

MASTER OF LAW (LLM)

LLM 900: Introduction to the United States Legal System

2 Credits

To develop a good foundation for the LL.M. students' other course work, this course introduces the United States court system, the role of the Constitution in the United States legal system, and other foundation materials in United States law. The goal is to introduce students to distinctive aspects and/or fundamental principles in U.S. law.

LLM 901: LL.M. Legal Analysis, Writing and Research

2 Credits

This course explores U.S. common law analytical methods and discourse. Students will analyze cases and statutes to solve client problems. Students will draft objective memoranda and other documents to communicate their legal analysis in writing. Students will also learn the basics of U.S. legal research.

LLM 902: Advanced LL.M. Legal Analysis, Writing and Research

2 Credits

Building on the Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems course, students will continue to develop legal analysis, writing and research skills in the persuasive writing context. Students will study and practice effective client letter writing to help students learn to craft good correspondence in a U.S. legal setting. The final portion of the course will cover contract drafting.

PREREQUISITE LLM 900

LLM 911: Pre-Writing Process for Lawyers

3 Credits

This course introduces students to a framework for pre-writing and analyzing a client problem. The course will assist students in developing reading comprehension skills, case briefing skills, legal analysis and synthesis skills, increased proficiency in Legal English, and basic research and citation skills. Course is required for the Legal English Certificate Program.

LLM 912: U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Law

3 Credits

This course introduces students to the foundational concepts of U.S. legal analysis and helps them develop essential skills for success in case analysis courses. The course is structured as a companion course to Criminal Law, introducing students to the use of case briefs, exam-writing skills, and outlines while helping students develop faster reading speeds and techniques for focusing their reading and listening. The course uses hypotheticals and client problems to build students' legal analysis skills gradually over the course of the semester. Students will enroll concurrently in Criminal Law.

LLM 913: U.S. Common Law Analysis and Skills

3 Credits

This course introduces students to fundamental concepts of U.S. common law analysis and methods. The course will explore the function

of case law within a common law system. Students will consider how judicial opinions interact with other sources of law, and the methods common law lawyers use to analyze cases. Students will apply this knowledge to legal problems and build English language skills for clear legal communication.

LLM 914: U.S. Common Law Methods for Constitutional Law

3 Credits

The course is structured as a companion course to Constitutional law, introducing students to the use of case briefs, exam-writing skills, and outlines while helping students develop faster reading speeds and techniques for focusing their reading and listening. Throughout the course students will also improve their legal English vocabulary. The course uses hypotheticals and current constitutional law cases to build students' legal analysis skills gradually over the course of the semester. Students will enroll concurrently in Constitutional Law.

LLM 915: U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Procedure

3 Credits

This course introduces students to the foundational concepts of U.S. legal analysis and helps them develop essential skills for success in case analysis courses. The course is structured as a companion course to Criminal Procedure, introducing students to the use of case briefs, exam-writing skills, and outlines while helping students develop faster reading speeds and techniques for focusing their reading and listening. The course uses hypotheticals and client problems to build students' legal analysis skills gradually over the course of the semester. Students will enroll concurrently in Criminal Procedure

LLM 997: Special Topics

1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12

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