

# JD/LLM Joint Program Information Session

Global and Graduate Programs

# AGENDA

- **Joint JD/LLM Program Overview**
- **Eligibility**
- **Application Process & Course Audit**
- **Some Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Q & A**



JOINT JD/LLM  
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Joint JD/LL.M. Program

- Opportunity to complete JD and LL.M at the same time
- Shorter amount of time – on average one additional semester instead of 1 full-time year
- Less cost – on average 15 credit hours instead of 24; also some credits can be completed under the JD credit hour rate
- JD/LLM is earned after the completion of 105 credit hours (separately JD/90 credit hours, LL.M/24 credit hours = 114)

Joint JD/LL.M.  
Program

PROGRAM/ CONCENTRATION	TOTAL CREDITS	REQUIRED COURSEWORK	REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE	WRITING REQUIREMENT
Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Law LL.M.	24	15 credits of EENR coursework	2.5	Thesis Optional
Health Law LL.M.	24	18 credits of health coursework to include Advanced Health Law (5108),	2.5	Thesis Optional
Intellectual Property & Information Law LL.M.	24	15 credits of intellectual property and information law coursework	2.5	Thesis Optional
International Law LL.M.	24	15 credits of international law coursework	2.5	Thesis Optional
Tax Law LL.M.	24	18 credits of tax law courses to include Tax Ethics (5288) and Tax Research (5151), *(5459-Federal Income Tax is a required prerequisite and not eligible to be counted towards the 18 credit hour requirement)	2.5	Thesis Optional

# Eligibility

- **After 30 JD hours**
- **Not later than Fall semester of final year**
- **Suggest as soon as possible so that you can take full advantage of the program benefits (course selection, etc.)**
- **Visiting Students and Transfer Students**
  - **Must have completed at least 12 credit hours for at least one semester at UHLC**

## Application Process

- Direct application process – not submitted through LSAC
- Make application requests to [llm@uh.edu](mailto:llm@uh.edu)
- Compete application includes:
  - complete and signed application,
  - resume or CV,
  - 2 letters of recommendation from tenured faculty
- Submit application requests to [llm@uh.edu](mailto:llm@uh.edu)

## Audit of Courses

- Upon acceptance into the joint JD/LLM program:
  - Students will receive an audit spreadsheet of all law courses previously completed that qualify as LL.M. courses.
- Each semester, joint degree students will receive an audit of courses taken that satisfy LLM degree requirements.
- A final audit of courses is conducted to confirm program requirements for LLM degree are met.



## Benefits of LLM

- **Additional credential**
- **Specialization**
- **Credibility**
- **Concentrated focus**
- **Stand out from other law school graduates**
- **And more...**

## Some Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if I have questions about the JD Program?**
  - Address with JD Student Services
- **When will I graduate with my JD and LLM degrees?**
  - You will have both degrees conferred after completion of the requirements for both degrees.
- **When do I file for graduation?**
  - You file for graduation after completion of 105 credit hours and satisfaction of JD/LLM Joint Degree requirements.
- **Can I sit for the Texas bar exam while in the JD/LLM program?**
  - So long as you have met the requirements of the JD degree, even if you have not yet graduated, you can sit for the Texas Bar exam.

Information

Webpage: <https://www.law.uh.edu/llm/joint-degree.asp>

email: [llm@uh.edu](mailto:llm@uh.edu)

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JD/LLM  
Spotlight



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**Degree:** Visiting J.D. Spring 2019, LL.M. in Environment, Energy, & Natural Resources 2019

“The joint JD/ LL.M. degree program at UH is one of the best experiences I have had in my academic career. Being part of this program allowed me to further build upon my energy and environmental law education from the brightest minds in the energy field; namely through course work and as an international energy transactions and arbitration research assistant. I firmly believe these academic opportunities are worth its weight in gold. On top of that, the extracurricular opportunities that come from being located in one of the major energy hubs are extraordinary. Houston is home to many of the global energy summits and international and national energy committees, one of which I serve on. This makes it the best place to learn and build a professional network. I firmly believe being part of this joint JD/LL.M. program will pay dividends for many years to come! I am forever grateful to UH.”



Q&A