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STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Welcome! As an accepted student, you are assigned a University ID called “myUH ID” or PeopleSoft (PS) number. Your identification number should be included on all correspondence or communication with the Law Center.

“myUH” is the University’s online home for 24/7 access to all academic services, business services and student records. You can monitor a wide range of activities such as your financial aid status, view and pay your fee bill, view the class schedule, register for class, check your grades, etc. You can also update all your campus personal information such as email and mailing address. It is important to update this information whenever anything changes.

Follow the instructions below to retrieve your temporary password and access your myUH Self Service page. Please note that it may take up to 24 hours for your information to process in myUH. If you receive an error message the first time you try to log-in, wait 24 hours before you try again.

- Navigate to <http://my.uh.edu>
- Click "Reset Password."
- Enter your User Id (myUH ID) and click "Continue."
- Enter your birth date in this format: MMDDYYYY. Click "Email New Password." Your temporary password will be sent to the email address you listed on your Law Center application. If that email is not showing as the address that the password is being sent to, contact the Graduate Legal Studies Office. If your email address has changed, email the Graduate Legal Studies Office at llm@uh.edu or call 713.1010 (option, “technical support”) to update your file.
- To access your record, go to <http://my.uh.edu>
- Enter your myUH ID and temporary password. You should be prompted to change your password.
- Click "UH Self-Service" located on the left side of the page.
- Under "Learner Services," you can view several activities.
- Under “Financial Aid,” view your “To Do List” to see if additional information is required.

Questions?

- If you have problems logging into PeopleSoft, call the Graduate Legal Studies office at 713.743.2890 or llm@uh.edu to verify that your email address in myUH is correct. If the email address is correct and you still cannot retrieve your password, or if you have problems logging in, call the help line at 713.743-1010 (“technical support”)
- Financial aid questions should be directed to Laura Neal at lneal@central.uh.edu or 713.743.2269.

COUGAR CARD

The Cougar Card is the official identification card for the University of Houston. The card is required to access some areas of the Law Center, enter the Law Center building after certain hours and days, is the official Law Center library card and provides access to the Health and Wellness Center. The Cougar Card is for campus use, only.

Apply for your Cougar Card at <http://www.uh.edu/cougar1card/info.htm>. After applying online, cards can be picked up in the Cougar Card Office, located on Calhoun in the Welcome Center garage. Bring your PeopleSoft (MyUH) number and photo identification such as a driver's license, military ID, or passport. <http://www.uh.edu/cougar1card/faq.htm>

PROGRAM CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Applications and offers of admission are program specific. Changing from one program to another is not permitted after an offer is extended or during the program itself.

All programs are 24 credits. Within the 24 credits, foreign-trained lawyers must take Introduction to American Law and Lawyering Skills and Strategies. (These are the only two *required* courses in the LL.M. in U.S. Law program. S students in a specialty program must complete a specific number of specialty-specific credits:

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law (15 credits of EENR coursework)

Health Law (18 credits of Health Law coursework)

Intellectual Property & Information Law (15 credits of IPIL coursework)

International Law (15 credits of International Law coursework)

Tax (18 credits of Tax coursework to include Federal Income Tax)

Program	Required Courses	Total Credits	Required Grade Point Average
LL.M. in U.S. Law	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 18 credits of other coursework	24	2.00
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR)	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 15 credits of EENR coursework 3 credits of other coursework	24	2.50
Health Law	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 18 credits of health coursework	24	2.50
Intellectual Property & Information Law (IPIL)	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 15 credits of IPIL coursework 3 credits of other coursework	24	2.50

International Law	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 15 credits of international law coursework 3 credits of other coursework	24	2.50
Tax Law	Introduction to American Law (3 credits) Lawyering Skills and Strategies (3 credits) 18 credits of tax coursework that includes Federal Income Tax	24	2.50

SELECTING COURSES

Students are assigned a faculty advisor who approves all course selections to ensure that selections meet program requirements and are consistent with the student's goals. Follow the steps below to select courses and for course approval.

