TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS

GRADUATE STUDIES

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This brochure contains comprehensive information about the LLM and SJD programs offered at Tulane Law School, including degree requirements, application instructions, and basic information about financial aid and costs. Complete application materials are available on our website, www.law.tulane.edu. Our website also contains the most up-to-date information about the Tulane University Law School, its faculty, and its programs.
Students
Each year, as many as 50 graduate students from throughout the world enroll in the graduate programs at Tulane Law School, joining approximately 750 Juris Doctor students who are pursuing studies for their first law degree at Tulane. Since the 1930s, Tulane has welcomed students and scholars from throughout the world to study at the Law School and to experience life in New Orleans, one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan cities in the United States.

Faculty
The faculty of Tulane Law School includes over 40 full-time scholars with diverse interests and backgrounds. Courses are also offered by part-time faculty, including outstanding legal practitioners and federal judges. In addition, prominent law professors from abroad or from other American universities teach at Tulane each year as visiting professors.

Curriculum
Among the strengths that graduate students find at Tulane Law School are the opportunity to pursue a broad course of study or, if they so desire, to specialize in one of the areas in which Tulane offers particular strength. These include international and comparative law; environmental law; maritime law; business, corporate, and commercial law; and intellectual property law, among others.

Students who would like exposure to a wide range of courses in the traditional American law school curriculum to supplement their knowledge of the law of another country may enroll in courses throughout the entire curriculum. These students pursue the general LLM degree, using the program for a broad survey of US law.

Students may instead pursue specialized degrees, exploring their areas of interest in ways not permitted in most JD or LLB programs. The LLM in Admiralty, the LLM in American Business Law, the LLM in Energy & Environment, and the LLM in International & Comparative Law are designed for this purpose. In addition, some students use the general LLM degree to concentrate in other areas in which the Law School offers curricular depth, such as intellectual property or US constitutional law.

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program is a small and selective program designed for students who already hold the LLM and who wish to engage in significant scholarly research in the form of a dissertation.

Degree Requirements for the LLM Programs
Each of the master’s degree (LLM) programs requires completion of 24 semester hours of coursework, at least 21 of which must be at the Law School and 3 of which may be in a Tulane Law School summer abroad program. Most students complete the degree requirements during a single academic year. Although there is no thesis requirement, LLM students are required to write at least one paper in connection with a seminar in their field of interest or in connection with a directed research project.

For those students who received the JD or LLB (or equivalent) from a school located outside of the United States, enrollment in Tulane’s three-week summer orientation course, Introduction to US Law, is mandatory. The session begins in late July each year. International students also take a required legal research and writing course in the fall.
Degree Requirements for the SJD Program
The SJD program requires at least one semester of full-time coursework at Tulane. Thereafter, SJD candidates proceed to research and write his or her dissertation.

Residency and Length of Study
All five LLM programs are offered on a full-time basis. Full-time students are expected to complete the LLM in two semesters, or one academic year.

International students begin the Introduction to US Law course at the end of July, and proceed directly into the fall semester, which begins in late August and concludes at the beginning of December; fall semester exams take place in December before the three-week winter break. The spring semester begins in mid-January and concludes in late April. Spring-semester exams take place during the first two weeks of May, followed by graduation and conferral of degrees a week later.

Two of the LLM programs are also offered on a part-time basis. The LLM in Admiralty is offered on a part-time basis for attorneys in full-time practice in the New Orleans area. The LLM in Energy & Environment may be pursued on a part-time basis by local practicing attorneys or by others who wish to maximize the number of different courses from which they may choose. Part-time students must complete the LLM programs in four consecutive semesters, excluding summer sessions.

The first semester of the SJD program requires enrollment on a full-time basis. Thereafter, most SJD students work full-time on the dissertation until it is completed, usually within three more semesters.

THE GENERAL LLM PROGRAM
The General LLM program allows students to design their own courses of study. General LLM students may enroll in virtually any course, with the exception of clinical programs and Trial Advocacy. Some students pursue a broad range of courses, and others focus their choices more narrowly.

Journals at Tulane Law School
Tulane Law Review
Tulane Maritime Law Journal
Tulane European & Civil Law Forum
Tulane Environmental Law Journal
Law & Sexuality
Tulane Journal of International & Comparative Law
The Sports Lawyers Journal
Tulane Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property
General Survey
Many international students use the General LLM program as a way to gain exposure to a variety of areas of US law. They may choose to enroll in a combination of introductory and more advanced courses in a variety of areas. Because the typical first-year courses are open to our graduate students, some choose to take such courses as Torts, Contracts, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Property.

Concentrations
Both US and international students find that the General LLM program lends itself to the development of ad hoc concentrations. For example, students interested in Intellectual Property might take Copyright, Intellectual Property, Trademarks and Unfair Competition, Patent Prosecution and Litigation, one or more specialized courses in the area, a Directed Research project supervised by a faculty member who is an expert in the area, and even one or two unrelated courses.

