

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM



UCI Law

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW
Orange County, Southern California

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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. The program is a one-year, full-time, 24-credit course of study in advanced legal topics. The uniquely customizable program 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.

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. 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 – 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 10 minutes from the beach, the UCI campus is situated in Irvine, California – ranked as America's #1 safest city for 18 consecutive years (by the FBI). 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.

LL.M. to J.D. Transfer Option

Eligible UCI Law LL.M. graduates from the most recent class are welcome to apply to the J.D. Program as transfer students without taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). They can then earn a J.D. degree in two additional years. An applicant's grades and the relative difficulty of coursework pursued in the LL.M. Program at UCI are weighed heavily. Letters of recommendation from UCI Law faculty also carry significant weight. Please visit www.law.uci.edu/llm/ for more information.

Curriculum

Required Course

Introduction to American Law

This three-credit course is designed to introduce foreign lawyers to the legal system in the United States and the fundamentals of American law. Students will learn about the basic structure and operation of American government, with an emphasis on how cases progress through the court system. The class will also provide Academic Skills Program (ASP) concepts to provide students with additional skills to prepare them for success in other law school courses and exams.



Elective Courses

24-32 units total (from the upper-division J.D. program, and LL.M.-specific electives)

The LL.M. curriculum includes a broad range of classes from across the upper-division J.D. curriculum.

Students may choose an academic program that best suits their individual needs and interests. Students will receive individual academic advisement from the LL.M. Program staff to determine their course of study and receive guidance on issues including eligibility to sit for a U.S. bar examination.



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.

Exclusive LL.M. Programming

In addition to dedicated, individual advising, the LL.M. degree program in American Law offers co-curricular programs throughout the academic year to support the intellectual curiosity and professional aspirations of our students. Our **academic skills** workshops familiarize international scholars with practices common to U.S. legal education, such as the IRAC method for analysis, case briefing for classroom discussion, and outlining for exams. Our **community building** programs, which include social and cultural events, aim to create connections not only among our international LL.M. students but across the programs at the law school. Our **professional development** workshops introduce LL.M. students to U.S.-style application customs and interviewing skills. Finally, we collaborate with alumni to engage our graduates and strengthen their network, locally and internationally.

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.

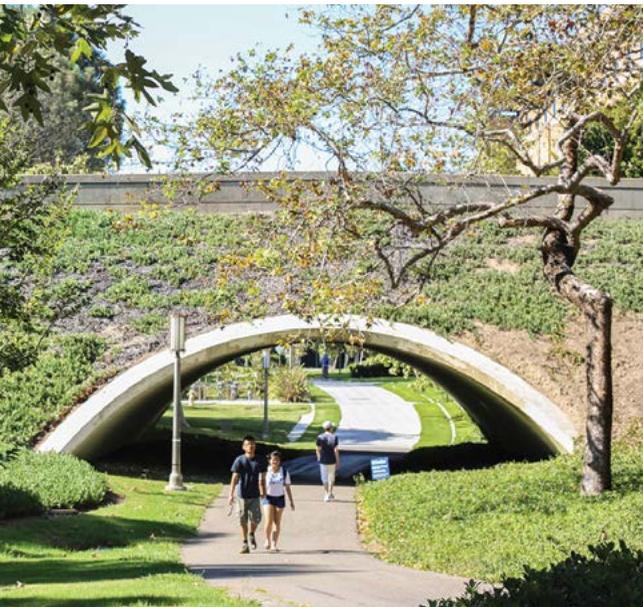
Unless both of the exceptions listed below apply, applicants must submit official, current TOEFL or IELTS scores as an integral part of their application:

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:
www.law.uci.edu/llm

- Applicants are required to apply to the UCI Law LL.M. Program through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service. Please visit www.lsac.org.
- You are required to submit a CV or 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.
- 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 is located in Irvine, California, America's #1 ranked city for safety, located one hour south of Los Angeles, one hour north of San Diego, one hour from the mountains and 10 minutes from the beach.

UCI Law Accolades

- ▶ **No. 8** overall (Princeton Review)
- ▶ **No. 7** for practical training (preLaw Magazine)
- ▶ **No. 35** overall (U.S. News & World Report)
- ▶ **No. 8** for Legal Writing (U.S. News & World Report)



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