Step 1: Review Class Schedule

Go to <http://www.law.uh.edu/schedule/homepage.html> for the fall 2017 class schedule (available in late March). The schedule includes the following information:

- Courses by Categories. To view all courses in a category (for example, international law), click "search by category."
- "Course Area" identifies the specialty area of a course. For example, if the course area is "International Law," that means the course qualifies as meeting the specialty credit requirement for students in the International Law program.
- Credit Hours. All LL.M. programs are 24 credits. "Credit" refers to the amount of time a class meets each week for one semester (August-December and January-May). For example, a three-credit course meets twice a week for a total of three hours each week for one semester. The number of credits for a course is indicated by the second digit of the 4-digit course number. (Course 9399 would be a three-credit course.)
- Meeting Time and Days. M (Monday), T (Tuesday), W (Wednesday), Th (Thursday), F (Friday). Classes are not scheduled on Saturday or Sunday.
- Course Description. Click the course name for additional information such as the professor, required textbook, first day assignment, course outline and course syllabus. Some of the information may not be available until the week before classes.

Step 2: Select Courses

Carefully read the course description. When selecting courses, consider your degree requirements, the two required courses (Introduction to American Law; Lawyering Skills and Strategies) are scheduled and visa requirements or restrictions.

- Students who plan to take a bar exam (see "Bar Examination Information for Non-US Educated Attorneys") should review the list of required courses, if any, to ensure that eligibility

requirements are met. (Note: meeting both the LL.M. program and bar eligibility requirements may result in the completion of more than 24 credits.)

- Students typically register for 12-15 credits a semester.
- Do not select classes that meet at the same or have overlapping times.
- Are you in a specialty program that requires a specific number of specialty-specific credits?
- You can select back-to-back classes. For example, you can register for one class that ends at 4:00 and a second class that begins at 4:00. (Classes are dismissed a few minutes before the published end time. All classes are at the Law Center.)
- F-1 visa students must register for a minimum of nine credits every semester. An F-1 visa student can register for less than nine credits ONLY if it is the student's last semester and the student has submitted a Reduced Course Load form (available in the Graduate Legal Studies Office at the University of Houston Law Center). Students on other visas are responsible for complying with the credit hour requirements or restrictions of their visa.
- Students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or those who have no visa restrictions or requirements can register for as few as three credits during the fall and spring semesters but must complete all program requirements within three years of their admission date and be continuously enrolled every fall and spring semester. (NOTE: bar eligibility requirements may require program completion in less time.)

Courses offered during the fall semester are typically NOT offered during the spring semester. If a tentative schedule for the next semester is posted, check BOTH schedules. This is especially important for students who plan to graduate in two semesters.

The fall semester begins in early August and ends in mid-December. The spring semester begins in early January and ends in mid-May. Classes are offered during the summer in two six-week sessions or one twelve-week session. There are fewer courses offered during the summer than in the fall or spring and there are no seminars offered during the summer.

Step 3: Faculty Advisor Approval: Procedure

Please note that the procedure for obtaining the approval is not the same for all programs.

- Health Law, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources , International Law, Tax Law, and LL.M. in U.S. Law

Contact your faculty advisor to introduce yourself and the program to which you have been admitted. While prerequisites generally do not apply to LL.M. students, providing information about your education and work history will assist your advisor in determining whether or not a particular class is a good "fit." List the courses in which you are interested. Based upon the information that you provide (and, in some cases, Law Center policy) your advisor will approve your selections or make alternate suggestions. Students must obtain the approval of their faculty advisor for all coursework. **Copy all email correspondence to llm@uh.edu. List**

approved courses on the “Course Approval Form” and fax to 713-743-2194 or email to llm@uh.edu.

- Intellectual Property & Information Law

For complete instructions, refer to the letter/email that you received confirming your admission to the program.

Step 4: Registration

Do not attempt to register online! We will register you for your approved course selections, including Introduction to American Law and Lawyering Skills & Strategies. If an approved class is closed or unavailable, students will be asked to contact their faculty advisor to select another course.