Students interested in international trade might take such courses as: International Trade, Finance & Banking; Financial Institutions; International Tax; International Business Transactions; and variety of related courses.

To a lesser degree, students may even find it possible to concentrate in two areas through the General LLM program. Because the General LLM program has no distribution requirements, students are free to make independent choices about the courses in which they enroll.

Summer Abroad Programs
Admitted full-time LLM students may begin the LLM program in the summer by attending one of Tulane’s summer abroad programs in England, France, Italy, Germany, Greece, or The Netherlands. LLM students may take up to 3 credits of coursework; tuition is included in the academic year costs. International students must be in New Orleans by the start of the Introduction to US Law course in late July.
Tulane Law School is known internationally for its admiralty and maritime law program. The city of New Orleans, located near the mouth of the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, is a significant maritime center, and the lower Mississippi River is one of the largest ports in the world. New Orleans itself has the second largest admiralty bar in the United States. As a result of the natural focus on maritime issues in New Orleans, Tulane Law School has become an important center for the study of admiralty and maritime law. In addition to offering over a dozen admiralty courses each year, Tulane publishes a student-edited maritime law review, the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*, as well as casebooks used in many of the Tulane admiralty courses. The maritime faculty includes active practitioners and scholars of maritime law from throughout the world. As a result, the curriculum is rich in basic, advanced, and specialized courses, and students have access, unmatched at any other law school, to faculty members who are expert in the whole array of maritime issues. The fact that Tulane is also world renowned for its strength in international law adds to the exceptional experience we are able to provide our students.

An important resource for LLM in Admiralty candidates is Tulane’s Maritime Law Center, which provides an umbrella for Tulane’s many activities in the field of admiralty and maritime law. Distinguished scholars of maritime law come to Tulane each semester under the aegis of the Maritime Law Center. These visitors include senior practitioners who spend time at Tulane through the Sims Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence program and scholars who are brought to Tulane to meet with students and give public lectures through the William Tetley Lecture Series. The Center also organizes continuing education programs and conferences in the US and abroad on a variety of international maritime topics. In cooperation with the Tulane affiliated Admiralty Law Institute, a significant admiralty law conference is held at Tulane every other year, attracting literally hundreds of admiralty lawyers and maritime executives from throughout the world.

Through the Maritime Law Center and the Stiles Scholarship Fund, graduate fellowships and scholarships are offered each year to students pursuing the LLM in Admiralty. A number of other scholarships are available to admiralty graduate students as well.

**Degree Requirements**

Students may enroll in this program on a full-time basis, completing it over one year. Attorneys practicing full-time in the New Orleans area may enroll on a part-time basis, completing the program over four consecutive semesters.

To qualify for the degree of LLM in Admiralty, the student must complete at least 13 of the 24 hours required for the degree in admiralty courses. Most of the following admiralty courses are offered each year:

- Admiralty I
- Admiralty II
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- Charter Parties
- Collision Law & Limitation of Liability
- Flagging, Vessel Documentation & Finance
- Injured Employee Compensation & Tort Remedies
- Law of the Sea
- Marine Insurance I
- Marine Insurance II
- Personal Injury & Death
- Marine Pollution
- Regulation of Shipping & Commerce
- Admiralty Seminar
- Tugs & Towage

Additional admiralty courses, including partial-semester mini-courses, are offered each year by visiting professors. In recent years, such courses have included Maritime & National Security Policy, International Jurisdiction in Maritime Cases, Sale of Goods Carried by Sea, Maritime Liens, and International Conventions.
THE LLM IN AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW

Students interested in pursuing the study of US corporate and commercial law find dozens of relevant course offerings at Tulane. These include basic courses in corporate law (Business Enterprises I and Business Enterprises II), US tax law (Income Taxation; Taxation of Businesses; International Tax), and commercial law (Secured Transactions; Payment Systems; Bankruptcy), as well as advanced courses in all of these areas. Students can pursue a comprehensive program in American corporate and commercial law from among the courses regularly offered at Tulane. In addition, LLM in American Business Law students will find an active Business Law Society into which they are welcomed. The corporate and commercial law faculty includes experts in general corporate and tax law, bankruptcy, securities law, antitrust, law and economics, real estate, and a variety of related topics.

