DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

2017-2018
SLU LAW offers a one-year Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program 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 the faculty, for both domestic and international projects. The LL.M. program prepares students for the global legal marketplace, especially in international practice. Some graduates pursuing a law career in the U.S. have earned their LL.M. degree. 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.

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.

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. Students are also required to complete a three (3) credit hour course 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 for traditional J.D. students. However, when English is the student’s primary language, the student may receive additional time for examinations as well as the use of an English-foreign language dictionary.

ENHANCE YOUR LEGAL CAREER WITH AN AMERICAN LAW FOCUS

SLU LAW offers a Two-Year J.D. for Foreign Lawyers Program. This program enables highly qualified candidates who have received law degrees outside the United States to earn a J.D. in four semesters by granting them advanced standing based on their prior law studies. The degree is designed for foreign lawyers who would like to achieve further professional training by earning the same degree held by U.S. lawyers, but in a shorter amount of time. Students admitted to the program may choose to continue their legal education in a U.S. law school, pursue a foreign legal career, or learn the necessary prerequisites to sit for the bar exam in any U.S. state on 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 completing the core curriculum courses in their first year students enrolled in the traditional three-year J.D. program. These 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 course 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.

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.
The LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers program at Saint Louis University in 1999 was the basis for my career in International Intellectual Property Law. In addition to the basic classes, SLU offered all possibilities for an early specialization. The contacts I made during my stay with local students as well as other LL.M. students have persisted until today and are valuable in my everyday practice. The experience of being abroad in the U.S. for one year has enriched not only my language skills and career, but also and at least to the same extent my personal life and character. Being among fellow students and participating in university sports (in my case the volleyball team) taught me to learn and adapt to American culture. I did not feel like a tourist in a hot spot east coast U.S. city, but rather as a part of the community in this unique Midwestern American city. Looking back, my decision to attend Saint Louis University School of Law was definitely the right choice."

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WHAT are FOREIGN LAWYER PROGRAM GRADUATES DOING?

- Business Law Including Corporate Law: 45%
- Complex Contract Negotiations: 11%
- International Tax: 5%
- Copyright: 4%
- Intellectual Property Law: 6%
- Civil Rights: 3%
- Public Policy: 3%
- International: 3%
- Other: 10%
- Immigration Law: 14%
- Government / Service: 3%
- Non-Profit Organizations: 10%
- Private Law Firms: 5%
- In-House Counsel: 3%
- Possible career opportunities for our LL.M. or Two-Year J.D. graduates are:
A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY IN THE HEART OF THE DOWNTOWN LEGAL COMMUNITY

Saint Louis University School of Law calls Scott Hall home, a 12-story building in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The unique location provides the vibrant SLU LAW community with a profound difference in the ability to teach, learn and fulfill SLU’s social justice mission. With courthouses, government agencies, top law firms and corporations just steps away, the proximity presents tremendous opportunities to strengthen the connection between students and the legal and business communities. As home to more than 1,600 businesses and nearly 90,000 jobs, downtown offers the highest concentration of legal, financial, government and creative businesses in the region.

Additionally, SLU LAW is within walking distance to numerous civic and cultural experiences, such as the Peabody Opera House, City Museum, City Garden, Busch Stadium and the Gateway Arch. Festivals and runs regularly occur directly across the street from Scott Hall in the neighboring Kaufman and Poelker parks.

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS
ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Founded in 1843, SLU LAW was the first law school in St. Louis, Missouri and the first west of the Mississippi River. SLU LAW and the city have been shaping each other ever since. Maybe you can’t call St. Louis a college town — with nearly 3 million residents in the metro area, it’s too big for that. But it might be something better: a college city.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Louis is a major business and commercial center. It is home to 18 Fortune 1000 companies, nine of which are Fortune 500 companies, including Monsanto, Express Scripts, Emerson Electric and Edward Jones. In addition, it is a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship and has been ranked as the No. 1 startup city in America. St. Louis is also home to several large, privately held firms with a national presence. It has a diversified economy with particular strengths in health sciences, services, and information and financial services, finance and real estate and manufacturing.