HOUSING

Housing options include residence halls on the University of Houston campus, student apartments adjacent to the campus and apartments located throughout the city.

Campus Housing (<http://www.uh.edu/housing/>)

Students who will not have their own transportation should consider campus housing or student apartments located next to the campus. Houston is a very large, metropolitan city and public transportation is limited. Bus service, for example, may not be available to the UH campus from an off-campus apartment, or, if available, may entail a ride of an hour or more.

- Campus and student housing near the campus fills up VERY quickly – typically by the end of February.
- “Furnished” does NOT include personal items such as bed linens, cooking utensils, sheets. etc.
- The *Calhoun Lofts* are located adjacent to the Law Center. Electricity, gas, water, cable, Wi-Fi, and local phone service are included. Several options are available: efficiencies, one, and two bedrooms. For more information, go to <http://www.uh.edu/housing/housing-options/calhoun-lofts/>.

If you select campus housing, it is important that you advise the housing office that you are arriving BEFORE the scheduled move-in date and discuss your options. In residence halls, for example, it may not be possible to move in early and you will need to make interim arrangements. **You must request early check-in.**

Deposits are NOT refunded after May 31. This applies even if the room reservation and deposit are made after this date.

Student apartments are located adjacent to the campus. All provide shuttle transportation to the campus and are within walking distance of the Law Center. It is important, when signing a lease, to confirm their deposit refund policy and their check-in date.

Bayou Oaks 713-747-3834
<http://www.uh.edu/housing/housing-options/bayou-oaks/>

Cambridge Oaks 713.748.2606 www.cambridgeoaksuh.com

Cullen Oaks 713.748.3707 www.cullenoaks.com

The apartments at Cambridge Oaks are not furnished, but they will provide contact information for a furniture rental company. The furniture can be delivered to Cambridge Oaks and, with adequate planning, can be delivered before your arrival. *Please note:* the form on their website is an actual *lease contract* and, by submitting it, you are confirming your intention to lease an apartment. The form is NOT a way of showing interest or requesting placement on a wait list. Use the “notes” section at the bottom of the lease if you plan to arrive before July 31, are requesting other special accommodations, or arrive for check-in after 5:00 p.m. You can sign a nine or 12-month lease.

The apartments at Cullen Oaks are furnished and come in a variety of configurations: one, two bedroom, etc. Their online form is an application, only, and completing the form does not automatically ensure an apartment.

Apartment Locator services are free and help students find apartments located throughout the city.

Apartment Directions

Amanda Boos

Phone: 800.798.3778

www.apartmentdirectionsinc.com

Email: information@houston-apartments.com

Apartment Locators

Suzanne Nemon

Phone: 713.833.0229

www.houaptloca.com

Email: dazed1951@msn.com

About Apartment Rental: All apartments require a deposit, some of which may be non-refundable. There may also be an application fee. The tenant is usually responsible for electricity and other utilities. There are numerous electrical providers and the tenant is responsible for setting up an account and paying any deposit the provider may require.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students with an “F” or “J” visa are automatically required to be covered under the UHS Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) or have equivalent coverage, regardless of the number of credit hours taken. The student will automatically be enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan at registration and be billed on their student financial account. The student health insurance coverage becomes effective on August 1.

A student may request a waiver of this requirement if the student shows proof of alternative coverage that is equivalent to the mandated student health insurance. The waiver must be requested every semester by the deadline published for that semester.

Go to <http://www.uh.edu/healthcenter/insurance/international-student-health-insurance-requirements.html> for complete student health insurance information .

VISA

If you are entering the United States on student visa (F-1), an I-20 will be processed upon receipt of your Applicant Response form, Letter of Financial Backing and financial support documents and send to you by Federal Express. *It is important that you arrive no later than the date indicated on the I-20.* I-20's are shipped via Federal Express.

If you are transferring from another U.S. academic institution and hold a F-1 or J-1 visa, you must request that the Designated School Official at your current institution initiate your SEVIS transfer to the UH System before an I-20 can be issued. Contact the Graduate Legal Studies Office for details.

