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# THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Graduate Legal Studies Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program



**Application For Admission** 

# To Applicants:

This booklet is intended to provide you with the necessary information, instructions, and forms needed to apply for admission to the University of Georgia School of Law Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program.

Most of your questions concerning the admissions process will be answered if you read this booklet carefully. Additional questions may be directed to the Office of International and Graduate Legal Studies, The University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA 30602-6012, Telephone (706)542-5211, Fax (706)542-4145.

The summary below will assist you in submitting the application materials.

To be sent directly by applicant	<ul> <li>Application form (see p. 3)</li> <li>\$30 application-processing fee</li> <li>Official transcripts</li> <li>Proposed Program of Study (see p. 5)</li> <li>Application for financial assistance (see p. 13)</li> </ul>
To be sent by testing agency	Official TOEFL scores
To be sent by referees of applicant	Letters of recommendation (see pgs. 7–12)

Deadline for application is April 15.

# STATEMENT\_OF THE LL.M. PROGRAM

# The University of Georgia School of Law Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program

## I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

The University of Georgia LL.M. Program is designed to permit a student to pursue a program of intensive research and related coursework in an area of law of substantial interest to the student.

A minimum of two semesters of resident study is required. The LL.M. student must be present at the law school during the entire period, unless called away because of serious illness in the student's immediate family. A total of 27 semester hours of credit is the minimum requirement for graduation. In addition to the Graduate Seminar I (2 hour required course), at least 12 hours of credit must be earned in courses at the School of Law. Five hours of credit must be devoted to the LL.M. thesis and two hours of credit for the Graduate Seminar II. The remaining six hours of credit may be earned either in course work at the law school or other faculty of the University, or in further individual study in connection with the LL.M. thesis. The student must maintain a cumulative average of C+ on all courses and must earn at least a B on the LL.M. thesis. The thesis should be of publishable quality and form and should deal with a legal topic approved by the Graduate Studies Committee.

American law students who wish to pursue the Master of Laws degree must hold an A.B. degree or equivalent from an approved college and a J.D. degree or equivalent from a law school which is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, which is approved by the American Bar Association, or which is a state-accredited law school.

Students from other countries who wish to apply for the LL.M. must hold a degree equivalent to the J.D. from a recognized law school and must possess an academic record and study program acceptable to the faculty of the law school. Further, applicants from non-English speaking countries must be proficient in English as demonstrated on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Each student's record of legal studies must display high scholarly aptitude, and the data

required in the LL.M. application form must reflect a well-conceived plan of specialized study and research.

#### II. APPLICATION INFORMATION REQUIRED

- 1. The general application for admission to graduate programs – all applicants for the LL.M. must complete this form (page 3).
- 2. The official transcript from each institution of higher learning (university, college) you have attended, in English and in the language of the institution
- 3. A non-refundable \$30.00 application fee. The fee must be paid by check or draft and made payable to the University of Georgia, U.S. currency, and must be drawn on a U.S. bank.
- 4. Applicants from non-English speaking countries or whose native language is not English must take the TOEFL given by the Educational Testing Service and request the latter to send official TOEFL scores. Normally, successful applicants will have a score of at least 580 on the paper-based TOEFL and 240 on the computer-based TOEFL.
- 5. Non-United States applicants must furnish two completed copies of the form on Certification of Finances (enclosed).
- 6. All applicants must furnish one completed copy of the form on School of Law Financial Assistance Requests (page 13).
- 7. The LSAT report from graduates of United States law schools. Please request that the results be mailed directly to the School of Law.
- 8. A detailed outline of the program of study to be pursued (page 5): a) courses the applicant wishes to take; b) the title and the content of thesis research the applicant wishes to pursue.
- 9. A statement by the applicant of previous legal work in the form of a letter to the Director of Graduate Legal Studies.

10. Three letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's ability to successfully participate in the LL.M. Program (pages 7-12). Please note that at least TWO recommendations must be from current or former professors of law. The three letters must be sent directly to the School of Law. See address below.

## APRIL 15 IS THE DEADLINE FOR MAILING THE APPLICATION

#### All information should be mailed to:

Associate Dean and Director International and Graduate Legal Studies The University of Georgia School of Law Athens, Georgia 30602-6012

#### **III. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LL.M.**

Students selected for the LL.M. Program may pursue the research and course program they submit with their application as long as it conforms to the following requirements:

1. The graduate students need to complete 27 semester hours of credit during two consecutive semesters of residence, of which:

- (a) two semester hours are required for the Graduate Seminar I and two semester hours are required for the Graduate Seminar II;
- (b) twelve semester hours must be devoted to courses offered at the law school;
- (c) five semester hours must be spent on the preparation of the LL.M. thesis under the supervision of the major professor;
- (d) six semester hours can be used for additional law school courses, for research on the thesis or for courses offered by other faculties.

