YOUR LIFE IN THE LAW BEGINS HERE.
For more than 30 years, SLU LAW has demonstrated its commitment to international legal education. Through its educational programs and scholarly activities, the Center for International and Comparative Law ensures that graduates have the education needed to pursue professional opportunities throughout the world. Through the establishment of networks and alliances, both on local and international levels, the Center has helped the School of Law become a Midwestern gateway for legal scholarship and practice in international and comparative law.

**LL.M. IN AMERICAN LAW FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS**

The Center for International and Comparative Law at Saint Louis University School of Law offers a one-year graduate program leading to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree for lawyers holding a law degree from a university or law school outside the United States. This program provides a select group of highly qualified individuals with the opportunity to pursue studies and research with an American, comparative and/or international law focus. The program aims to enrich a student’s legal career, whether in legal practice, teaching or scholarship.

The LL.M. degree prepares students for the global legal marketplace, especially in international practice. Some graduates pursue short-term internships in the U.S. Several recent graduates have passed state bar examinations and become licensed in the U.S.

**THE LL.M. CURRICULUM**

The main feature of the LL.M. for Foreign Lawyers program is its attention to the individual needs of its students. The curriculum allows each LL.M. student to design, in cooperation with a faculty adviser, a course of study meeting the student’s personal needs and goals. The student may choose from the full range of courses and seminars offered in the law school curriculum, as well as up to three (3) credit hours of courses from Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business, College for Public Health & Social Justice, or 12 other graduate programs. The student also has the option to write an LL.M. thesis under the guidance of a faculty adviser. Upon successful completion of the thesis, candidates will be awarded six (6) credit hours. Finally, the student may engage in independent research supervised by a member of the faculty.

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The program requires successful completion of 24 credit hours. At least two (2) credit hours must include a written work, such as a seminar paper or research paper, prepared under the direction of a faculty member. However, no more than eight (8) of the 24 hours may consist of an LL.M. thesis, seminars or research papers. Students are also required to complete a three (3) credit hour class in legal research and writing, and a foundation course in a common law subject, such as Contracts, Torts or Property, or in another area approved by the student’s adviser. Examinations for LL.M. students are the same as those for traditional J.D. students. However, when English is not the student’s primary language, the student may receive additional time for examinations as well as the use of an English-foreign language dictionary.

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Students are expected to complete the work for the LL.M. degree in two semesters (fall and spring) with the opportunity to continue through the following summer to complete a thesis. The fall semester begins in mid-August and ends in mid-December, while the spring semester starts in mid-January and ends in mid-May.

**TWO-YEAR J.D. FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS**
SLU LAW offers a Two-Year J.D. for Foreign Lawyers Program. This program enables highly qualified candidates who have received their first degree in law outside of the United States to earn their J.D. degree in four semesters by granting them advanced standing based on their prior law studies. This degree is designed for foreign lawyers who would like to enhance their professional training by earning the same degree held by U.S. lawyers, but in a shorter amount of time. In addition to earning a credential that may enhance the candidate’s home country practice, a Two-Year J.D. candidate may sit for the bar in any U.S. state after successful completion of the program, provided that additional eligibility requirements are satisfied.

**THE TWO-YEAR J.D. CURRICULUM**
Applicants who are admitted to the program will be granted advanced standing and may be permitted to transfer up to 30 hours of academic credit earned at their first law degree granting university or law school. In order to earn the Two-Year J.D degree, students must complete at least 61 credit hours while in residence at SLU LAW.

- **YEAR ONE**: Two-Year J.D. students earn 30 credit hours by completing the same core curriculum courses as first year students enrolled in the traditional three-year J.D. program. Those courses consist of Contracts, Torts, Civil Procedure, Property, Constitutional Law I, and Legal Research and Writing.

- **YEAR TWO**: Two-Year J.D. students earn at least 31 additional credits through a combination of required courses and electives. Required courses consist of a course in professional ethics, a seminar, a perspectives on law course and a professional skills course. Electives may be chosen from any upper division course or seminar offered at SLU LAW. Students planning to sit for a bar exam in the U.S. upon completion of the Two-Year J.D. are strongly advised to enroll in the following recommended courses for bar preparation purposes: Business Associations, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Procedure: Investigation, Evidence, Trusts and Estates. Students may choose to take up to six of their elective hours in upper division courses in another school of the university, with the prior written approval of the director of the Two-Year J.D. program and the dean of students.
THE FACULTY
SLU LAW boasts a world-class faculty and a strong academic program with a diverse curriculum designed to prepare students for all areas of law practice. The School of Law offers a rich curriculum with strong offerings in the areas of international and comparative law, business transactional law, employment law, intellectual property law, taxation, health law and others.