B-1, B-2, or F-2 visa holders will not be permitted to register for classes until the F-1 visa is obtained.

Direct all visa eligibility and procedural questions to the University of Houston Office of International Student and Scholars Services (OISSS), <http://www.uh.edu/oiss/> .

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Go to <http://www.law.uh.edu/lit/> for a description of IT support available to students, including special pricing for selected Dell and Apple computers.

TUITION AND OTHER EXPENSES

Tuition each semester is based on the number of courses (credit hours) for which a student registers and must be paid before the first class day.

Fee bills are generated each semester, with the first payment due approximately two weeks before the semester begins. The fee bill includes tuition University fees, and, if applicable, health insurance, campus housing and a parking permit. It is very important that you secure and confirm funding *before* registering for classes. Classes will be dropped for non-payment.

The University has several payment options, <http://www.uh.edu/financial/payment/>. Payment in full – or the first installment – is due approximately two weeks before the beginning of the semester. Courses will be dropped if payment is not received by this date. There is no guarantee that a student the dropped classes will be available when payment is made.

Students who anticipate making payment by a wire transfer should contact Laura Neal, Law Center Financial Aid Advisor, at lneal@central.uh.edu *before* the transfer is made. Fee bill questions should also be directed to the Financial Aid Advisor.

The following estimates are for 2017-2018 academic year (August-May), based upon completion of the program in two semesters and subject to change

(Texas) <u>Resident Tuition and Fees</u>	\$29,000.00
<u>Non-Resident Tuition and Fees</u>	\$40,000.00
<u>All Students</u>	
Parking	\$160.00 – \$310.00
Books	\$ 2,900.00
Health Insurance*	\$ 1,00.00 (each semester)
<u>Foreign Students</u>	
International Orientation Fee*	\$ 75.00
International Fee*	\$ 170.00
Legal Research & Writing	\$ 120.00
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	
Room and Board	\$10,200.00
Personal	\$ 2,624.00
Transportation	\$ 2,800.00

*Fees required of all students holding a visa. Health insurance is automatically charged to international students. Must show proof of insurance by 20th class day to have fee removed.

Information above is subject to change pending action taken by the Texas Legislature or University of Houston Board of Regents. Changes become effective on the date of enactment. This information should only be used as a guide for estimating tuition and fee charges.

BANKING

If you are planning to open a bank account, keep in mind that banks offer a variety of accounts. Some require a minimum deposit, charge a fee per check, or have a monthly service charge. Some offer free automated (ATM) banking. TDECU, <https://www.tdecu.org/>, has an on-campus site. There is no monthly service fee.

Other banks in the Houston area:

Bank of America, <http://www.bankofamerica.com/>

Chase, <http://www.chase.com/>

Wells Fargo, <http://www.wellsfargo.com>

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION

Texas State law (SB 1107) mandates that ALL entering students under the age of 22 provide a certificate signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that a student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. The date of vaccination must be within the last five years and **at least ten days before the start of the semester**. For foreign LL.M. students, the semester begins with orientation on August 7. Students living on campus will be required to wait 10 days after your vaccination date to move in. *Students planning to receive the vaccine in the U.S. should plan to arrive no later than two weeks before the first day of classes/orientation.* For more information, visit <http://www.uh.edu/academics/courses-enrollment/policies/immunization/index.php>.

DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS

Consistent with the Law Center's goal of providing opportunities for all students to succeed, the Office of Student Services assists students who have special needs by providing reasonable accommodations. Accommodations are provided on an individual basis as circumstances merit them.

Accommodations may include:

- Reduced course loads
- Additional time for exams
- Assignment to classrooms where architectural access is best
- Obtaining taped texts
- Providing interpreters and readers

We have found that the sooner we know of your needs, the better we can accommodate you. If you think you have a disability that justifies accommodations, please contact Sharon Nellums-Goosby in the Office of Student Services *as soon as possible* to discuss the documentation necessary to verify the needs and whether or not accommodations can be provided. She can be reached at 713.743.2187 or snellums@central.uh.edu. *DO NOT ASSUME* because you identified a disability in your application that we are aware of it. With the large number of J.D. and LL.M. applications, this information cannot always be tracked.

