LLM in Intellectual Property & Technology Law

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property & Technology Law (IP/TL) is a one-year graduate degree program that responds to the demand for knowledgeable and skilled intellectual property professionals who have already earned a basic law degree. The IP/TL curriculum allows students to study introductory and advanced intellectual property law and to scrutinize the politics affecting those areas of the law under the guidance of leading scholars in the field. Students participate in practical skills courses taught in small groups by teams of experienced intellectual property lawyers.

The IP/TL LLM student body is drawn from two distinct sources. First, we admit JD graduates from across the United States who desire to focus their legal expertise through one year of intensive study of intellectual property law. Second, we admit experienced intellectual property attorneys from abroad who want to broaden their knowledge to include U.S. and international intellectual property.

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Degree Requirements

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To earn the Intellectual Property and Technology Law LLM degree, a student must successfully complete 24 units of courses, 15 credits of which must come from the IP/TL curriculum. Students may also earn up to 6 units from related courses in other schools in Washington University that support their research interests.

Internships

IP/TL LLM students are encouraged to apply for unpaid internships either during their academic program or during the summer after completing the program. Alumni and friends of the LLM program offer students opportunities at in-house counsel settings and at law firms of all sizes.