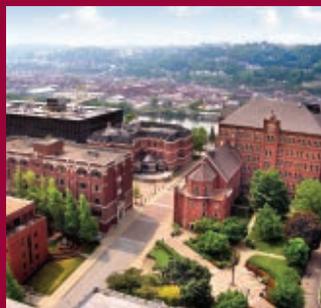
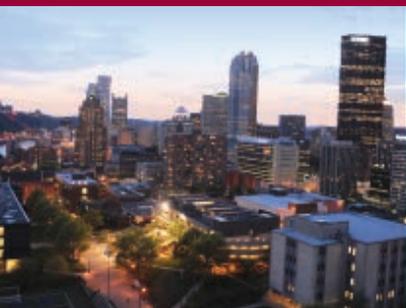


LL.M. FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS



School of Law



Duquesne University School of Law • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Duquesne University School of Law offers a one-year Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree for candidates who have already completed legal studies in their home countries. Both a General Curriculum and a Bar-Track Curriculum are available. The program is designed to allow for individual attention to LL.M. students within the friendly Duquesne community.

Admission is limited to those candidates who have already fulfilled the educational requirements for admission to the practice of law in another country, including a law degree from an institution recognized by the competent accrediting agency of the government of that country.

The one-year program begins in the fall semester.

LANGUAGE

English language ability should meet or exceed a 90 TOEFL examination score, or an IELTS score of 7, and candidates must successfully complete a telephone interview in order to establish the necessary fluency in English. Candidates with a TOEFL score between 85-89 may be conditionally admitted pending a satisfactory phone interview with the Office of Admissions.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Campus-wide, Duquesne University welcomes students from more than 80 countries. LL.M. candidates accepted into the School of Law work with the LL.M. program staff and the University's Office of International Programs concerning visa and other international student issues.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Duquesne University School of Law is located on a 50-acre campus, within blocks of federal, state, and county courts and numerous large- and mid-sized law firms and corporate offices in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The location offers LL.M. students the best of two worlds — a secure, private enclave for academic pursuits and easy access to a vibrant urban center where students can gain professional experience and take advantage of Pittsburgh's affordable cultural offerings.

Housing is available on campus or nearby in Pittsburgh's many neighborhoods.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is April 30 for entry in August of that year.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2016-2017 LL.M. tuition is \$23,350*. The 2017-2018 tuition rate will be set in Spring 2017. Applicants may be considered for scholarship funds.

BEST VALUE

Law School

National Jurist

September 2015

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U.S. News & World Report

March 2016

*Duquesne University reserves the right to change tuition and fees herein states at any time without notice.

GENERAL CURRICULUM

The Non-Bar-Track, or General Curriculum, features a selection of required core American law courses and a variety of eligible elective courses. All LL.M. candidates must receive passing grades in classes totaling 24 credits.

Core Courses

- Introduction to the American Legal System
- Legal Research Writing and Analysis
- Minimum of two courses from the following list:
 - Contracts I, II
 - Torts I, II
 - Civil Procedure I, II
 - Property I, II
 - Criminal Law
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Constitutional Law I, II

Elective Courses

In addition to the core courses, LL.M. candidates may take any elective or J.D.-required course offered by the School of Law, with some exceptions.

Grading

The examinations of LL.M. candidates in the General Curriculum will be specifically identified and graded outside of any curve established by the School of Law. LL.M. candidates will be graded in all courses on a pass/fail basis. Non-native English speakers can use a common-language (not legal) translating dictionary during examinations. At the professor's discretion, other accommodations may be offered.

BAR-TRACK CURRICULUM

The Bar-Track Curriculum provides foreign-trained lawyers with the foundations for practicing law in the United States. LL.M. students in this program gain grounding in the basic principles of American law in a curriculum of 25 credits designed to meet the requirements for foreign-trained lawyers to sit for the bar examinations in New York or California.

Core Courses

The Bar-Track Curriculum requires successful completion of structured instruction in core courses in the American Legal System; Legal Research, Writing and Analysis; Core Competencies for Legal Practice I and II; Contract Law; Professional Responsibility (Ethics); and Property Law or Constitutional Law.

Elective Courses

In addition to the core courses, candidates may take up to two electives in courses offered by the School of Law, with specific exceptions. It is strongly recommended that student take electives in subjects that are tested on the bar examination, including Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Civil Procedure; Sales (UCC), and Corporations.

Grading

Examinations of LL.M. candidates on the Bar Track will be the same exams as, and will be subject to the same standards and grading scale, as J.D. candidates.

Accommodations for LL.M. candidates in the Bar-Track Curriculum differ from those in the General Curriculum. Please note that Duquesne University School of Law strictly adheres to a policy of non-discrimination and will make reasonable accommodations for students as required by law.

GRADUATES

Duquesne University School of Law's LL.M. program has welcomed students from:

- Brazil
- China
- Croatia
- Germany
- India
- Mexico
- Paraguay
- Saudi Arabia
- Venezuela

"My experience at Duquesne has been both challenging and rewarding. The location is great, a beautiful green campus located in a friendly American town. The entire faculty has welcomed me very kindly and really made me feel at home."

— LL.M. Program Graduate from Germany

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