LL.M. HANDBOOK

Refer to the handbook at www.law.uh.edu/llm/current/handbook.pdf for information on LL.M. requirements and academic matters, Law Center policies, student information and services, the Honor Code and:

- Attendance, course load and continuous enrollment requirement
- Hours and grade point average requirement for all concentrations and certificates
- Thesis
- Final examinations, including exam conflicts and grade appeals process

- Leave of absence or withdrawal
- Student services such as emergency loans, students with disabilities, problems (such as personal, health or academic), grievances, and petitions

Students are charged with knowledge of the contents of the handbook and are responsible for complying with all of the requirements, rules and regulations. Students are also charged with knowledge of all official email communications and information included in semester class schedules. Although every effort has been made to make this Handbook accurate and complete, the information provided is subject to change or correction at any time. Other rules, policies, or procedures may be added in the future as necessary. All updates will be announced in *The Lex* and the handbook will be updated with the changes duly noted.

FALL 2017 – FLLM ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August	1-2	FLLM Orientation
	3-4	Program: Overview of U.S. Legal System
	Weeks of August 7 and 14	Introduction to American Law; Lawyering Skills and Strategies begin
	21	First day of the fall 2016 semester. All other classes begin
	28	Last day to add a class
September	4	Labor Day Holiday (no classes)
	To be announced	Last day to file for waiver of health insurance
	6	Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.
October	31	Last day to drop a course or withdraw and receive a "W"
November	22-25	Thanksgiving holiday
November	27	Last day of classes
December	1-14	Final examinations

BAR EXAMINATION OPTIONS FOR NON-US EDUCATED LAWYERS

Students considering taking a bar examination should review eligibility requirements and confirm eligibility requirements before beginning any LL.M. program. Only a state's board of law examiners – not a law school - can confirm eligibility to take a state's bar examination.

Can a foreign-educated lawyer practice law in the United States?

The answer is "yes" and "no." To practice law in the United States, both US-educated lawyers and foreign-trained lawyers must pass the bar examination and be admitted in the state in which they intend

to practice. Each state establishes requirements for eligibility to take the bar examination in that state. Foreign-trained lawyers are not eligible to the bar examination in most states.

Eligibility requirements vary from state to state and may include:

1. Completion of a U.S. LL.M. degree at an ABA-accredited school.
2. Completion of specific courses within an LL.M. program.
3. Practice in their home country for a specific period of time.

Information on bar eligibility requirements and an overview of the bar admission process is available at:

1. American Bar Association, http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/bar_admissions/basic_overview.html
2. National Conference of Bar Examiners, A Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements (2013), <http://www.ncbex.org/>
3. Texas Board of Law Examiners, www.ble.state.tx.us.
4. New York bar examination, <http://www.nybarexam.org>

COURSE SELECTION AND THE BAR EXAM

When selecting courses, students should consider both LL.M. program and bar eligibility (specific courses, for example) requirements. Meeting both LL.M. program and bar eligibility requirements may result in completion of more than 24 credits.

Texas Bar Exam

Effective October 1, 2014, revised rules published by the Texas Board of Law Examiners identify four ways in which a lawyer with a non-US law degree may be eligible to take the Texas Bar Exam. ***Only the Texas Board of Law Examiners can make a final determination regarding an applicant's eligibility to take the Texas Bar Exam.***

Anyone graduating AFTER October 1, 2016 must meet curricular requirements: Introduction to American Law, Lawyering Skills and Strategies, Professional Responsibility and six credits of subjects tested on the Texas bar exam.

New York Bar Exam

The New York bar exam has often been the choice for foreign-educated lawyers who complete an LL.M. program at an ABA-accredited law school. ***Only the NY Board of Law Examiners can determine an applicant's eligibility for the bar exam.*** The application process is lengthy and students are advised to begin the application process *before* or during their first semester of LL.M. studies.

