

Program Requirements for the LL.M. in International and Comparative Law

To earn the one-year LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, students are required to complete 24 credit hours with certain required courses listed below, including a writing requirement.

Requirements for completion of the ICLP LL.M.:

- 1. Writing Requirement**
- 2. Comparative Law**
- 3. Introduction to the American Legal System**
- 4. Completion of a total of at least 24 credits**

Notes about the Writing Requirement:

The writing requirement can be met in one of two ways, Legal Writing IV for LL.M.s or a Seminar of your choice. Overseas Training Program students who took Intro to Legal Research and Writing in spring 2010 are only permitted to enroll in a Legal Writing IV course if space permits. L.M. and Exchange Students may NOT take the JD Legal Writing Courses. All students are permitted to take a seminar if they choose to do so.

Notes about Course Selection:

Professional Responsibility is NOT a required course for LL.M. or Exchange Students.

The enclosed course schedule contains only those classes that LL.M. and Exchange Students are eligible to take. It is posted at: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/newstudents/> for your convenience.

Please be aware that the regular course schedule found online contains courses that are not open to LL.M.s or Exchange students. Please refer to the LL.M. course schedule (not the regular schedule) to preliminarily select your fall courses; final course selection will be done during Orientation week with guidance from the program directors and Dean Harris.

Program Requirements for LL.M. in International Intellectual Property Law

To earn the one-year LL.M. degree in International Intellectual Property Law ("IIP LL.M."), students will be required to complete 24 credit hours, with certain required courses and a written thesis (estimated length 75 pages), to be undertaken with supervision from an IP faculty member.

Requirements for completion of the IIP LL.M.

- a. Graduate seminar in International Intellectual Property Law with a written thesis;
- b. International Intellectual Property Law* or International Patent Law*;
- c. Introduction to American Legal System; and
- d. 9 credit hours from "Group A" and 6 from "Group B".

Group A: Intellectual Property courses

- a. Copyright Law (3 credits)
- b. Patent Law (3 credits)
- c. Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law (3 credits)
- d. Trade Secrets Law (3 credits)
- e. Comparative Copyright Law (2 credits)**
- f. International Patent Law (2 credits)**
- g. International Intellectual Property Law (3 credits)**
- h. International Trademark Law (1 credit)**
- i. Other designated courses

Group B : International Courses

- a. Comparative Law (3 credits)
- b. International Law (3 credits)
- c. International Business Transactions (3 credits)
- d. International Trade (3 credits)
- e. European Union Law (2 credits)
- f. Comparative Copyright Law (2 credits)**
- g. International Patent Law (3 credits)**
- h. International Intellectual Property Law (3 credits)**
- i. International Trademark Law (1 credit)**
- j. Other designated courses

* IIP LL.M. candidates must take either the International Intellectual Property Law or the International Patent Law course to comply with the mandatory requirement (b). However, they may also opt to take the other course to satisfy their credit requirements under Group A or Group B; the same course may not, however, fulfill requirements or credits in more than one group.

** Although these courses are listed on both the group lists, they can only be used to fulfill only one set of requirements.

Program Requirements for the LL.M. in Financial Services Law

To earn the one-year LL.M. in Financial Services Law, students are required to complete 24 credit hours with certain required courses and a written thesis (Independent Research) to be undertaken with supervision from the director of the program or his designee. All FS students must take one of the following courses: Securities Regulation, Futures Regulation or Regulation; and all students must take at least one independent research course leading to a paper suitable for publication. Students who do not hold a U.S. JD degree are required to take Introduction to the American Legal System. Each semester of a student's program must be approved in advance by the director of the program and no course may be taken Pass/Fail.

For international students who are F-1 and J-1 visa holders undertaking to complete the program in one academic year, the independent research paper must be completed during the spring semester - no "incomplete" grades will be permitted except under extraordinary circumstances. Students failing to complete the independent paper during the second semester will not earn their degrees, and will then be in violation of their visa status and may be required to leave the country. They will therefore be ineligible to follow their studies with an internship or work authorized under "Optional Practical Training."

With prior permission of the director of the program, courses from the Chicago-Kent J.D. program, LL.M. program in international and comparative law, and from the Stuart School's Master of Science in Financial Markets program may be taken to fulfill some requirements.

Available financial services courses include:

- Securities Regulation
- Futures Regulation
- Commercial Banking
- Investment Banking
- Insurance Organizations and Business
- Regulation of Securities and Commodities Professionals
- Money Managers
- Capital Markets: U.S Debt and Funds Transfer Markets
- Financial Services Products
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Insolvency and Reorganizations
- Taxation and Financial Service Entities
- Litigation and Financial Institution Issues
- International Financial Markets
- International Banking

Additional information procedures are available online at: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm>. For more information about graduate studies in financial services law, please contact the program director, Professor Henry H. Perritt, Jr., at (312) 906-5128 or contact the department by e-mail. Students must consult with the Director of the Program, Professor Henry H. Perritt, Jr. concerning their course schedules.