

Two-Year LLM

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Degree Requirements

Two-Year LLM for Foreign Lawyers

Two-Year LLM candidates must have earned a first law degree from their home jurisdiction.

Students admitted to the Two-Year LLM will start their program with a six-week summer pre-LLM intensive legal English program through the English Language Programs on campus. For five hours a day, students will learn from texts that were specifically designed for learners of legal English.

Following the intensive legal English summer classes, students of the Two-Year LLM will join the incoming one-year LLM students for an intensive orientation before regular classes begin.

During the first year of the Two-Year LLM, students will take Introduction to U.S. Law & Methods, a two-course sequence specifically designed for foreign-trained lawyers. Two-Year LLM students will be integrated with one-year LLM students for this course.

Likewise, they will take two more content classes in law: one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. Two-Year LLM students will be integrated with both one-year LLM students as well as U.S. JD students for these courses.

Alongside these courses, students will take two legal English classes specifically designed to complement the content courses: 1) Intensive Reading and Writing and 2) Intensive Listening and Speaking. These five-hour weekly classes will run over the entire course of the first year and prepare Two-Year LLM students for the assignments of their content classes as well as for the linguistic and academic demands of an LLM program.

By the end of the second semester, students will have the skills necessary to immerse themselves into the last year of the LLM, where they can take the regular course load of a one-year LLM. Because they will already have received credit for the law courses they took during the first year (7 credits), these students will be required to take fewer courses (17 credits) during their second year.