Eligibility for the New York bar exam (for foreign lawyers to “cure” a substantive or durational deficiency) requires completion of an U.S. LL.M. program and, within that program, the following

courses: an introduction to U.S. or American law; legal research and writing; and six credits of courses that cover subjects tested on the NY bar. (Rule 520.6(b)(3))

New York Bar Examination Approved Courses

The following University of Houston Law Center courses have been approved by the New York Court of Appeals as meeting the eligibility requirements for the New York Bar Examination. Applicants who earned their law degree outside of the United States must complete six *credits* of coursework on subjects tested on the New York Bar Exam *and* three specific courses: Professional Responsibility, Lawyering Skills & Strategies and Introduction to American Law.

Approved under Rule 520.6 subdivision (3)(vi)(a):

- Professional Responsibility (3 credits)

Approved under Rule 520.6 subdivision (3)(vi)(b):

- Lawyering Skills & Strategies (3 credits)

Approved under Rule 520.6 subdivision (3)(vi)(c):

- Introduction to American Law (3 credits)

Approved under Rule 520.6 subdivision (3)(vi)(d):

- Business Organizations (4 credits)
- Conflicts of Laws (3 credits)
- Contracts (4 credits)
- Remedies (3 credits)
- Criminal Procedure: The Investigation Process (3 credits)
- Criminal Procedure: The Adjudication Process (3 credits)
- SEM: Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- Evidence (3 credits)
- Constitutional Law (4 credits)
- Federal Courts (3 credits)
- Federal Jurisdiction/Federal Courts (3 credits)
- Procedure I (4 credits)
- First Amendment (3 credits)
- Family Law (3 credits)
- Property (4 credits)
- Torts (4 credits)
- Product Liability (3 credits)
- Trusts & Wills (3 credits)
- Sales & Leasing (3 credits)

Texas Bar Exam Approved Courses

The following University of Houston Law Center courses have been approved by the Texas Board of Law Examiners as meeting the eligibility requirements for the Texas bar examination. Applicants who earned their law degree outside of the United States must complete six *credits* of coursework on subjects tested on the New York Bar Exam *and* three specific courses: Professional Responsibility, Lawyering Skills & Strategies, and Introduction to American Law.

Rule XIII(8)(a)(7)(C)

Introduction to American Law (course 5319) 3 credits

Rule XII(8)(a)(7)(B)

Lawyering Skills and Strategies (course 5314) 3 credits

Rule XIII(8)(a)(7)(A)

Professional Responsibility (course 6321) 3 credits

Rule XIII(8)(a)(7)(D): Six credits from the courses listed below:¹

Bankruptcy (course 5365) 3 credits

Business Organizations (course 5421) 4 credits

Constitutional Law (course 5488) 4 credits

Texas Criminal Procedure (course 6348) 3 credits

Criminal Procedure: The Adjudication Process (course 5350) 3 credits

Contracts (course 5409) 4 credits

Estate Planning (course 5368) 3 credits

Evidence (course 5357) 3 credits

Family Law (course 5383) 3 credits

Federal Income Tax (course 5459) 4 credits

Federal Courts (5308) 3 credits

First Amendment (course 5312) 3 credits

Insurance (course 5369) 3 credits

¹ Courses are not offered every semester.

Landlord & Tenant (course 5318) 3 credits
Land Use (course 5338) 3 credits
Marital Property Rights (course 5340) 3 credits
Oil & Gas (course 5355) 3 credits
Payment Systems (course 6346) 3 credits
Pre-Trial Procedure (course 5320) 3 credits
Procedure (course 5406) 4 credits
Products Liability (course 5311) 3 credits
Property (course 5408) 4 credits
Real Estate Transactions (course 5397) 3 credits
Remedies (course 5356) 3 credits
Sales & Leasing (course 5358) 3 credits
Secured Financing (course 6347) 3 credits
Texas Consumer Law (course 5348) 3 credits
Texas Criminal Procedure (course 6348) 3 credits
Torts (course 5418) 4 credits
Trusts & Wills (course 5339) 3 credits

RESOURCES

Students often ask for resources that can help them prepare for the LL.M. program. These books are NOT required, but may be helpful for students who are not familiar with the legal educational system in the United States.