2. Students should prepare a thesis on the subject indicated in their admissions application and confirmed at the time of enrollment. It is expected that the thesis will be completed in the course of the two consecutive semesters of residency, or within a reasonable period of time. The maximum period may not exceed 5 years.

The degree awarded will be LL.M. without reference to specialization, although such spe-

cialization may be apparent from the student's study program and its association with particular professors having special expertise.

#### **IV. DEGREE APPROVAL**

At the end of the second semester of **resident** study, the law school will review the student's file consisting of all work performed during the two semesters and copies of all papers prepared in connection with the independent research and LL.M. thesis requirements. Graduation will be authorized by the dean of the School of Law and the dean of the Graduate School.

#### V. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students should investigate sources of fellowship assistance in their own countries and should make timely application for such aid.

Certain financial assistance, principally in the form of student assistantships and waivers of outof-state tuition, is available to a limited number of the LL.M. candidates who must normally demonstrate requisite financial need.

# INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Office of International and Graduate Legal Studies

The University of Georgia School of Law Athens, GA 30602-6012

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International and Graduate Legal Studies The University of Georgia Phone: 706-542-5238 or 706-542-5211 Fax: 706-542-4145

Office of Graduate Admissions Graduate School Athens, GA 30602-7402

Please type or print in ink all information clearly and completely. Please enclose the \$30.00 application-processing fee in a check or draft made payable to the University of Georgia. Applications submitted without the fee will not be processed. Do not complete the shaded areas.

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Identification Number	Date of Birth MONTH/DAY/YEAR	Date Submitted
Name Last	First	Middle
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Ethnic Origin (Optional; for statistical data only)	Citizenship Status Code BORN U.S. CITIZEN (C)	Country of citizenship: Place of birth:
AM. IND./ALASKAN NATIVE (1) BLACK (B) HISPANIC (H) ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER (A) WHITE (Non-Hispanic Origin) (W)	NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN (N) ALIEN, NON-RESIDENT (A) ALIEN, RESIDENT (R) (If resident alien, attach copy	(City, Country)
Sex MALE (M) FEMALE (F)	of permanent Visa card)	of Visa you have:
	ADMISSION INFORMATION	NRGZ
ACADEMIC YEAR YOU PLAN TO ENTER:     DEGREE OBJECTIVE:		
3. I HAVE TAKEN OR WILL TAKE THE TOEFL		19
4. HAVE YOU APPLIED PREVIOUSLY FOR GRADUATE ADMI		

## PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

List all colleges and universities previously attended or currently attending. Refer to page 1 for complete details on transcript requirements. Complete disclosure is required of all applicants. Include any previous University of Georgia attendance.

Complete School Name	Location (City, State, Country)	Attendance From	(Month, Year) To	Graduation Date	Degree obtained/ To be obtained

## WORK EXPERIENCE

List present or other work experience beginning with most recent position:

ORGANIZATION PLACE POSITION DATES

		EMERGENCY (	CONTACT	
Name:	Last		First	Middle
Relationship to you:	D Pare	ent Spouse	Guardian	Other
Contact's Address: (or check if same	Street and Number	r		
as yours)	City	State/Provin	ce Postal Code	Country
Telephone Number	Country City Code Code		Fax Number Country Code	City Code
E-Mail				
I certify that the inform	ation given by me on this	application is complete an	nd accurate.	

Signature\_





(Answer all four items in the spaces provided on the torm.)

# THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

**1.** The focus and purpose of the graduate legal work the applicant proposes to undertake:

2. List of courses the applicant proposes to take during the academic year:

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# Proposed Program of Study (continued)

3. The title of the thesis topic:

4. A concise explanation of the focus, structure and content of the proposed thesis:

Signature of Applicant

# **RECOMMENDATION FORM**

## THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL AND GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

**NOTE TO APPLICANT:** Please ask an **individual familiar with your educational background** to provide the information requested and return the completed form to the address set forth below:

Director, International and Graduate Legal Studies The University of Georgia School of Law Athens, Georgia 30602-6012

## TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

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1.	Applicant's Name:			
		(Last or Family)	(First)	(Middle)
2.	Address:			
			Degree Sought	

- 3. Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may decide whether letters of reference written at your request are to be held confidential or whether they are to be available for your personal inspection. Check one of the following statements and place your signature in the space provided so that the reference will be advised of your choice.
- Confidential File. I grant permission for this letter of recommendation to be held confidential by the University of Georgia.
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#### 1. Knowledge of applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ This student enrolled in my class(es).

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\_\_\_\_\_ I do not know this individual well enough to evaluate.

