MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW
The University of California, Davis, School of Law is one of the world’s leading law schools. We are proud of our history of outstanding scholarship, teaching and real-world impact. Founded more than 50 years ago, the School of Law continues to welcome students from around the world into its diverse, intellectually rigorous and distinctly supportive community. Faculty, fellow students and our alumni form a lifelong professional and personal global network. Join us!
WHY THE UC DAVIS LL.M. PROGRAM?

Join our outstanding Academic Year LL.M. program for the professional and personal experience of a lifetime. Here are some of the qualities that make our LL.M. program one of the best in the country.

- Classes taught by top scholars in their fields
- LL.M. students fully integrated into J.D. classes
- Academic program tailored to each LL.M. student’s needs
- Individual academic and personal advising throughout the program
- One- and two-year options
- August and January starts
- Workshops on academic success, bar exam preparation and career guidance
- Membership in an international alumni network
- Supportive, welcoming King Hall community
- Student organizations and networking opportunities
- 24-hour access to our state-of-the-art building
- One of the top U.S. research universities
- Close to San Francisco, Napa, Silicon Valley, Lake Tahoe and Yosemite
- Davis community known for safety, ease of getting around and schools

“At UC Davis you will find a vibrant and diverse student community with more than 50 active student organizations, six law journals and an academic spirit where intellectual rigor combines with genuine warmth and friendship, as well as true community of purpose.”

Kevin R. Johnson, Dean,
UC Davis School of Law

Exceptional scholarship, unusually accessible and supportive faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities provide an ideal learning environment.
ACADEMIC YEAR LL.M. PROGRAM

The UC Davis School of Law LL.M. offers a superior educational experience for foreign lawyers, judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals. Classes are taught by outstanding faculty scholars, and students are integrated into J.D. classes. The program is designed around individual student needs. Thus, LL.M. students can pursue a general course of study or a specialization from an area within the UC Davis School of Law curriculum. Students may also take a pre-Bar study program. **UC Davis offers August and January LL.M. start options in the following programs:**

**CUSTOMIZABLE GENERAL LL.M.**
Working with the program director, you may tailor the curriculum to either gain basic knowledge of the U.S. legal system or to focus on any area of legal scholarship supported by UC Davis School of Law's world-class curricula. The general LL.M. is designed to meet each student’s needs. This degree may be used to prepare for a bar exam. We offer one and two year custom options

**LL.M. WITH PRE-PLANNED AREA OF FOCUS**
Select an area of focus such as Business Law, Private and Public International Law, International Business and Dispute Resolution, Immigration Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Intellectual Property, Human Rights and Social Justice Law, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Health Law and Bioethics, and many others from the broad curriculum.

**TWO-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAM OPTION**
For some students, a longer period of study is vital to meeting educational and career goals. The two-year LL.M. provides an additional year to deepen knowledge of critical legal concepts. For more information, please contact the LL.M. Admissions Director at llm@ucdavis.edu or +1 (530) 752-6081.

UC Davis School of Law academic year LL.M. students may apply for transfer to the J.D. Program.
- LSAT scores are not required
- Successful completion of the LL.M. program is required
SUMMER LAW PROGRAMS

Connections that last a lifetime

At UC Davis School of Law, we support LL.M. students through our summer law programs. These programs will help you transition to life in the United States, improve your English and academic skills and give you an overview of the U.S. legal system as you prepare for an amazing year of LL.M. study.

ORIENTATION IN U.S.A. LAW
July 10 – July 28, 2023

For more than 30 years, the Orientation in U.S.A. Law program has served lawyers, judges, prosecutors and defenders, notaries, law professors, pre-LL.M. students and business professionals who wish to gain a better understanding of the theories and practices of the U.S. legal system. The program combines classes, interactive activities (such as moot court), field trips and social events.

ENGLISH FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS
June 26 – July 7, 2023

Since 1990, this intensive program has provided an ideal introduction to and review of English and legal analysis as used by legal professionals in the United States. Interactive and supporting, English for Legal Professionals provides excellent preparation for legal professionals or law students who want to improve their legal English and legal analysis or who are preparing to enroll in an LL.M. program.

