int'L Economic Law	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Mission

International Graduate Law Programs aims to foster the intellectual discipline, creativity, and critical skills that will prepare its graduates for the highest standards of professional competence in the practice of law in a global environment subject to continual transformation. We seek to cultivate a broad range of legal and interdisciplinary scholarship through a rich and demanding curriculum, instruction in legal research and writing, a wide variety of opportunities for professional skills training, and support for students and alumni in planning and achieving rewarding professional careers.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students who received their primary legal education abroad ("foreign-educated students") will demonstrate advanced proficiency in high-level legal reasoning, fact analysis, and critical thinking as they familiarize themselves with the American legal system.
2. Students who received their primary legal education abroad ("foreign-educated students") will demonstrate advanced proficiency in written and oral communications as it relates to the discipline in an American legal systems context.
3. Legal Drafting and Written Communication  
Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in legal drafting and written communication as it relates to International Law.