“LL.M. Roadmap: An International Student’s Guide to U.S. Law School Programs” by George E. Edwards. Published by Wolters Kluwer Law & Business - New York. ISBN 978-1-4548-0239-6

“An Introduction to the Legal System of the United States” (Fourth Edition) by E. Allan Farnsworth. Published by Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0-19-973310-1

“The Unofficial Guide to U.S. Legal Studies for Foreign Lawyers” Edited by Albert Vincent, Y Yu Chang and Johanna Mantilla Gomez, Published by the American Bar Association, ISBN978-1-61438-673-5

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Law Library: 713-743-2300 or 713-743-2299

Law Student Computer Help: 713-743-2309

Career Development Office: 713- 743-2090, 713-743-2091 or lawcareer@uh.edu

Law Center Bookstore (in Calhoun Lofts): 713-741-6311.

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www.uh.edu

Map - <http://www.uh.edu/maps/>

Parking and Transportation - <http://www.uh.edu/af-auxiliary-services/parking/>

Dining Services - <http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSSW/UnivofHouston/>

Recreation and Athletics - <http://www.uh.edu/student-life/recreation-athletics/>

Department of Public Safety - <http://www.uh.edu/police/>

Campus Directory - <http://www.uh.edu/search/directory-beta/>

Campus Bookstore - 713.748.0923 or <http://www.uh.edu/auxiliaryservices/bookstore>

Visit the **Recreation and Wellness Center** for exercise equipment, aquatic facilities and a rock climbing wall or you can stop by the **University Center** (UC) for a game of bowling. If you need a break while at the Law Center, visit the Student Organization Suite (SOS) in the basement. Your Cougar Card is needed for entrance to the Recreation and Wellness Center and the SOS.

Cultural activities and exhibits are scheduled throughout the year at Blaffer Art Museum and the Moores School of Music, <http://www.music.uh.edu/events/>. Check out the Cougar Hall of Fame exhibit in the Athletic Alumni Center for a glimpse of the many well-known athletes who are graduates of the University of Houston.

Shuttle Service provides transportation from remote parking and adjacent housing to the Law Center.

Stores include the Law Center bookstore located in Calhoun Lofts and a larger, more general, bookstore in the University Center. The Creation Station takes passport photos and produces banners and other artwork. Cougar Byte, also in the UC, sells discounted software, computers, and computer accessories to students: <http://www.cougarbyte.com/> Need copies? Check out the Copy Center in the University Center, <http://www.uh.edu/auxiliaryservices/copycenter/>

The **Student Health Center** offers a walk-in clinic, dental care, immunizations and a pharmacy. Check <http://www.uh.edu/admin/hc/> for complete details.

CAPS (counseling and Psychological Services) provides counseling for crisis intervention, individual, group, and couples counseling and learning disability assessment. <http://www.caps.uh.edu/>

Rental cars are available to students who live on campus and need a car for a short term rental. <http://www.uh.edu/pts/CommuteClub/carshare.htm>

ABOUT HOUSTON

Weather

Summers in Houston are generally hot and humid; winters are mild. A couple of thick sweaters, a coat, and a pair of gloves should provide enough warmth during the winter months. Light cotton casual wear, including a light jacket and/or sweater, is recommended for most months. You will also need to prepare for rainy weather with items such as an umbrella and rain jacket.

Averages	January – March	April – June	July – September	October - December
High	67.0°F	84.6°F	91°F	72.7°F
	19.3°C	29.0°C	32.7°C	22.3°C
Low	49.3°F	68.0°F	74.7°F	54.7°F
	9.3°C	20.0°C	23.3°C	12.3°C
Precipitation	3.46 in.	5.03 in.	4.98 in.	4.78 in.

