LL.M. Program for Foreign-Trained Lawyers
Welcome to Atlanta, one of the United States’ fastest growing cities and home to the world’s busiest airport. Surrounded by business, government, nonprofit and cultural organizations, Georgia State Law provides an ideal environment for gaining practical experience and engaging in interdisciplinary research and collaboration.

Whether you are seeking to fine-tune your legal expertise in health law, intellectual property or land use and urban growth, or qualifying to sit for the Georgia Bar Examination or for another state, Georgia State Law offers an excellent grounding in U.S. jurisprudence.

Visit us and see what Georgia State Law has to offer, including an amazing facility and a practice-based program.

Steven J. Kaminshine
Dean and Professor of Law
Within the heart of one of the nation’s premier international cities, we truly have the ability to challenge and refine legal education. Students and graduates are passionate and contribute to the law school’s global mission to enhance the legal environment. Georgia State Law’s location, programs and value are unrivaled.
Study in a state-of-the-art facility designed for a legal education of the future. All of this is possible at Georgia State Law in Atlanta.
Amid the vibrant city of Atlanta, you will find a law school filled with intellectual vigor and a building that exemplifies the program within it. But even more so, we are proud of the extraordinary community we have created. In our new home at 85 Park Place, we blend state-of-the-art design and technology with our innovative and practice-based curriculum.

Today’s interconnected world of business and law requires attorneys to be able to write, analyze, evaluate and interpret legal issues in a universal context. With connections locally, nationally and abroad, the LL.M. Program for Foreign-Trained Lawyers at Georgia State Law provides you with the access needed to excel in a global society.
Today’s academic and professional worlds demand intellect, expertise and the distinct ability to practice with competence. A master of laws from Georgia State Law affords foreign-trained lawyers engaging and intellectually stimulating studies that reflect our ethos for educating lawyers of the highest caliber and competence. Practicing law on a global scale requires knowledge and education that transcends market needs.

LL.M. students at Georgia State Law are well equipped to assume leadership positions in law firms, government agencies and judiciary sectors. Our program will help you achieve this through:

• Teaching the skills essential to understanding U.S. law
• Enhancing familiarity with U.S. legal language and concepts
• Interacting with U.S. law students and faculty
• Facilitating a means to create a global network of contacts
• Providing opportunities to refine and validate English language skills

Track 1 requires a minimum of 26 credit hours, inclusive of the required courses. Students are encouraged to write a thesis, though it is not required. Students in this track will not be eligible to take the Georgia Bar Examination; it is not intended to qualify graduates to take any U.S. bar examination.

Track 2, the bar-preparation track, requires a minimum of 26 credit hours inclusive of the required courses. It requires satisfactory completion of three required courses: Introduction to U.S. Law, Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M., and Research Methods in Law. Students preparing for the Georgia Bar Examination follow a prescribed curriculum.
TRACK 1: SPECIALIZED LL.M.

Specialized LL.M. students can add to their practice portfolio or prepare for careers in teaching or government service by studying in specialty areas, such as:

- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- Land Use and Urban Growth

Our rich curriculum allows you to design an individual course of study tailored to your academic and professional needs and interests. At the same time, foreign-trained students gain a solid foundation in U.S. law and the skills training essential for understanding the workings of the U.S. legal system.

Track 1 applicants must have completed the coursework for the equivalent of a professional law degree or similar credential, but need not be practicing lawyers.

TRACK 1 CURRICULUM

**Fall Semester**

- Introduction to U.S. Law .................. 3 credit hours*
- Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students .......... 3 credit hours*
- Research Methods in Law ................. 1 credit hour*
- Elective .................................. 3 credit hours*
- Elective .................................. 3 credit hours

**Total full-time hours = 13**

* Indicates first-year, fall semester part-time only required courses = 10 hours

**Spring Semester**

- Elective .................................. 3 credit hours*
- Elective .................................. 3 credit hours*
- Elective .................................. 3 credit hours*
- Elective .................................. 4 credit hours

**Total full-time hours = 13**

* Total first-year, spring semester part-time hours = 9

* In their second year, part-time Track 1 LL.M. students will take their remaining electives (9 hours for the fall semester). This completes the 26 hours required to obtain the specialized program degree.
TRACK 2: BAR PREPARATION

The Bar Preparation Track focuses on helping students meet the requirements necessary to sit for the Georgia Bar Examination. Students following Track 2 may also be eligible to sit for the bar exam in other jurisdictions. Students should consult the requirements of the state in which they wish to practice to ensure that their course of study will meet such requirements.

Track 2 applicants must have the equivalent of a professional law degree or similar credential, and must be authorized to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction.