Check law.ucdavis.edu/go/llm for information on our programs

Challenging academic program
“I am sure choosing UC Davis School of Law is one of the best decisions I have made in my life, and I believe that this year of LL.M. study will significantly influence my future career. UC Davis stands apart from other Law Schools because of its first-class professors, its friendly and interactive staff, and beautiful facilities with 24-hour access for students.”

Ping, China, 
LL.M. Program graduate
Engaging legal scholarship
The UC Davis School of Law is housed in King Hall, located within University of California, Davis, the largest campus in the UC system. The 39,629 students who attend UC Davis pursue a full range of undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. The UC Davis University Library, ranked among the top research libraries in North America, contains more than four million volumes. Students often remark that the campus’ famous open space contributes to a relaxed environment that supports study. Our campus is located just 15 minutes from Sacramento, California’s capital and a center for legal culture.

King Hall itself is a cutting-edge facility recently expanded to provide 24-hour student access to a beautiful, functionally advanced learning space that gives students the full benefit of the latest technologies. King Hall contains an appellate courtroom, a moot courtroom, a large computer lab, study carrels, a study lounge, and a student social lounge, among many other amenities.

The Mabie Law Library is the heart of study and legal research for the King Hall community. Students access print and online resources including books, journals, databases, Westlaw and Lexis. Mabie Library’s helpful staff include several attorneys, and students have unlimited access.

UC Davis School of Law boasts a number of centers of study. Students are encouraged to share and connect academically and personally through participation in more than 50 student organizations. School of Law degree students may access a wide variety of campus services. In addition to those listed above, these include academic advising and registration services, healthcare, behavioral health and counseling services, disability services, diversity resources, and many more. For complete information about services available to degree students, please visit law.ucdavis.edu/on-campus-services.

UC Davis – Life in a College Town
Davis, California is renowned for being one of America’s true college towns. Davis is also known for its 160 kilometers of bicycle paths. The community is prized for its safety and family-friendliness, and housing can be found close to campus for singles and for families. The centralized, walkable Davis downtown offers world cuisine, delightful shops and inspiring entertainment and social activities. Our Mediterranean climate makes outdoor activities a year-round delight, and our location—about an hour from San Francisco, and two hours from Lake Tahoe—provides many options for recreation.

UC Davis International Center
UC Davis is committed to extending its recognition as a leading international university. To achieve this vision, the campus opened a new international facility in Fall 2016 to establish a centralized, welcoming environment for international students and scholars, as well as students interested in studying abroad. The center provides a beautiful, prominent hub for international students to create the best possible educational and cultural experience.

LL.M. Commitment to a Diverse Student Body
The Academic Year LL.M. program includes a diverse student body from most continents. Cultural diversity is the key to the program’s success because it creates a worldwide community of legal professionals (J.D. and LL.M. students) who subsequently infuse their legal systems with the knowledge obtained at UC Davis about common law and international legal systems. The Academic Year LL.M. attracts legal professional participants from many different countries and legal systems. Students eventually represent clients who are culturally diverse and engaged in international legal endeavors.

For more information, visit law.ucdavis.edu/llm/admissions.html
The Mabie Law Library houses more than 375,000 print volumes and volume equivalents, and provides access to a wealth of online resources.

UC DAVIS
QUICK FACTS
RANKED

#2 on The National Jurist Magazine’s list of Most Diverse Law Schools

#1 in the nation for sustainability (GreenMetric World University Ranking)

#1 in the nation for diversity and internationalization (QS World University Rankings: USA)

#5 best public university in the nation (Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education)

Ranked in the top tier of US News and World Report’s 2022 Best Law Schools

The only University of California campus with 6 PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS
Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine
FACULTY
Faculty biographies are available online at law.ucdavis.edu/go/llm

