

Law, LLM (Boston)

LLM Program Requirements

The LLM program offers a rigorous curriculum that provides a comprehensive foundation in legal theory and practice as well as the freedom to explore and refine students' career interests. LLM students may choose the general program, which offers maximum flexibility to choose the courses the student wants and needs—to academically prepare for a U.S. bar exam or to do whatever the student chooses as a lawyer who wants to make a difference—or one of the program's concentrations, which provides a competitive advantage in specific fields of interest.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Foundational Courses

These foundational courses are required for any student who obtained their first law degree outside the United States:

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 6301	Introduction to American Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 6302	Introduction to Legal Research and Writing for LLM Students	2

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Students must take at least 20 credits of LAW electives if they took the foundational courses; they must take at least 24 credits of LAW electives if not required to take foundational courses. Courses taken to fulfill concentration requirements count toward the elective requirement.		20 or 24

Concentration Options

Students may choose to pursue a concentration by completing the listed requirements. Courses taken to fulfill concentration requirements count toward the elective requirement for the LLM degree.

- Business and Commercial Law (p. 1)
- Health Policy and Law (p. 2)
- Human Rights and Economic Development (p. 2)
- Intellectual Property and Innovation (p. 3)

Program Credit Requirement

24 total hours required

For additional information regarding the LLM program and its requirements, please see the LLM student information handbook.

Business and Commercial Law Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3–4
LAW 6313	Introduction to the Law of Contracts	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7324	Securities Regulation	
LAW 7556	Corporate Finance	
LAW 7559	International Trade	
LAW 7603	International Business Transactions	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		5–8
LAW 6313	Introduction to the Law of Contracts	
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7303	Antitrust	
LAW 7313	Secured Transactions	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7324	Securities Regulation	

LAW 7336	Immigration Law
LAW 7338	International Law
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property
LAW 7424	Labor Law 1
LAW 7491	International Human Rights and the Global Economy
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development
LAW 7556	Corporate Finance
LAW 7559	International Trade
LAW 7569	International and Foreign Legal Research
LAW 7603	International Business Transactions

Students must also complete a paper related to business and/or commercial law. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Health Policy and Law Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
LAW 7335	Health Law	3–4
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		6–7
LAW 7494	Bioethics and the Law	
LAW 7512	Problems in Public Health Law	
LAW 7527	Public Health Advocacy Clinic	
LAW 7588	Reproductive Rights, Justice, and Health	
LAW 7606	Drug Law and Policy	
LAW 7619	Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Law	
LAW 7695	Drug and Device Innovation: Law and Policy	

Students must also complete a paper related to health law. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Human Rights and Economic Development Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3–4
LAW 7338	International Law	
LAW 7491	International Human Rights and the Global Economy	
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 7651	Human Rights in the United States	
LAW 7697	Issues in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		5–16
LAW 6314	Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law	
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7336	Immigration Law	
LAW 7338	International Law	
LAW 7358	Social Welfare Law	
LAW 7428	State Local Government	
LAW 7491	International Human Rights and the Global Economy	
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 7550	Refugee and Asylum Law	
LAW 7559	International Trade	
LAW 7569	International and Foreign Legal Research	
LAW 7588	Reproductive Rights, Justice, and Health	
LAW 7597	Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic	
LAW 7610	Community Business Law Clinic	

LAW 7651	Human Rights in the United States
LAW 7657	Immigrant Justice Clinic
LAW 7679	Race and the Law
LAW 7697	Issues in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
LAW 7702	Crimmigration Law: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Immigration Law
LAW 7705	Law and Global Technology
LAW 7706	State Constitutions and the Protection of Individual Rights

Students must also complete a paper related to human rights and/or economic development. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Intellectual Property and Innovation Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3–4
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7501	Patent Law	
LAW 7590	Copyright Law	
LAW 7638	Trademark Law	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		6–12
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7303	Antitrust	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7417	Entertainment Law	
LAW 7501	Patent Law	
LAW 7590	Copyright Law	
LAW 7633	Intellectual Property Law Clinic	
LAW 7638	Trademark Law	
LAW 7640	Information Security Law	
LAW 7669	Law and Technology	
LAW 7672	Data Privacy Compliance in the 21st Century	
LAW 7695	Drug and Device Innovation: Law and Policy	
LAW 7698	AI for Lawyers: Uses, Risks, and Regulation	
LAW 7700	Intellectual Property and Social Justice	
LAW 7705	Law and Global Technology	

Students must also complete a clinic or paper related to intellectual property and innovation. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement. A clinic that counts toward the four-course requirement may not be used to also satisfy this requirement.