Degree Requirements

This program is offered only on a full-time basis. In addition to the general degree requirements for all LLM students, candidates for the LLM in American Business Law must take Business Enterprises I, Business Enterprises II, and Contracts II. Two additional courses are chosen from any of the following categories of courses: Corporate & Commercial Law, Environmental & Energy Law, Intellectual Property & Technology, Litigation & Procedure, Taxation, and Regulation. Remaining credits may be taken from any of the courses open to graduate students.
LLM IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Since 1979, Tulane Law School has taken a lead role in the advance of environmental legal education and the training of well-prepared environmental lawyers. The LLM in Energy & Environment program was initiated in 1984 and has evolved over time from a program concentrating primarily on oil, gas, and energy issues, to one in which the environment holds center stage. Tulane seeks to graduate students who understand not only the theory, but also the practice and advocacy of environmental issues.

Tulane is an ideal location for the study of both environmental and energy law. Located in an area of the United States in which these two areas come into frequent conflict, students have the opportunity for exposure to areas of great natural beauty as well as to industrial complexes. Among the resources Tulane offers its students are an outstanding and dedicated faculty, a student-run journal devoted to environmental issues, an active and engaged student body, and an Institute for Water Resources Law & Policy.

Students in the LLM in Energy & Environment program include recent law graduates, experienced lawyers practicing in local law firms, government agencies and corporations, and attorneys from foreign countries with emerging environmental law systems. Recent years have seen LLM candidates from more than a dozen US states and from at least two dozen countries including Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Germany, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sudan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

Degree Requirements

Students may enroll in this program on a full-time basis, completing the program in one year, or on a part-time basis over two years. The LLM in Energy & Environment requires, in addition to the general degree requirements described earlier, completion of the Energy & Environment LLM Seminar and 15 credit hours (five courses) selected from the groupings listed below:

Group I: Two foundation courses, chosen from: Pollution Control Law, Natural Resources Law, or Energy Regulation

Group II: Three courses, chosen from such courses as: Administrative Law, Oil & Gas Law, Coastal & Wetlands Law, Environmental Advocacy Seminar, Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Justice, Hazardous & Solid Waste Regulation, Historic Preservation Law, International Environmental Law, Land Use Planning, Marine Pollution Law, Regulation of Toxic Substances, Toxic Tort Litigation, Water Law, Wildlife & Endangered Species Law. While some of these courses are offered every year, others are offered in alternate years. Additional environmental courses not listed here are regularly offered and may be selected in fulfillment of LLM degree requirements.

In appropriate circumstances, and with the concurrence of supervising faculty, other courses may be substituted for Group II courses. These include: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Directed Research, Law & Economics, Local Government Law, Natural Resources Taxation, and courses in environmental health sciences offered by Tulane's School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine.

LLM/MPH

In cooperation with Tulane’s School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, the Law School participates in a joint degree program through which students interested in the scientific aspects of environmental law can obtain both the LLM in Energy & Environment and the MPH in Environmental Health Sciences. The program requires two years of full-time study. Students complete 24 credit hours at the Law School and 28 credit hours at the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine.

Institute for Water Resources Law & Policy

The Institute for Environmental Law & Policy functions as the intellectual arm of Tulane’s environmental law program. As a research entity, it generates and oversees research projects related to environmental issues and produces related symposia, conferences, and workshops. The Institute is directed by Mark Davis. The Center co-hosts, with the Tulane Environmental Law Society, an annual conference on Law, Science, and the Public Interest.
Required Courses for International Graduate Students

There are two courses required of all graduate students whose law degrees were awarded by schools outside of the 50 United States.

Introduction to United States Law

This one-credit graduate orientation course is offered in late July and early August and lasts approximately three weeks, immediately prior to the start of the fall semester. The course is designed to assimilate international graduate students to the ways and means of US law and legal education. The course introduces the institutions and techniques of the US legal system as well as some substantive US law. Coverage includes contracts, torts, civil procedure, property law, federal jurisdiction, legal analysis, constitutional law, criminal law, and administrative law.

Legal Research & Writing for International Graduate Students

This course, offered during the fall semester as a 1- or 2-credit class, introduces international graduate students to the techniques of legal research and writing in the US legal system. A series of exercises and written assignments is used to convey the essential principles.
Countries Represented in the LLM Program

Graduate students from the following countries, in addition to the United States and Puerto Rico, have enrolled in the LLM programs at Tulane Law School:

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CAREER PLANNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The resources of the Career Development Office at Tulane Law School are fully available to students enrolled in the graduate programs, as well as to alumni of our graduate programs. The Career Development Office staff becomes acquainted early with each new class of graduate students by participating in the summer orientation program. Graduate students have an assigned career counselor with experience in both domestic and international job searches and career opportunities. Graduate students are welcome to attend all career development workshops and presentations and to use all of the facilities of the Career Development Office for their job searches (career resource library, computer lab, fax and telephone lines, printer). Graduate students are especially encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity for extensive individual counseling by a career services professional, including mock interviews, résumé and cover letter review, and assistance with job searches.

Tulane law students may attend any Tulane Continuing Legal Education program free-of-charge. This activity enables students to be exposed to practical aspects of an area of law and provides the opportunity for contact with practicing attorneys.