UC Davis School of Law is proud of its distinguished and diverse faculty, drawn from among the finest scholars in the United States. UC Davis School of Law has among the highest proportion of American Law Institute (ALI) members on its faculty of any law school in the United States, and their membership in this prestigious law reform organization is only one indicator of the UC Davis Law faculty’s involvement in cutting-edge legal research and the most pressing legal and social issues of our times. UC Davis Law faculty have published thousands of leading books and articles by the most influential presses and law reviews in the world. The work of our faculty members is cited regularly in leading legal and interdisciplinary scholarship. Not surprisingly, members of the faculty frequently testify before Congress and other legislative bodies and are quoted frequently by the national media. Moreover, UC Davis School of Law was ranked 5th in the nation for faculty diversity by Princeton Review.

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PRETENTIAL SKILLS AND AUTOMATION

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FOLLOW UC DAVIS INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAMS ON YOUR FAVORITE SOCIAL CHANNELS

Pretrial Skills (see also Civil Procedure)
FEES AND EXPENSES

TUITION
For the 2022 – 2023 academic year, tuition for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program was U.S. $58,154.*

OTHER FEES
For the 2023 – 2024 academic year, the university estimates that a student should budget a minimum of $1,900* per month for living expenses (food, rent, other expenses). Law school students should also anticipate annual expenses of approximately $2,228* for books and supplies. These figures do not include transportation costs. Davis has a good local bus system and is a very bicycle-friendly town. If you plan to buy or bring a car, you should also budget for expenses such as car insurance, gas, parking and maintenance.

Students who plan to bring family members with them to Davis should budget an additional $500* per month in living expenses for a spouse and $250* per month for each dependent child. Health insurance for all family members is essential and can cost several hundred dollars a month. Please note that child care can be expensive. In addition to the amount listed above, full-time child care may cost $800 – $1,400* per month or more. In planning their budgets, students need to take into account their own spending patterns and the possibility of unforeseen expenses.

International students admitted to the university will be required to pay the international student administrative fee of $159* and document financial support sufficient to meet academic fees and expenses in order to obtain the appropriate visa. Sponsored students (that is, those students not funded by private individuals) are required to provide a letter from their sponsoring agency or government, detailing the terms of the scholarship award as verification that sufficient funding is available.

For additional financial information and opportunities, please contact us at llm@ucdavis.edu.

INITIAL EXPENSES
Every student is expected to have sufficient funds to cover initial expenses. You will need the amount of your tuition and fees (in cash or in the form of a valid letter of sponsorship guaranteeing payment of fees) plus an initial down payment for housing (landlords often ask for the first and last months' rent plus a security deposit), food and personal expenses. Tuition and fee payments may not be deferred. It is suggested you bring a minimum of $25,000* for immediate expenses. This will cover your fall semester’s tuition and fees plus various initial expenses. This money should either be wired from your home bank to a bank in Davis or brought in the form of travelers checks (with at least $500 in smaller denominations) rather than in the form of a bank draft. Davis banks will hold your bank draft for up to two weeks to verify that there are funds to support the draft before money will actually be released for your use.

MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE
All students are required to purchase graduate student health insurance at the time tuition fees are paid. UC Davis automatically enrolls all registered students in appropriate health insurance plans. The premium for 2022 – 2023 was $5,472* for the academic year. A waiver of this requirement may be granted to those students who meet the University requirements and can provide proof of comparable coverage. Please note that student health insurance coverage does not begin until the first day of class. In addition, some medical services are not covered by this insurance and must be paid for by the student, including the cost of eye glasses or contact lenses and dental care. You must also purchase health insurance for your family members. We can provide information about coverage options. The LL.M. Admissions Officer can answer your questions about insurance coverage and the waiver.

CANCELLATIONS, WITHDRAWALS, PLANNED EDUCATIONAL LEAVE PROGRAM (PELP) AND REFUND POLICIES

The planned Educational Leave Program (PELP) allows any continuing registered student to temporarily suspend academic work at UC Davis. Law students who wish to withdraw from school or apply for PELP must obtain official approval from the dean. Fees are refunded according to UC Davis campus-wide refund policies for students who paid fees and cancel, withdraw or PELP with official approval from the dean before the end of any semester. Refunds are based upon the date you discontinue enrollment; you may receive a full or partial refund of your fees. Contact the LL.M. Admissions Office at llm@ucdavis.edu for more information about refund and cancellation policies.

