

LLM Programs for Foreign Lawyers: What Are We Teaching and How Are We Teaching it?

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LLM Program Curriculum

- 20 Credit Hours (minimum)
- Mandatory Course (2 credits)
 - Common Law Reasoning
- Optional Courses (1 credit each)
 - Introduction to American Law
 - American Contract Law
 - One First Year Course
- Elective Courses (integrated w/JDs)
- No Thesis Requirement

Common Law Reasoning Course

- Introduction to Common Law
- Overview of American Legal System
- Analysis of U.S. Statutes and Cases and Application to Real-World Fact Situations
- Research: Print and Computer Assisted
- Legal Citation
- Legal Writing
- Memo Drafting

How Do We Teach?

- Small Class Size
- Group Work/Collaboration
- 360 Degrees Learning Experience
 - students and teachers learn from each other

Extracurricular Offerings

- Basic American Law Lectures
- Contract Drafting Workshop
- Lawyer as Problem Solver
- Leadership Retreats
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
- Excel, PowerPoint, Presentation Skills Workshops
- ESL Discussion Groups & Writing Coaches
- Successful Student Series
- Honor Code talks (LLM only)
- Plagiarism/writing talks (for LLMs writing papers)

What Do We Offer Our Graduates?

- Knowledge
- Skills (Language, Professional, Social)
- Better understanding of themselves, their abilities, and their professional preferences
- Career Development Tools
- Network of Classmates, Alumni, Business Contacts

Life-Long Competencies that will serve our alumni throughout their personal and professional life