



## The Illinois Experience

With a nationally renowned faculty, a rich and diverse curriculum, myriad opportunities for professional training, and the expansive resources of a world-class research university, Illinois Law features a first-rate LLM program designed to introduce international students to the U.S. legal system while also providing the opportunity for specialization in their own area of academic or professional interest.

### LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP

All students – whether enrolled in the JD, LLM, MSL, or JSD program – enjoy fully integrated classroom experience where they learn together and from one another.

### SUPERIOR CURRICULUM

Illinois Law's curriculum is both timely and robust, exposing students to a healthy blend of doctrinal law, theoretical perspectives, and real-world skills. Students take a core curriculum that provides them with a solid grounding in essential elements of legal practice and have the freedom to choose from nearly 150 course offerings.

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

The Illinois LLM provides the opportunity for advanced coursework in students' own area of academic or professional interest. Illinois has a worldwide reputation in several areas of strength:

- Business, Corporate, and Banking Law
- Commercial Law and Trade
- Corporate and Finance Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Employment and Labor Law
- International Law
- Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights
- Tax Law
- Technology and Intellectual Property (IP) Law
- US Legal Practice Skills

### APPLYING PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE

LLM students are invited to participate in a variety of learning opportunities that round out their law school experience and prepare them for practice, namely: clinics, competitions, trial advocacy, law journals, student organizations, pro bono, Illinois Global Law Fellows program, and over 100 lectures and events.

### 2-YEAR JD OPTION

Students who have completed an LLM at Illinois or another accredited US law school can apply for advanced standing to complete the JD in 2 years.

### LLM EXTENSION (3rd SEMESTER) OPTION

Students may choose to complete the LLM in 2 or 3 semesters. Some students may apply to complete the LLM degree in three semesters to engage in a more intensive program of study, greater internship opportunities, and additional time to study for the bar exam or LSAT.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's, LLB, or equivalent degree (non-law degrees accepted)
- Completed Application
- Résumé
- Statement of Purpose
- Certified Transcripts and Credentials
- Two Letters of Reference
- TOEFL or IELTS score
- Copy of Passport Page

**No application fee!**

**Your law career advances at Illinois.**

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“**A**t Illinois, we educate and prepare our students for the practice of law through rigorous classroom instruction and in-depth practical experiences. We have a first-rate faculty, a large and extremely accomplished alumni base, and a talented and collegial student body within a world-class university setting. **I invite you to learn all the University of Illinois College of Law has to offer.**”

**Vikram David Amar**  
Dean  
Iwan Foundation Professor of Law



“**I** am so fortunate to have the opportunity to join in the Community Preservation Clinic as a 3rd semester LLM student. I will have the privilege to work directly for clients with real problems. **The hands-on experiences I will get is exactly what the employer is looking for.**”

**Minnan Liu**  
LLM 3rd semester student  
From China



“**W**hat has made my experience here amazing is the social experience. **The professors and students as well as community members are awesome: open, supportive, and very nice to me.** I enjoyed feeling like a normal American student, and the work is challenging but manageable. Also the fact that the school let me transfer to JD makes the LLM exceptional here. I’m getting great value for my education.”

**Roman Perchyts**  
Completed LLM and was admitted into the JD program as a 2L  
From Ukraine



“**A**t Illinois, **you feel part of a big family**, willing to support you through your academic path. Taking classes with JD students helps you learn faster and make connections so that your integration in the new study environment, and in the new community, becomes easier.”

**Evisa Kambellari, PhD**  
LLM student  
From Albania

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