Case Western Reserve University

https://case.edu/law/admissions/llm-admissions

Case Western Reserve University School of Law offers four LLM (Master of Laws) degree programs to ensure you can gain the knowledge and experience necessary for a successful international law career. The spring 2021 issue of *The International Jurist* ranks Case Western Reserve among the best schools in the nation for "student experience" for LLMs.

LLM Programs

When you decide to earn your LLM with us, you join one of the top-ranked LLM programs in the nation for academics and student experience. In addition, our International Law, IP Law and Business Law programs are all top ranked:

- CWRU Law School has the top-ranked LLM Program for Student Experience according to <u>International Jurist Magazine</u> (Summer 2021)
- CWRU Law School has the top ranking in <u>14 specialty areas</u> (2021-2022)
- CWRU Law School's faculty is ranked 36th in the nation (top in Ohio) according to the <u>Sisk and Leiter Study of Scholarly Impact</u> (2022)

Practicing law in a global society demands a firm grasp of cross-border interests and implications of a nation's laws. Attorneys who advise international clients need to understand how to operate in various legal environments and communicate and work effectively with lawyers and clients around the world. Our LLM degrees prepare lawyers for this challenge.

We are celebrating the 30th anniversary of our LLM program this year. **As one of the oldest LLM programs in the United States,** we have refined our approach over many years and have a network of over 1,000 successful LLM alumni throughout the world.

Our LLM degrees:

LLM in U.S. & Global Legal Studies

This program is for students interested in U.S. and International law who hope to improve their legal research, writing and analytical skills. This is the best degree to prepare for a U.S. bar exam. Students may also earn a certificate of concentration in the subject area of their choice. Required Coursework: Foreign Graduate Seminar, U.S. Legal Writing and Contracts for LLMs.

LLM in Intellectual Property Law

This program is best for students interested in the doctrine and policy of U.S. intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. Required Coursework: Foreign Graduate Seminar, U.S. Legal Writing and Contracts for LLMs and extensive intellectual property courses.

LLM in International Business Law

This program is designed for students interested in the academic analysis and practical applications of U.S. business law and international business transactions. Required Coursework: Foreign Graduate Seminar, U.S. Legal Writing and Contracts for LLMs and extensive international business law courses.

LLM in International Criminal Law

Taught by leading experts in the field, this program provides students who hold a degree in law with an in-depth knowledge of international criminal law and procedure, international humanitarian law and national security law. It will equip them to practice international criminal law before international tribunals or national courts. The one-year program is based at our law school, but students have the option of taking their second semester at an international tribunal. The degree is also available on a part-time basis over two years.

Summer Language and Law Institute

The Summer Language and Law Institute is an intensive training experience exclusively for foreign legal professionals and students. It is open to students going on to an LLM program at any law school. The institute introduces students to the practice and study of law in the U.S., provides students with a practical introduction to U.S. legal research and analysis and improves students' English language skills through an integrated English for Legal Purposes program.

Bar Prep Stipend

To prepare successfully for a U.S. bar exam, we recommend that LLMs complete at least 5 courses in bar-tested subjects, including a three-credit Professional Responsibility course, over two or three semesters.

LLMs who successfully complete courses in at least 5 bar-tested subjects can earn a "Bar Prep Stipend" of \$1,000 USD for completing a specified portion of a commercial bar preparation course.

Application Process

Through LSAC (Law School Admission Council) by April 1st: https://llm.lsac.org/login/access.aspx?appl=1105L1

Fall Admission

- TOEFL 80 and above (TOEFL iBT Home or Paper)
- IELTS 6.5 and above (IELTS Academic Online, Computer (at a test center) or Paper)
- Graduation from ELS Level 112

LLM Financial Aid & Scholarships CWRU LLM Merit Scholarships

The law school offers:

- 20% tuition merit scholarships to students who score at least 90 on the TOEFL or at least 7.0 on IELTS
- 20-40% tuition merit scholarship to students who graduate from our partner law schools
- 40% tuition merit scholarships to students who come from countries where we have two or fewer enrolled LLMs

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of the application for admission, and all the required supporting documents. There is no additional application for merit scholarships.

Living in Cleveland

https://case.edu/law/campus-life/living-cleveland

We are located in University Circle, one of America's highest concentrations of cultural attractions and performing arts venues. Cleveland was named 15th best place to live in the U.S. in 2016 based on affordability, cultural offerings, safety and green space.

The average monthly rent for an apartment in Cleveland is significantly less than the cost of an apartment in other major cities; this makes the real cost of attending our school lower than many comparable schools.

Video

How—and When—to Get Housing Information

May through June is a good time to start looking for housing for occupancy in August. The annual Entering Student Day in June (for admitted applicants) provides a good opportunity for entering students to get to know other incoming 1Ls who may also be looking for a roommate and to take a look at the notices posted on the bulletin boards around the law school by people looking for someone to share an apartment or house. Also, the university's most recent Off-Campus Housing List is available at this program.

<u>University Housing's Off-Campus Housing section</u> provides students with information about rental housing. In addition to online links and resources, the office also provides valuable tips and information about where to find rental units close to the university.

Meet Your Mentor

Every year students from Case Western Reserve School of Law's JD program affiliate themselves with the LLM program and its community as student mentors.

These student mentors plan LLM social events, familiarize international graduates with Northeast Ohio and campus life, and help their LLM counterparts integrate fully into JD classes, as well as the intellectual and professional life of Cleveland's legal community.

In the end, students and mentors become very close friends.

Mentor events include LLM study groups, the JD vs. LLM soccer tournament (a.k.a. the Katz Cup), ski trips to Alpine Valley, apple-picking, fashion shows, holiday celebrations and more.

Student Services

Get to know your deans. Attend a social gathering with your peers and law alumni. Participate in a cultural event in our University Circle neighborhood.

Your law school experience extends well beyond the classroom. Our student services office organizes numerous events throughout the year and keeps you informed of what's happening in the law school and in our neighborhood.

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