FACULTY MENTORSHIP
SLU LAW prides itself on the individual attention faculty members dedicate to LL.M. and Two-Year J.D. students. Our faculty members are unique in that several members of the faculty received basic or advanced degrees from law schools outside the United States. Faculty members serve as academic advisers and mentors to students. Each LL.M. student is partnered with a faculty member who provides guidance on class selection and professional goals. Two-Year J.D. students receive guidance from the faculty member who serves as the program director.

VISITING INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS, SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS
In addition to the full-time faculty, SLU LAW hosts visiting international professors who teach courses in international and comparative law. Visiting scholars and researchers contribute to the rich intellectual climate at SLU LAW while drawing on the program’s resources and the extensive research capabilities of the Vincent C. Immel Law Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING
SLU LAW staff assists students in their transition to Saint Louis University and the St. Louis community. The Center for International and Comparative Law will assist with obtaining student visas, locating housing and helping students become oriented to the city and campus. Students may seek studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom apartments depending on their individual needs and budget.

STUDENT LIFE
One of the objectives of SLU LAW is to help students get the most out of the law school experience. In the midst of a thriving urban community, student organizations, in conjunction with community organizations, offer opportunities to be involved in various volunteer projects. Students also may participate in student organizations such as the Student Bar Association and the International Law Students’ Association.

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There are also a variety of social and cultural activities just footsteps away from the new downtown building.

**THE VINCENT C. IMMEL LAW LIBRARY**

With a collection of more than 600,000 volumes including more than 6,000 serials, the Vincent C. Immel Law Library is one of the largest academic law libraries in the country. The library also has a strong comparative and international law collection supporting the research and curricular needs of the program, with nationally recognized strengths in Irish and Polish law. Law librarians offer research sessions throughout the year for all law students. The library has state-of-the-art technology, providing access to electronic subscriptions and research guides. SLU LAW is a wireless and wired environment, making the library’s online materials accessible anywhere in the law school. For more information, visit law.slu.edu/library.

**THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT**

SLU LAW is located in the heart of downtown St. Louis with easy access to federal and civil court buildings.

- A modern, state-of-the-art academic building with ample space for study
- Convenient access to the library and its many resources
- Helpful and friendly library staff and administrators
- Approximately 90 courses and 15 seminars offered each year
- Availability of public computers, including internet access and access to computer-based legal research databases as well as wired and wireless connections
- Opportunities to attend guest lectures and conferences featuring judges, practicing lawyers and legal academics

**RECENT SYMPOSIA**

The Center for International and Comparative Law, in cooperation with students and the Saint Louis University Law Journal or the Saint Louis University Public Law Review host symposia with experts and scholars in the field of international and comparative law. The Journal or Public Law Review publishes the proceedings of those symposia.

**2015**

**PERSPECTIVES ON FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**2012**

**INVISIBLE CONSTITUTIONS: CULTURE, RELIGION AND MEMORY**

**2011**

**SANFORD E. SARASOHN MEMORIAL CONFERENCE ON CRITICAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE TAXATION**

**2010**

**COMPETITION IN THE GLOBAL WORKPLACE: THE ROLE OF LAW IN ECONOMIC MARKETS**

JOURNALS AVAILABLE AS FULL TEXTS OR ABSTRACTS

DATABASES

65K+

300+
SLU LAW has welcomed students from the following countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Eritrea
- France
- Germany
- India
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- Korea
- Kyrgyzstan
- Mauritius
- Mauritania
- Moldova
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

ST. LOUIS FACTS

- St. Louis is a major business and commercial center. It is home to 18 Fortune 1000 companies, 9 of which are Fortune 500 companies, along with several large, privately held firms with a national presence. St. Louis is rapidly becoming a leading center for business startups. It has a diversified economy with particular strengths in health science and services, financial and information services, bioscience and multimodal logistics and manufacturing.
- The population of the greater St. Louis area is more than 2.7 million.
- Autumnns in St. Louis are mild with maximum average temperatures between September and December at 14.0°C and minimum temperatures at 4.0°C. Winters tend to be moderate, with an average snowfall of 20 inches/50 centimeters per year. The average maximum temperature between
January and March is 7.0°C and the average minimum temperature is 3.0°C. Spring is pleasant with average maximum temperatures between April and June at 24.0°C and minimum temperatures at 13.0°C.