LLM Experiential Program Requirements

The Experiential LLM program offers a rigorous curriculum that is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation in legal theory and practice as well as the freedom to explore and refine students' career interests. Experiential LLM students may choose the general program, which offers maximum flexibility to choose the courses the student wants and needs—to academically prepare students for a U.S. bar exam or to do whatever the student chooses as a lawyer who wants to make a difference—or one of the program's concentrations, which provide a competitive advantage in specific fields of interest. Students in the full-time Experiential LLM program deepen their knowledge and expand their expertise by taking a full-time co-op or equivalent experiential alternative during one academic term.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Foundational Courses

These foundational courses are required for any student who obtained their first law degree outside the United States:

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 6301	Introduction to American Law and Legal Institutions	2
LAW 6302	Introduction to Legal Research and Writing for LLM Students	2
LAW 6315	Legal Research and Writing for LLM Students: Preparing for Co-op	2

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Students must take at least 18 credits of LAW electives if they took the foundational courses; they must take at least 24 credits of LAW electives if not required to take foundational courses. Courses taken to fulfill concentration requirements count toward the elective requirement.		18–24

Concentration Options

Students may choose to pursue a concentration by completing the listed requirements. Courses taken to fulfill concentration requirements count toward the elective requirement for the LLM degree.

- Business and Commercial Law (p. 1)
- Health Policy and Law (p. 5)
- Human Rights and Economic Development (p. 5)
- Intellectual Property and Innovation (p. 6)

Experiential Requirement

Students must take one full-time co-op or equivalent experiential alternative of at least 12 weeks (or, for part-time students, an equivalent period over multiple terms).

Program Credit Requirement

24 total hours required

For additional information regarding the Experiential LLM program and its requirements, please see the LLM student information handbook.

Business and Commercial Law Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3–4
LAW 6313	Introduction to the Law of Contracts	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7324	Securities Regulation	
LAW 7556	Corporate Finance	
LAW 7559	International Trade	
LAW 7603	International Business Transactions	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		5–8
LAW 6313	Introduction to the Law of Contracts	
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7303	Antitrust	
LAW 7313	Secured Transactions	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7324	Securities Regulation	
LAW 7336	Immigration Law	
LAW 7338	International Law	
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7424	Labor Law 1	
LAW 7491	International Human Rights and the Global Economy	
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 7556	Corporate Finance	
LAW 7559	International Trade	

LAW 7569	International and Foreign Legal Research
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LAW 7603	International Business Transactions
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Students must also complete a co-op or paper related to business and/or commercial law. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Health Policy and Law Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
LAW 7335	Health Law	3–4
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		6–7
LAW 7494	Bioethics and the Law	
LAW 7512	Problems in Public Health Law	
LAW 7527	Public Health Advocacy Clinic	
LAW 7588	Reproductive Rights, Justice, and Health	
LAW 7606	Drug Law and Policy	
LAW 7619	Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Law	
LAW 7695	Drug and Device Innovation: Law and Policy	

Students must also complete a paper related to health law. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Human Rights and Economic Development Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3
LAW 7338	International Law	
LAW 7491	International Human Rights and the Global Economy	
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 7651	Human Rights in the United States	
LAW 7697	Issues in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		5–16
LAW 6314	Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law	
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7336	Immigration Law	
LAW 7338	International Law	
LAW 7358	Social Welfare Law	
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LAW 7679	Race and the Law	
LAW 7697	Issues in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	
LAW 7702	Crimmigration Law: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Immigration Law	
LAW 7705	Law and Global Technology	
LAW 7706	State Constitutions and the Protection of Individual Rights	

Students must also complete a co-op or paper related to human rights and/or economic development. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement.

Intellectual Property and Innovation Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
Complete one of the following:		3–4
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7501	Patent Law	
LAW 7590	Copyright Law	
LAW 7638	Trademark Law	
Relevant Elective Courses		
Complete at least two of the following:		6–12
LAW 7015	Law, Technology, and Economic Development	
LAW 7303	Antitrust	
LAW 7323	Corporations	
LAW 7369	Intellectual Property	
LAW 7417	Entertainment Law	
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LAW 7698	AI for Lawyers: Uses, Risks, and Regulation	
LAW 7700	Intellectual Property and Social Justice	
LAW 7705	Law and Global Technology	

Students must also complete a co-op, clinic, or paper related to intellectual property and innovation. To fulfill this requirement, a paper must satisfy the criteria of the JD rigorous writing requirement. A clinic that counts toward the four-course requirement may not be used to also satisfy this requirement.