TRACK 2 CURRICULUM

**Fall Semester**
- Introduction to U.S. Law ..................................................3 credit hours*
- Legal Writing and Analysis for LL.M. Students ..................3 credit hours*
- Research Methods in Law ..................................................1 credit hour*
- Civil Procedure I .........................................................3 credit hours*
- Professional Responsibility ............................................3 credit hours

*Total full-time hours = 13

* Indicates first-year, fall semester, part-time only required courses = 10 hours

**Spring Semester**
- Constitutional Law II .....................................................3 credit hours*
- Civil Procedure II .........................................................3 credit hours*
- Lawyering Advocacy .......................................................4 credit hours
- Evidence ........................................................................3 credit hours*

*Total full-time hours = 13

* Total first-year, spring semester part-time hours = 9

* In their second year, part-time students will take Professional Responsibility (3 hours for the fall semester) and Lawyering Advocacy (4 hours for the spring semester). This completes the 26 hours required to sit for the Georgia Bar.
Consistently ranked a best value, Georgia State Law offers a competitive LL.M. program. Our 2015–16 tuition, fees and estimated costs are:

**Georgia Resident Costs***
- Tuition and fees: $16,858
- Books and supplies: $1,500
- Estimated living expenses: $12,410*
- Transportation: $2,070
- Bar review course: $4,000**
- Total: $36,838***

**Nonresident Costs***
- Tuition and fees: $36,456
- Books and supplies: $1,500
- Estimated living expenses: $12,410*
- Transportation: $2,070
- Bar review course: $4,000**
- Total: $56,436***

* Costs may vary based on personal choices.
** Bar review courses are not offered by Georgia State Law.
*** Loan fees are not included in total cost and will vary based upon the amount of loan accepted.
HOW TO APPLY

Applicants apply online and submit all supporting documents through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at lsac.org. A complete application to the LL.M. program must include the following:

• Completed online application form at lsac.org

• Personal statement
  Two double-spaced pages, describing why you wish to pursue graduate legal study at Georgia State Law and highlighting any experiences, qualifications or other information you believe to be relevant.

• Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

• Transcripts
  Georgia State Law requires applicants educated outside of the United States to use the LSAC Credential Assembly Services for transcript and credential evaluation. Learn more at lsac.org.

• Two letters of recommendation
  These should come from individuals who can speak to your ability to succeed in a rigorous academic setting.

• TOEFL or IELTS score (non-native English speakers only)
  Georgia State Law classes are taught in English, so proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening are essential. LL.M. students take most of their classes with J.D. students and are expected to participate in class discussions and ask questions. Students also must be able to answer written examination questions and prepare other required assignments.

  Applicants are presumed proficient in English if they are (1) from a country where English is an official language or (2) earned an undergraduate degree from a college or a university in which the instruction is in English. In some cases, a video teleconference, telephone, or in-person interview may be required to confirm English proficiency.

  All other applicants must demonstrate English proficiency by achieving
  • A minimum TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 100 on the Internet-based test
  • A minimum of 7.5 on the academic version of the IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

  No other test- or certificate-based methods of demonstrating English proficiency will be considered.

Pre-LL.M. English Language Study

Applicants scoring lower than 100 on the TOEFL or 7.5 on the IELTS but above 90 on the TOEFL or 6.5 on the IELTS may be conditionally admitted to the LL.M. Program if they enroll in the Summer Program English for Professional Purposes: Law (EPP:L).

Full admission to the LL.M. program is conditioned on successful completion of the pre-LL.M. Summer Program in English for Professional Purposes: Law. The EPP:L prepares international LL.M. candidates who are non-native English speakers for the demands of graduate coursework in law. The EPP:L is administered by Intensive English Program in the Department of Applied Linguistics/ESL at Georgia State. Learn more at iep.gsu.edu/pre-llm-summer

  • The application fee for the EPP:L program is waived for conditionally admitted Georgia State LL.M. students. However, the costs of tuition, fees and health insurance are the student’s responsibility. Note: Failure of a conditionally admitted LL.M. applicant to enroll in the EPP:L program will result in immediate cancellation of conditional admission.

• $50 application fee
  Submit via LSAC’s document assembly service.

APPLICATION DATES

• Application period opens: Oct. 1
• International applicants only deadline: March 15
• Foreign-trained U.S. permanent residents deadline: April 15
Admissions Disclosure
The College of Law admits students based upon certification that the application materials are complete and accurate. If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions. Pay close attention to questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application and the Criminal Certification following question 4.

Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

ABA Character and Fitness Statement
Applicants are required to provide the ABA-accredited College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one’s application or result in actions, up to and including revocation of admission.

Every American jurisdiction in which you may practice law after graduation from law school requires each applicant for admission to the bar to meet character and fitness requirements as a condition of eligibility for admission. You are encouraged, as you go through the law school application process and before you enter law school, to determine the requirements of the jurisdiction(s) where you intend to practice law. If you are uncertain where you will practice law, you may wish to review the Standard NCBE Character and Fitness Application, titled Request for Preparation of a Character Report, of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which is used by a number of jurisdictions’ bar admission authorities. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available at ncbex.org.

Complete information about Georgia’s character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at gabaradmissions.org. Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

SACS Accreditation
Georgia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 only for questions about the accreditation of Georgia State University.

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