HOUSING

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Most students enrolled at UC Davis live outside of university housing. For general information about costs and accommodations in the community, contact the LL.M. Admissions Officer.

*Fees are subject to the control of the UC Regents and California Legislature and may change without notice. Note: Tuition and fees are posted on the Office of Budget & Institutional Analysis website at budget.ucdavis.edu/studentfees/

Estimated expenses are subject to change and may vary.
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
Housing within the on-campus apartments and married student housing is available. If you wish to live on campus, you may request further information about costs and accommodations from the Admissions Officer. It is very important to file your application by the specified dates in order to ensure a place for yourself (and your family) on campus. Campus housing may not be available during summer months. Please visit housing.ucdavis.edu for more information.

CAMPUS SMOKING POLICY
For a healthier community and cleaner environment, UC Davis became smoke- and tobacco-free effective January 2, 2014. Smoking is not allowed in campus buildings, including dormitories, or on campus property, including parking lots and rental units.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION
International applicants must present satisfactory evidence of completion of legal academic training at an accredited educational institution. Domestic applicants must have completed at least seven years of residential study at accredited colleges and law schools and must hold a professional degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
The recommended deadline to apply for fall semester (August) start is March 1, and we accept and review applications continuously until the academic semester begins.

The recommended deadline to apply for spring semester (January) start is November 1, and we accept and review applications continuously until the academic semester begins.

Applications will be reviewed after they are complete. If you have any questions regarding the application or application process, please contact the LL.M. Admissions Director at llm@ucdavis.edu.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY
- Through the online LSAC Assembly Service.
- Through our Law School website—law.ucdavis.edu/llm, click on Apply Now. Fill out the online application, and then send your supporting documentation by email or postal mail.
- By mail, by completing the form on pages 13 and 14 and mailing it to:
  LL.M. Admissions
  International Programs
  School of Law
  University of California, Davis
  400 Mrak Hall Drive
  Davis, CA 95616-5201 U.S.A.

LL.M. APPLICATION CHECKLIST
This checklist will help you prepare your application to our Academic Year LL.M. program. A complete application must include:
- An application form.
- One official set of Academic Records (Transcripts) issued in the original language and accompanied by a certified English translation. Academic records should show graded coursework, dates of enrollment and award of degree(s)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (preferably these letters will come from the applicant’s law professors)
- Official score for either TOEFL or IELTS. A minimum of 88 on the Internet-based TOEFL or 570 on the paper-based test is required. TOEFL score reports should be sent to Institution Code 4778. A minimum of 6.5 IELTS is also acceptable.
- Personal Statement – Your personal statement should include personal, academic and professional background and your reasons for seeking an advanced degree
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae – Please list your educational and professional background, in addition to any scholarships, awards or honors you have received.

If you have chosen to use the optional LSAC Credential Assembly Service, please put your identifier number on your application. Your application will be reviewed after it is certified complete by the LL.M. Admissions Officer.

VISA INFORMATION
The F-1 student visa classification is for full-time academic study in the United States. Thus, admitted LL.M. students must apply for the F-1 visa. Under special circumstances, international students may be admitted as J-1 sponsored students. If you are unsure as to which visa type is appropriate for you, please contact our office at llm@ucdavis.edu.

The I-20 is the certificate of eligibility for the F-1 visa and is used to apply for the F-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate. After being admitted to our LL.M. program, you will receive detailed information about the visa application process.

Please find detailed information about the visa process at law.ucdavis.edu/go/llm.