Each year in January, Tulane Law School is among a select group of US law schools invited to participate in the International Student Interview Program (ISIP) organized by New York University Law School and conducted in New York City. Over 125 law firms and other employers gather to interview international LLM students interested in working in the United States and in their home countries.

Over 2000 alumni of Tulane’s various graduate programs in law live throughout the world. Active alumni chapters exist in many European, Asian, and Latin American cities. In cooperation with our Office of Alumni Affairs and Office of Continuing Legal Education, these alumni chapters organize multi-day meetings, alumni events, and continuing education programs in locations throughout the world. In addition, many of our alumni have joined together through a database known as Team Tulane to provide networking opportunities for our students and new graduates.

EARLY APPLICATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

In recent years, Tulane Law School has welcomed LLM students who were funded in whole or in part by the following agencies:

- Open Society Institute Environmental Fellowship Program
- Edmund Muskie/Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship Program
- Institute of International Education (IIE)/Fulbright
- German Fulbright Kommission
- Fundacion Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho (Fundayacucho)
- LASPAU–Peru

ADMISSION TO THE LLM PROGRAMS

Candidates for admission must hold the Juris Doctor (JD) from a United States law school or the LLB or equivalent first basic law degree from a non-US law school approved by Tulane’s Committee on Graduate Admission. The candidate for admission must present a law school record displaying superior scholarly aptitude or must otherwise demonstrate an ability to excel in postgraduate legal studies.

Candidates whose law degrees are from schools at which English was not the language of instruction must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and receive a score of 90 on the Internet version of the test (or 575 on the paper version of the test). The Internet version includes a writing section. Candidates taking the paper version must also take the separate Test of Written English (TWE) and achieve a score of 5.5 or higher. The Test of Spoken English (TSE), while not required, is encouraged.

The graduate degree programs begin in the fall semester only. Occasionally, space permitting, there may be an opportunity for a part-time US candidate to begin the admittance or environmental program in the spring semester. All international candidates must begin enrollment with the summer orientation course approximately three weeks prior to the start of the fall semester. Alternatively, students may take the proficiency test offered by the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and achieve a band score of 7 or higher.

APPLYING TO THE LLM PROGRAMS

Applications for admission should be submitted between September 1 and March 31 for enrollment the following August. Early applications are particularly important for international candidates because of the time required to process visas and immigration forms. Early applications receive the most optimal consideration for available scholarship funds.

Applications for the LLM programs are considered complete only when we have received the following:

2. The application fee of US $60.
(3) Complete, official transcripts of work at all colleges, universities, and law schools attended, whether or not a degree was granted. If the transcript is not written in English, an authorized translation must be submitted in addition to the original. Alternatively, candidates may submit their transcripts to the LLM Credential Assembly Service of the Law School Admission Council; more information about this service is available at www.lsac.org.

(4) Letters of recommendation from two of the candidate’s law professors; these may be written on the forms provided or on the recommender’s own letterhead.

(5) For any candidate who received the first law degree from a school at which English was not the language of instruction, an official report of the candidate’s score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and on the Test of Written English (TWE). (The Test of Spoken English is encouraged, but not required.) A score on the IELTS exam may be substituted for scores on the TOEFL and TWE. Minimum scores are indicated on page 19.

Complete application materials and instructions are available on our web site, www.law.tulane.edu. Our mailing address and other contact information are listed at the rear of this brochure.

THE SJD PROGRAM
Detailed information about admission to and the degree requirements for the SJD program can be found on our web site, www.law.tulane.edu.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
LLM candidates with superior academic credentials are eligible for the award of partial tuition waivers or scholarships to Tulane Law School. Most of these awards are made to international candidates. These awards are generally made at the same time the offer of admission is extended, or shortly thereafter. Full-time LLM students opting to enroll in one of Tulane’s summer abroad programs for up to 3 credit hours may do so without paying additional tuition; tuition for the summer abroad program is included in the cost of the subsequent fall and spring semesters.

Scholarships and tuition waivers cover a portion of tuition and do not cover living expenses. Scholarship and tuition waiver funds are limited, and competition for the awards is keen. In order to be considered for an award, candidates should complete and submit the Financial Aid Data and Scholarship Application Form along with the admission application form. Students are strongly encouraged to investigate alternate sources of funding early in the application process.

Most of the loans available to law students require the student to show US citizenship or permanent resident status. Some loans may be available to international students with a US co-signer. For more information about eligibility and application procedures, see the Law School’s web site at www.law.tulane.edu, or contact the Law School Financial Aid Office at finaid@law.tulane.edu or 504.865.5931.

COST OF ATTENDANCE
Current information about cost of attendance, including tuition and fees, is published on our web site, www.law.tulane.edu.

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