**ATTRACTIONS**

St. Louis is known for its wealth of cultural and recreational attractions. Students enjoy:
- The world-class Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, opera and concert halls
- Saint Louis Art Museum
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- The Gateway Arch
- Saint Louis Zoo
- The Fabulous Fox Theater
- St. Louis Cardinals baseball
- St. Louis Blues hockey
- St. Louis Rams (American) football
- Outdoor athletics in the city’s Forest Park and in several area state parks
- Award-winning wineries outside of the city
- Access to the Simon Recreation Center on the main SLU campus
- Center for Global Citizenship on the main SLU campus

**WEB RESOURCES**

- www.stlouis-mo.gov
- www.stltoday.com
- www.explorestlouis.com

**TRAVELING**

- Chicago .................................................. 308 miles/496 km
- Kansas City ........................................... 255 miles/411 km
- Indianapolis ........................................... 252 miles/406 km
- Memphis ................................................. 305 miles/491 km
LL.M. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants to the LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers must meet these requirements:

- Hold a first degree in law from a university or law school outside of the United States that qualifies the applicant for bar admission in the home country
- Have outstanding academic credentials and demonstrated excellence in professional career activities
- If the language of instruction in the applicant’s first law degree program was other than English, demonstrate a high level of spoken and written English proficiency by submitting an official TOEFL iBT report with a score of 90 or above (or a score of 577 or above on the TOEFL PBT) or an official IELTS report with a score of 7.0 or above.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE LL.M. PROGRAM
Complete an application for admission to the LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers and submit all supporting documentation required in such application. These include:

- An official transcript and diploma from each post-secondary school attended, including English translations
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score sent to SLU LAW (our institutional code is 6629) (if required)

- A written personal statement
- Current résumé
- Scholarship application (if applying for financial aid)

LL.M. APPLICATION DEADLINE
LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, which means the committee reviews each applicant’s file once it receives all application materials.

Applications for the 2016-2017 academic year should be submitted no later than March 11, 2016 to ensure that visa paperwork can be processed in time for admission in Fall 2016. Applicants that apply by the final registration deadline may receive a decision and award by March 31, 2016.

We recommend applying by the early application deadline of December 18, 2015. Early application deadline applicants may receive a decision and award by mid February.

TWO-YEAR J.D. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants to the Two-Year J.D. Program for Foreign Lawyers must meet these requirements:

- Hold a first degree in law from a university or law school outside of the United States that qualifies the applicant for bar admission in the home country
- Have outstanding academic credentials and demonstrated excellence in professional career activities

APPLY TO THE DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS
The deadline for completed applications is March 11, 2016.
Complete an application for admission to the J.D. program and submit all supporting documentation required in such application.

Submit an official LSAT score reported within the past three years that demonstrates the potential to succeed in the program.

If the language of instruction in the applicant’s first law degree program was other than English, demonstrate a high level of spoken and written English proficiency by submitting an official TOEFL iBT report with a score of 100 or above (or a score of 600 or above on the TOEFL PBT) or an official IELTS report with a score of 7.5 or above.

**How To Apply to the Two-Year J.D. Program**

Complete an application for admission to the Two-Year J.D. Program for Foreign Lawyers and submit all supporting documentation required in such application. These include:

- An official transcript and diploma from each post-secondary school attended, including English translations.
  
  *Please Note:* SLU LAW requires the use of the LSAC Credential Assembly Service, including International Credential Evaluation.

- Two letters of recommendation.

- Official LSAT score sent to SLU LAW (our institutional code is 6629).

**Tuition for the LL.M. and Two-Year J.D. Programs**

LL.M. and Two-Year J.D. students are assessed the same tuition as traditional three-year J.D. students. Tuition for the 2015-2016 academic year is $38,750. Fees are approximately $446, and the cost of books is projected at $1,500. Living expenses are estimated to be at least $14,000. These amounts tend to increase moderately from year to year. Admitted students are responsible for arranging funding of their education prior to enrolling at SLU LAW. Some sources of funding for international students are listed at law.slu.edu/studentservices/financial-aid/international-students, but students should also explore private and public sources in their home countries.

**Scholarship Assistance**

SLU LAW may award partial tuition scholarships to incoming students based on academic credentials, career achievements and need.

LL.M. applicants who wish to be considered for scholarships should submit the LL.M. scholarship application form.

Two-Year J.D. applicants who wish to be considered for scholarships should check the financial aid box on the application for J.D. admission.

For more information on the LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers and the Two-Year J.D. Program for Foreign Lawyers, visit law.slu.edu/centers/cicl.
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