Electricity

Voltage: 120 volts at a frequency of 60Hertz. All sockets follow Type A North American plug (also known as the flat blade attachment plug) which uses two flat parallel pins or blades. If you have a plug that is incompatible with the type A electric socket, you may need to find a type A electrical transformer.

Telecommunications

All phone numbers in the United States have seven digits and an area code, which is specific to each area of the country. In Houston, if you are calling a local number you dial the phone number's area code and then the seven digits of the number. There are three area codes used in the Houston area: 713, 832 and 281. If you are calling an area code outside of the Houston area, you will need to dial 1, then the area code, followed by the seven digits of the phone number. Most numbers at the University of Houston have a 713 or 832 area code.

To call abroad (from the U.S.), you must dial the international code first, which is 011.

There are a variety of mobile phone companies available if you are interested in purchasing one.



AT&T – www.att.com/wireless

Sprint – www.sprint.com

Verizon – www.verizonwireless.com

Cricket – www.mycricket.com

T-Mobile – www.t-mobile.com

TOURISM AND CULTURAL INFORMATION

Miller Outdoor Theater - <http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/> Since 1923, Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park has been Houston’s venue for free outdoor performances. This remarkable facility and its free high-quality programs are unique in the US. It is the only proscenium theatre in the country that offers an artistically excellent, culturally diverse eight-month season of performances totally free of charge to the public.



Houston Museum District – www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org

With more than seven million annual visits, the Houston Museum District is one of the top cultural districts in the country. Eighteen institutions make up the Houston Museum District, and **11 are free all the time**. The museums that make up the district are the: Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum, The Children's Museum of Houston, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Czech Cultural Center Houston, The Health Museum, Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston Center for Photography, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Zoo, Jung Center of Houston, Lawndale Art Center, The Menil Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Rice University Art Gallery, Rothko Chapel and The Weather Museum.

Houston Theater District – <http://downtownhouston.org/district/theater/>

The Theater District is a diverse cultural and entertainment center. The district features nine renowned performing arts organizations, and many smaller ones. The four venues of the Theater District include Jones Hall, Wortham Theater Center, Alley Theatre and Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. You’ll also find Bayou Place, which includes the Verizon Wireless Theater, a variety of restaurants and clubs a short walk away from the major theaters.

Major League Sports Teams

Houston has teams in nearly every major professional sport.

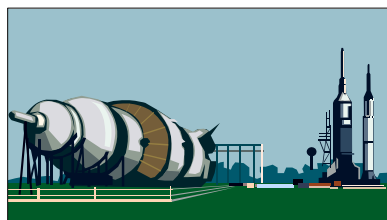
BASEBALL: Houston Astros – <http://houston.astros.mlb.com>

FOOTBALL: Houston Texans – www.houstontexans.com

BASKETBALL: Houston Rockets – www.nba.com/rockets/

SOCCER: Houston Dynamo – www.houstondynamo.com

HOCKEY: Houston Aeros – www.aeros.com



Houston Space Center – www.spacecenter.org

Houston Space Center is the official Visitor Center for NASA’s Johnson Space Center. It gives guests a journey through human adventures in space. Since 1992, this \$75 million, 180,000 square foot “edutainment” complex has entertained and informed over 15 million guests from all over the world.

HOUSTON FACTS

1. Houston is the fourth most-populous city in the United States.

2. Reliant Stadium (where the Houston Texans football team plays) has a seating capacity of 71,500.
3. The Theater District is second only to New York City with its concentration of seats (at least 12,000) in one geographic area.
4. Generally, downtown Houston streets running north and south are called streets while those going west and east are avenues.
5. The Port of Houston is the largest foreign waterborne tonnage port in the U.S. and the second-largest in total tonnage.
6. Twenty-three companies on the 2011 Fortune 500 list are headquartered in Houston.
7. More than 90 languages are spoken throughout the area.
8. If Houston were an independent nation, the city would rank as the world's 30th largest economy.
9. Houston is about 43 feet above sea level.
10. Houston's population in 1850 was listed at 2,396. Today, the population of the Harris County is 4,092,459 people.

