

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM



UCI Law

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

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LL.M. Program at UCI Law

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program at the University of California, Irvine School of Law offers a first-rate legal education to lawyers, judges, government officials and others wishing to become educated about the legal system and practice of law in the United States. We offer a general LL.M. program that can be tailored to each individual's interests, thus uniquely equipping students with the knowledge and skills to excel in today's global legal community, whatever their personal and professional goals may be.

The program is a one-year, full-time, 24-credit course of study in advanced legal topics, designed for lawyers trained outside of the United States. Students are required to take four courses: Introduction to American Law, Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students, Introduction to American Legal Practice and Professional Responsibility for LL.M. Students. For the remainder of their courses, students select from a broad range of courses across the upper-level J.D. curriculum. Dedicated staff are available to assist students in planning their course of study and, if desired, ensuring that students' coursework meets the eligibility requirements of the California, New York, or other state bars.

Why Pursue an LL.M. at UCI Law?

World-Class Faculty: Classes at UCI Law are taught by a brilliant group of dedicated and welcoming faculty. Our faculty members are extraordinary scholars. A recent study ranked their scholarly impact as No. 6 in the U.S. behind only Yale, Harvard, University of Chicago, New York University and Stanford. Equally important, they are also superb teachers and devoted mentors. This unbeatable combination makes UCI Law a unique, dynamic and diverse intellectual community in which to learn and grow. Our faculty and students are from many different countries and top academic institutions.

Small Class Sizes: Our student-faculty ratio is among the best in the country for J.D. students at 7:1 and the average number of students in an upper-level class is 10 – this enables students to have more individual time with our outstanding faculty. We combine the best of a small, collegial and supportive environment with a large and renowned research institution.

Learning by Doing: Experiential learning is the core of our curriculum. We teach our students how to turn theory into practice and learn by doing, essential in developing practice-ready skills for lawyers. Public service is also at the very center of UCI Law's mission. Our programs provide students the opportunity and training to use their legal education to improve society.

Southern California Location: Our prime location in central Orange County, California – one hour south of Los Angeles and one hour north of San Diego – makes UCI a highly attractive place to spend a year studying law. Located about 10 minutes from the beach, the UCI campus is situated in Irvine, California, which consistently ranks among the safest cities in the U.S. Among Irvine's many benefits are its pleasant year-round climate and easy access to many cultural, entertainment and outdoor attractions. In addition, Southern California is a vast, highly desirable and sophisticated legal market home to prestigious international law firms, regional firms, and prominent public interest organizations. Orange County boasts a large and diverse economy home to some of the world's largest companies as well as entrepreneurial small startups. The business climate offers emphasis in a myriad of sectors, including real estate, high technology, international trade, health care and life sciences.

Vibrant and Robust: Individually and collectively, the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the Law School have made UCI Law a place of excellence and innovation in teaching, scholarship and public service. UCI Law had the highest ever debut ranking in U.S. News & World Report, and now is ranked No. 28 overall, No. 15 for Clinical Training, No. 17 in Intellectual Property Law and in the top 14 in student diversity. We continue to strive for greater levels of excellence in every way, every day...won't you join us?

Curriculum

Required Courses

Students with non-U.S. law degrees will be required to take four 2-credit courses open to only LL.M.s providing an introduction to various aspects of American law and legal practice:

- Introduction to American Law
- Lawyering Skills for LL.M. Students
- Introduction to American Legal Practice
- Professional Responsibility for LL.M. Students

Elective Courses

The LL.M. curriculum includes a broad range of classes from the upper-division J.D. curriculum. Students will be permitted to choose a program that best suits their interests and will be integrated with the upper-division J.D. courses offered in any given year.



Pre-Semester Orientation

Students are required to attend an intensive and substantive orientation prior to the start of fall semester. This orientation will cover an introduction to the American legal system, what to expect in law school classes, basic studying techniques and academic rules.

Tuition

Please consult www.law.uci.edu/llm for tuition and cost of attendance information.



“At UCI Law you will receive more than a degree. You will benefit from access to our top professors in a collegial and holistic learning environment. You will be integrated into a welcoming and sophisticated group of LL.M. and J.D. scholars. And you will have the benefit of living and studying in our ideal Southern California location just minutes away from North America’s best beaches. UCI Law combines academic rigor, collegiality and lifestyle like none other.”

Khary D. Hornsby

Assistant Dean of LL.M. and International Student Programs

Application Requirements

Who Should Apply

Qualified applicants will have been awarded their home-country law degree prior to matriculation in the program and must demonstrate English language fluency sufficient to engage in the rigorous study of American law.

English Proficiency Requirement

Students in our graduate degree programs must have a high level of English proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We accept both the TOEFL and IELTS as proof of English proficiency. If an applicant has taken multiple tests, photocopies of all results must be submitted with the application. An interview via Skype or in-person (if in California) is required and will be scheduled following submission of formal application.

Unless both of the exceptions listed below apply, applicants must submit official, current TOEFL or IELTS scores as an integral part of their application:

Only applicants who (i) are residents of Australia, Canada (other than Quebec), New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom, or the United States AND (ii) who have completed a rigorous full-time program of at least (3) three years of post-secondary education in one of these countries are not required to submit English test scores.



Please visit our website for detailed application instructions:
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- You are required to submit a resume, verification of a home-country law degree (scanned copy of a transcript and/or diploma), and a statement of purpose.
- In preparing your statement of purpose, please format with 12-point font and one-inch margins. Please also double-space, and most importantly, include your name in the top header of each page. Your statement should be a maximum of 2-3 pages. The Admissions Committee will not read beyond the stated limit.
- The Law School requires at least two letters of recommendation (maximum three) from people who know you well and can discuss your academic achievements and professional work as a lawyer.
- Please note that UC Irvine School of Law will not accept revisions to the required documents once the application has been submitted.
- As a part of the application process for the LL.M. program, through an interview process, the Law School may seek additional information about your interpersonal and communication skills.





Location. Location. Location.

UCI Law is located in the heart of Orange County, California one hour south of Los Angeles, one hour north of San Diego, one hour from the snow and 10 minutes from the beach.

UCI Law Accolades

▶ No. 6

The National Jurist 2017 list of Best Schools for Practical Training ranked UCI Law No. 6 with an A+ grade, one of only nine law schools nationally to receive top honors.

▶ No. 6

A 2015 study ranked UCI Law's faculty sixth in the nation in scholarly impact, behind Yale, Harvard, Chicago, NYU and Stanford.

▶ No. 28

U.S. News & World Report ranked UCI Law No. 28 overall in the U.S., No. 15 in Clinical Training, No. 17 in Intellectual Property Law and in the top 14 in student diversity.

Happy Students

▶ In the 2016 Law School Survey of Student Engagement, the vast majority of our students rated their entire educational experience as "Excellent," far exceeding our peer schools and the national average.

Please contact us with questions either by phone at (949) 824-5335 or by email at LLM-admissions@law.uci.edu.

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