If you have any questions regarding the visa process, please contact the LL.M. Admissions Director at llm@ucdavis.edu.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
The University of California, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation or service in the uniformed services (includes membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service or obligation for service in the uniformed services) status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran. The University also prohibits sexual harassment, including sexual assault. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission, access and treatment in University programs and activities.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
UC Davis Master of Laws (LL.M)

We accept and review applications continuously until each academic semester begins. The recommended deadline to apply for fall semester (August) start is March 1, and the recommended deadline to apply for spring semester (January) start is November 1. If you have any questions regarding the application or application process, please contact the LL.M. Admissions Office at llm@ucdavis.edu. Consult the enclosed material for further information about these application requirements. No application will be considered until all required items are received by the LL.M. Admissions Officer. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all documents are submitted before the applicable deadline. Applicants are encouraged to submit completed applications by the suggested deadline in order to allow time for an exchange of correspondence should the Admissions Committee need clarification of some aspect of your application. All materials submitted will become the property of the University of California, Davis.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO APPLY:
1. Through the online LSAC Assembly Service.
2. Through our Law School website—law.ucdavis.edu/llm, click on Apply Now. Fill out the online application, and then send your supporting documentation by email or postal mail.
3. By mail, by completing the following two-page form and mailing it to the LL.M. Admissions Officer (address at end of form).

IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION FORM, BE SURE TO:
A. Have the authorities of your college(s) and all of the graduate or professional schools you have attended send directly to the admissions officer: ONE (1) set of official academic records printed in your home country language and ONE (1) set printed in English and certified. Ask your college(s), graduate or professional schools to include a statement of your rank in class. If photocopied documents are provided, they must be notarized.
B. Send TWO (2) letters of recommendation.
C. All LL.M. applicants whose primary language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Be sure to have the Educational Testing Service send an Official Score Report to the LL.M. Admissions Officer (institution code number 4778). An IELTS score is also acceptable.
D. Include a Personal Statement and a résumé or C.V.

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- Have you ever registered on the Davis campus as a graduate student? □ No □ Yes  Which term ___________ Year ____________
- Which UC Davis Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program are you applying for? □ One-Year Program □ Two-Year Program
- What is your preferred semester of admission? □ Fall Admission □ Spring Admission

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*UC Davis is required by federal law to report your United States Social Security Number (SSN) and other pertinent information to the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the reporting requirements imposed by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. UC Davis also will use the SSN you provide to verify your identity. SSN disclosure is mandatory if you are a resident of the United States. This notification is provided to you as required by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974.

If you have, or expect to have, sufficient funds for your study at the School of Law, please indicate the source(s) of these funds: ________________________________

NON-U.S. CITIZENS
- What visa type do you expect to hold when the semester begins? □ F-1 □ J-1 □ immigrant/permanent □ other resident

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS  □ HOME □ WORK

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Position/Job Title

Name of Business, Firm or University

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City, State or Province, Postal Code and Country

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Fax Number

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NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Have you taken or will you take the required TOEFL/IELTS exam?  □ No*  □ Yes, provide details:

Exam Date  Registration Number  TOEFL Score

*For applicants who wish to have the TOEFL/IELTS waived, a request letter stating the reason why the applicant should receive a waiver must accompany application.

EDUCATION

List in chronological order all institutions of college, graduate or professional level attended since high school. Submit information on a supplementary sheet if necessary.

Name and location of school  Major field of study  Dates attended month/year  Degree conferred or expected  Date or expected date of conferral

Have you ever attended any law school?  □ No  □ Yes

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?  □ No  □ Yes

OPTIONAL LSAC TRANSCRIPTS

□ I have sent my transcript(s) to LSAC. My LSAC number is #L   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____

REFERENCES

List the names and academic or professional affiliation of the two people who will be writing a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Reference #1 Name  Academic or Professional Affiliation

Reference #2 Name  Academic or Professional Affiliation

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND RÉSUMÉ OR C.V.

Submit your Personal Statement and Résumé or C.V. on supplementary sheets. Your Personal Statement should include personal, academic and professional background and your reasons for seeking an advanced degree.

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I hereby certify that all information I submit in this application for admission, and in support of this application, is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature  Date

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