

Options for Applicants with Non-US Law Degree

Lawyers who earned their law degree from a non-US law school have four options:

- Concentration program (Energy, Environment and Natural Resources; Health Law; Intellectual Property & Information Law; International Law; or tax)
- Foreign Scholars LL.M.
- Foreign Scholars LL.M. program with certificate
- Summer LL.M. program, <http://www.law.uh.edu/llm/Summer-Program.pdf>

Certificate Option

Students admitted to the Foreign Scholars LL.M. program *that begins in August* have the option of pursuing a general course of study or, in addition to the LL.M. degree, earning a certificate in:

- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property & Information Law
- International Law
- Tax Law

Students earning a certificate must: complete 24 credit hours - including Introduction to American Law (3 credits), Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits), register for a minimum of 12 credits of certificate-specific coursework, and maintain a 2.50 grade point average. Although there is no thesis requirement, students have the option of writing a shorter seminar paper.

The certificate option is only open to students admitted to the Foreign Scholars LL.M. program. Students can identify the certificate area upon admission to the Foreign Scholars program.

Summer LL.M. All students admitted in the summer are placed in the Foreign Scholars program and do not have the option of earning a certificate or admission to concentration. The summer LL.M. program is designed for students who want to complete a 24-credit program in substantially less time (June-December) than other LL.M. programs.

Comparison of Options for Foreign Educated Lawyers

Program	Course Requirements
Summer LL.M. Program	24 credits - including the two required courses.* Summer coursework is the same for all students; students select courses for fall semester. No writing requirement. 2.5 grade point average
Foreign Scholars LL.M.	24 credits - including the two required courses.* No writing requirement. 2.0 grade point average.
Foreign Scholars LL.M. with <i>Certificate</i>	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 12 credits of certificate-specific coursework. No writing requirement. 2.5 grade point average.

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources LL.M.	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 15 credits of EENR coursework. Thesis optional. 2.5 grade point average.
Health Law LL.M.	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 18 credits of health coursework. Thesis required. 2.5 grade point average.
Intellectual Property & Information Law LL.M.	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 15 credits of intellectual property and information law coursework. Thesis optional. 2.5 grade point average.
International Law LL.M.	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 15 credits of international law coursework. Thesis optional. 2.5 grade point average.
Tax	24 credits - including the two required courses* and 18 credits of tax law courses. Thesis optional. 2.5 grade point average.

*Students who earned their law degree outside of the United States are required to take two courses: Introduction to American Law and Lawyering Skills and Strategies. The courses are required for students admitted to any of the programs listed above.

Bar Examination

Non-US educated lawyers planning to take a U.S. bar examination are responsible for researching bar eligibility requirements before applying to an LL.M. program.

Complete eligibility information is available in The Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements (2010) which can be found at <http://apps.americanbar.org/abastore/index.cfm?section=main&fm=Product.AddToCart&pid=52900871>
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