UC LLM in the US Legal System Information

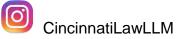
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Introduction



Low tuition! We offer one of the most affordable LLM programs in the United States. Tuition for the academic year is \$29,010 for students who are not residents of the state of Ohio.

Generous scholarships are currently available. Apply now. The University of Cincinnati College of Law, opened in 1833, is the fourth-oldest continuously operating law school in the country. A founding member of the Association of American Law Schools, the College of Law enjoys a solid reputation as one of the nation's premier small, public law schools. The College of Law has brought together a community of committed administrators, award-winning faculty, and skilled legal practitioners to create and promote an environment of intellectual exchange and academic excellence.

With an enviable 8.4:1 student-to-faculty ratio, students at the College of Law benefit from an intimate, collegial environment and personal attention from faculty, while having access to groundbreaking centers and institutes. Classes are small, with a high level of interaction between professors and students.

Several College of Law clinics have earned international acclaim, including the Ohio Innocence Project (founder of the International Innocence Network), the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights (editor of the world-renowned *Human Rights Quarterly*), the

Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic and the Corporate Law Center. LLM students can be involved with any of our clinics.

The College of Law is part of the University of Cincinnati (UC)—one of America's top public research institutions. UC is known as a leading "up-and-coming" university, a "research heavyweight," having one of the world's most beautiful campuses, and is also known as being one of the world's most welcoming universities for international students (International Student Barometer).

With a student population of 45,000, a large international student population and located in a vibrant urban community, UC offers a rich and diverse collection of co-curricular experiences and support services in partnership with our academic programs. Students can choose to participate in hundreds of organizations, workout in our state-of-the-art recreation center (ranked the #1 university recreation center in the world), play and/or watch intramural and collegiate sports, and assume leadership roles of all kinds. UC also provides key support services aimed at ensuring student success through graduation.

Students at UC enjoy easy access to downtown Cincinnati with over 650 law firms, headquarters to ten Fortune 500 corporations, and state, county, and federal courts, including the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Cincinnati is the home of well-known international companies, including Procter & Gamble and Kroger Company as well as numerous law firms doing work of an international nature. For more information about the city of Cincinnati, please visit our College of Law website: http://www.law.uc.edu/cincinnati.

Law School Enrollment

The College of Law is committed to maintaining a welcoming, collegial atmosphere for all students. Key to this is the school's small size—approximately 300 JD students—which allows for a high level of contact between students and faculty, small classes, a friendly environment, and a high level of selectivity in the admissions process. The LLM program is small by design as well, so that faculty and staff can offer LLM students individualized attention. We are also able to arrange many visits to local law firms, courthouses and corporations, so our LLM students can meet and establish connection with local attorneys and judges.

Professional Development Services

The College of Law LLM program is specifically designed to be a small program. This will allow students ample opportunity to work one-on-one with the LLM program director, program coordinator, advisors and faculty members on issues related to their law studies and to career planning. LLM students have one-on-one academic counseling and help with all aspects of life at UC Law. We also offer free writing tutoring for our LLM students at the law school. In addition, students are encouraged to work with UC

Law's Center for Professional Development. Our career counselors will work one-onone with LLM students on a full range of topics, including networking, résumé writing, interview skills and internships. We offer regular opportunities to practice your networking skills with local attorneys who come to the law school for this purpose!

Physical Facilities

The Robert S. Marx Law Library, which can seat the entire law school student body at one time, manages a robust collection to support faculty and student research and the college curriculum. The library has a seasoned staff that is able to assist students with research and technical questions. Two computer labs and a wireless network throughout the law building enable students to maximize online research capabilities, and our skilled IT staff members are readily available to assist law students.

Housing

A variety of housing options are available near the University of Cincinnati campus. Students in Cincinnati enjoy a cost of living well below the national average. For example, the average cost of a one-bedroom apartment in Cincinnati is \$600 to \$800 each month; whereas, the average is \$1,600 to \$1,700 in Washington, DC, or \$2,600 to \$2,700 in New York City. The University's Graduate and Family Housing Office provides affiliated housing options, private listings, and a roommate search service which you may find helpful. The College of Law will assist, whenever possible, in connecting incoming students who would like to share an apartment with another law student.

LLM Program: The US Legal System

Our LLM in the US Legal System is open to practicing attorneys and law school graduates who received their legal education outside of the United States. The LLM program provides a rigorous, substantive introduction to the US legal process while allowing students to focus their studies on their own areas of interest. Two classes are required of all LLM students: Legal Research and Writing for LLM Students, and the US Legal System. Students select the remainder of their courses from among the full range of courses available at the College of Law. Areas of study include:

- Business law, including corporate law, commercial law, tax law, labor law, and employment law
- Criminal law
- International law, including human rights, public international law, trade law, and immigration law
- Law, technology, environmental law, health law, and intellectual property law
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and negotiation
- Public interest law, including family law, critical race theory, women's rights, and more

We also now offer a new LLM Concentration in Business Law.

One- and two-year programs are available.

LLM students are welcome to participate in our <u>7 legal clinics</u> for practical experience, including our Urban Morgan Human Rights Institute, the Ohio Innocence Project (which works to free those in prison who are innocent), the Corporate Law Center, our Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic and our Center for Race, Gender and Social Justice. We are also introducing a new clinic this year, our <u>Patent & Trademark Clinic</u>.

LLM students can also apply for internship experiences during their second semester or after graduation (Optional Practical Training), which will allow you to remain for up to an additional 12 months in the US after your LLM graduation. UC Law student externs have been placed at Procter & Gamble, Kroger Company, Macy's, Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati Public Schools, Children's Law Center, and many more locations.

Summer LLM Orientation Program





LLM students will arrive on campus two weeks before regular classes begin so that they can participate in an orientation program. This program will introduce students to US university culture, to the city of Cincinnati, the university, and the College of Law. It will also preview strategies for success in a US law school classroom and how to adjust to life in the US.

During this time students will also be given a chance to network with each other, JD students, faculty, and local judges and lawyers. You will visit local courthouses and law firms.

Conditional Letters of Admission (CLA)

CLAs are available from the College of Law. You can apply for conditional admission and we can hold you place in our program for up to two years while you work on your

English skills. Students may complete their English preparation on UC's campus at one of the largest <u>ELS centers</u> in the United States.

Contact Information

For additional information, please visit our <u>LLM website</u>, or contact:

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Financial Aid

Scholarships are available. No special application is required. We offer scholarship of up to 50% of tuition costs. If you are interested in a scholarship, please let us know by sending an email requesting consideration. Please address this message to the Program Coordinator Tonya Hampton at uclawllm@uc.edu.

Student Services and Organizations

Over 2,000 international students currently attend the University of Cincinnati. UC offers students a wide array of activities and organizations, which provide students with a chance to meet one another, socialize, travel together and learn outside of the classroom. UC also provides a network of supportive services to make sure that the transition to the Cincinnati community is a smooth one. Help with visa, language skills, and other issues is available on campus. The University of Cincinnati office of International Services is a tremendous resource for international students at UC.

The College of Law hosts over 35 student-run organizations and clubs based on various affiliations, interests, and activities. Numerous scholarly institutes, a Vis International Moot Court team, legal clinics and law journals offer students ample opportunities to get involved.

LLM students have the opportunity to participate in social occasions that allow them to get to know one another, as well as students in the JD program. In addition, LLM students make visits to law firms, courthouses, and government institutions, and participate in special networking events. Join us today! Our free application can be found at www.law.uc.edu/admissions/llm.



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