# **LLM IN MARITIME LAW**

#### Overview

The Maritime Law LL.M. Program comprises of a rigorous study and training experience in the field through a focused theoretical and practical curriculum. The program requires a total of 24 credits completed with a grade point average of 2.3/4.00, of which a minimum of 12 credits must be maritime law courses.

# **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
Required Maritime Law Core Concepts Courses		
LAW 300	Admiralty	3
LAW 303	Coastal Law	3
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 318	Law of the Sea	3
Elective Maritime Law Courses		12
LAW 775	Maritime and Coastal Legal and Policy Issues in Miami	
LAW 675	Marine Insurance	
LAW 261	MARITIME P.I.	
LAW 194	Cruise Ship Law	
LAW 350	Marine Ecology and Law Seminar	
LAW 213	Environmental Law	
LAW 924	PIRACY, TERRORISM, AND DRUG SMUGGLING IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN	
LAW 923	PROTECTION OF LIVING MARINE RESOURCES	
Total Credit Hours		24

# **Curriculum Requirements**

### For Foreign-Trained Law Graduates

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Coursework for Foreign-Trained Lawyers		
LAW 999	Introduction to U.S. Law	2
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
Required Maritime Law Core Concepts Courses		
LAW 300	Admiralty	3
LAW 303	Coastal Law	3
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 318	Law of the Sea	3
Elective Maritime Law Courses		12
LAW 775	Maritime and Coastal Legal and Policy Issues in Miami	

Total Credit Hours		30
LAW 923	PROTECTION OF LIVING MARINE RESOURCES	
LAW 924	PIRACY, TERRORISM, AND DRUG SMUGGLING IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN	
LAW 213	Environmental Law	
LAW 194	Cruise Ship Law	
LAW 670	Marine Ecology and the Law Seminar	
LAW 261	MARITIME P.I.	
LAW 675	Marine Insurance	

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.

## **Sample Plan of Study**

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
LAW 999	Introduction to U.S. Law	2
LAW 303	Coastal Law	3
LAW 300	Admiralty	3
LAW 194	Cruise Ship Law	2
LAW 924	PIRACY, TERRORISM, AND DRUG SMUGGLING IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN	1
LAW 923	PROTECTION OF LIVING MARINE RESOURCES	1
LAW 261	MARITIME P.I.	2
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
LAW 312	International Law	3
LAW 318	Law of the Sea	3
LAW 213	Environmental Law	3
LAW 350	Marine Ecology and Law Seminar	2
LAW 675	Marine Insurance	2
	Credit Hours	15
	Total Credit Hours	30

### **Mission**

The University of Miami and International Graduate Law Program's mission is 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. The Maritime Law LL.M. Program (the "Program") prepares attorneys to become specialists in the domestic and international legal problems associated with the use of navigable waters and the protection of the marine environment. The Program offers graduate-level theoretical and practical courses and training.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Maritime Law students will demonstrate an advanced proficiency and practical understanding as it relates to Maritime Law, including substantive rules, relevant procedures, ethical considerations, and lawyering skills specific to the practice of maritime law in a global environment.
- 2. Students will demonstrate advanced proficiency in legal drafting and written communication as it relates to Maritime Law.
- 3. To ensure that students complete the Program requirements, graduate, and either secure employment or advancement opportunities.