

Joint JD/LLM  
Information and Panel

Global and Graduate Programs

# AGENDA

- Welcome – Executive Director, Global and Graduate Programs, Karen Jones
- Joint JD/LLM Program Overview, Karen Jones
- Panel, LL.M. Specialty Programs Panel
- Application Process & Course Audit – Interim Director, Graduate Legal Studies, Suzanne Gordon
- Career Development Office, Assistant Dean, Tiffany Tucker and Associate Director, Chandria Jackson
- Q & A
- Close

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/LL.M. 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

<b>PROGRAM/ CONCENTRATION</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>REQUIRED COURSEWORK</b>	<b>REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE</b>	<b>WRITING REQUIREMENT</b>
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

# Panel

- **Brief summary of content area**
- **Importance of concentration and LLM**
- **What you can expect in the LLM program**

## LL.M. Programs Panel

- **Prof. Andrew Michaels, Intellectual Property & Information Law**
- **Prof. Bret Wells, Tax Law**
- **Prof. Gina Warren, Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Law**
- **Prof. Michael Ewer and Prof. Jessica Mantel, Health Law**
- **Prof. Zachary Kaufman, International Law**

## Panel Questions

- Introduce yourself and share a brief program summary
- What are some of the benefits of an LL.M. concentration in your program area?
- What can students expect if they pursue a LL.M in your program?



## Application Process

- Direct application process – not submitted through LSAC
- Compete application includes:
  - complete and signed application,
  - resume or CV,
  - 2 letters of recommendation
- 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.

CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT

- Career Development Office – Assistant Dean, Tiffany Tucker, Associate Director, Career Counseling, Chandria Jackson

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



**Name:** Aaron Koenck

**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



- Closing Remarks