WEATHER

Autumns 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.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The law school is located near several Metro stops, which can take you to the airport as well as sports stadiums and shopping centers throughout the St. Louis area day or night. The Downtown Trolley offers a unique tour of the vibrant downtown community.

FOOD

If you don’t already have a firm position on the appeal of Provel cheese, toasted ravioli and the best barbecue in the United States, it’s time to develop one. Start your research on The Hill, a mecca of Italian-American dining or SugarFire Smokehouse, which is within walking distance from campus.

ENTERTAINMENT

Use the city’s best concert venues just happens to be on the main campus. SLU’s Chaifetz Arena has recently hosted Bruce Springsteen, Carrie Underwood, Ellie Goulding, Sam Smith and Arcade Fire. At 11 time World Series Champions, SLU is also 1.5 miles north of Scenic-Grand Center, the city’s thriving arts and entertainment district, with live theater and concert halls. For nightlife, stroll down the Loop in University City, which is considered one of the “10 Great Streets in America.”

SPORTS

Known as one of America’s best sports cities, St. Louis is home to two professional teams: the Cardinals (baseball) and the Blues (hockey), whose fans fill the vibrant Downtown arena on game days. SLU also hosts a number of Division I sports teams, including men and women’s basketball and soccer. Students get into all SLU sporting events free with their student IDs.

ATTRACTIONS

In Forest Park, bigger than New York City’s Central Park — you will find the Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Missouri History Museum and Saint Louis Science Center. (All of which have free admission.) For something a bit more funky, check out the 10-story slide, indoor cave system and rooftop Ferris wheel at the nearby City Museum, which is open until midnight on weekends. Other attractions include the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Fabulous Fox Theater, world-class Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, sailing through scenic outskirts of the city and of course, the famous Gateway Arch. Students also enjoy access to the Simon Recreation Center and Center for Global Citizenship on SLU’s main campus.

DR. STEPHAN M. EBNER ('13)

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Studying in St. Louis was a great experience I will certainly never forget. Not only did it tremendously expand my intercultural competence, it was also able to substantially increase my understanding of international law and its interrelationships with a nexus of widely different legal systems, all from a global point of view.”

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CHAMBER & GROWTH ASSOCIATION, THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, FORBES, POPULAR MECHANICS, USA TODAY, CAREERBLISS.COM, NERDWALLET.COM, ZEROHEDGE.COM, CHARITYNAVIGATOR.ORG AND WALLETHUB.COM
LIFE AT SLU LAW

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 also serve as academic advisors 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 provides assistance 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 may also participate in student organizations such as the Student Bar Association and the International Law Students' Association.

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

300+ DATABASES
65K+ JOURNALS
AVAILABLE AS FULL TEXTS OR ABSTRACTS
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ON-SITE SUPPORT STAFF
INCLUDING LIBRARY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTING NEEDS
DAILY COURT DOCKETS

THE VINCENT C. IMME LAW LIBRARY
The Vincent C. Immel Law Library is one of the largest academic law libraries in the country. The library 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. For more information, visit law.slu.edu/library.
I really enjoyed my time at Saint Louis University School of Law. It was a great opportunity to further my legal education. The faculty and staff members were very nice and made LL.M. students feel very welcome. The classes were very interesting and the faculty was always there to answer my questions. Being part of SLU’s LL.M. program was an rewarding experience and prepared me for the NY Bar exam.”

In response to the early application deadline of December 14, 2017, early application deadline applicants may receive a decision and award by mid-February.

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
- An official IELTS report with a score of 7.0 or above
- An official TOEFL iBT report with a score of 90 or above for a score of 527 or above on the TOEFL PBT or 100 or above (or a score of 600 or above on the TOEFL PBT) for SLU 6629
- A personal statement
- A personal résumé
- Two letters of recommendation

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
- An official TOEFL iBT report with a score of 90 or above for a score of 527 or above on the TOEFL PBT or an official IELTS report with a score of 7.0 or above

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 550 or above on the TOEFL PBT or an official IELTS report with a score of 7.0 or above

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 submit the LL.M. scholarship application form.

If you have a question regarding the admissions process or need an accommodation, please contact us at cilc@law.slu.edu or call (314) 977-2792.