2. Scholastic Evaluation: In comparison with other students in the same field who have the same amount of experience and training, I rate this person:

Superior (Upper 5%)	Average (Upper 50%)
Very Good (Upper 10%)	Below Average
Good (Upper 25%)	

3. Recommendation: Considering this student's academic record, special abilities, ambition and determination, please indicate your recommendation for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program at the University of Georgia School of Law:

I recommend strongly	I recommend with reservation	
I recommend	I cannot recommend	

4. Please set forth on this page or separate page any comments which you believe will assist the Graduate Legal Studies Committee in evaluating the applicant's potential to pursue graduate legal study. We are particularly interested in your candid evaluation of the applicant's intellectual capabilities and motivations to study law at the graduate level. (You may use an additional sheet of paper for further comments.)

Name of person giving recommendation (please print):

Signature (Required)\*\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Title

Address\_

Institution if applicable

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# FORM ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

## THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL AND GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

Both this form AND the Graduate School form on the Certification of Finances (enclosed) must be completed and returned to the Office of International and Graduate Legal Studies, University of Georgia, School of Law, Athens, Georgia 30602-6012.

Please note Part V in the statement on the LL.M. Program which reads as follows:

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- 1. Please check the appropriate box(es):
  - □ I do not seek financial assistance from the University of Georgia.
  - □ I request financial assistance from the University of Georgia:
    - □ Out-of-state tuition waiver
    - □ Assistantship
- 2. Please state briefly any explanation you wish to give regarding #1 above:

Name:	 
Current Address:	

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Classroom study stimulates further examination of issues of comparative law beyond the traditional classroom setting.





Professor Gabriel Wilner, associate dean and director of International and Graduate Legal Studies, leads a discussion on international law.

# COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM

Courses are scheduled for the Fall and the Spring Semesters. The schedule is established in the spring preceding the academic year.

Not all courses are taught each year.

#### **REQUIRED COURSES FOR LL.M. CANDIDATES:**

750M.	Graduate	Seminar	I –	2 hours.
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751M. Graduate Seminar II – 2 hours.

## **ELECTIVE COURSES FOR LL.M. CANDIDATES:**

These courses make up the general curriculum of the School of Law and are offered to LL.M. candidates.

601, 602.	Civil Procedure I and II – 2 and 3 hours
	respectively.

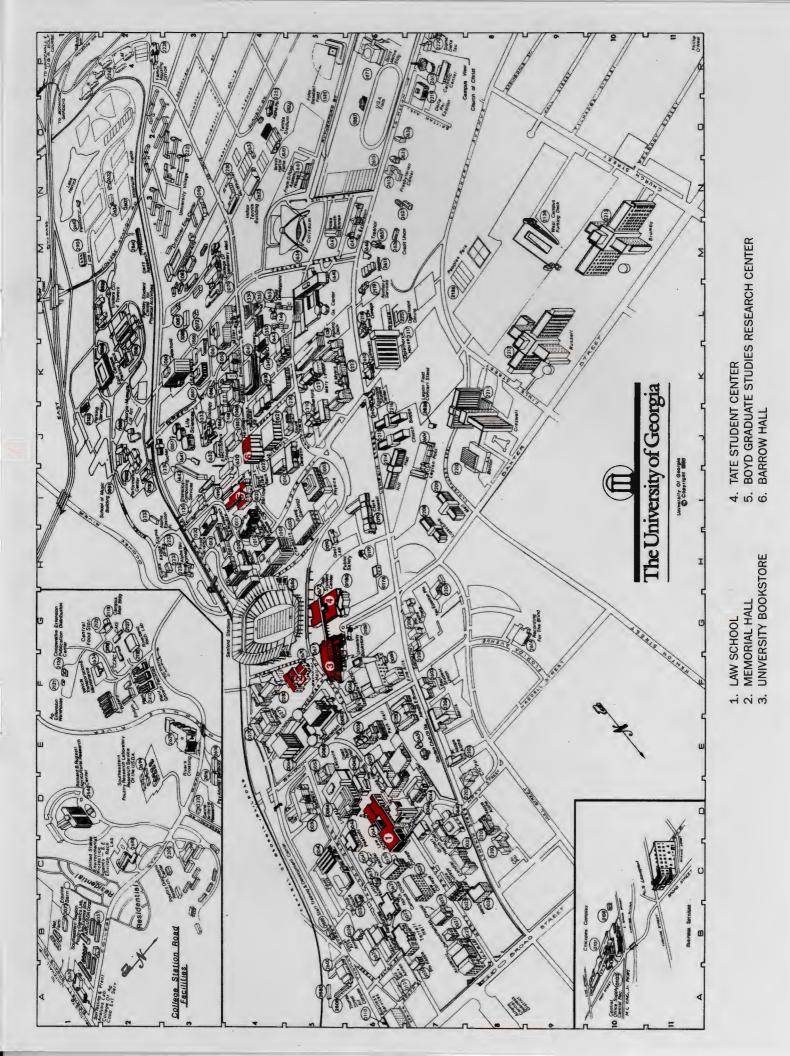
- 603, 604. Contracts and Sales I and II 3 hours each.
- 605. Criminal Law 3 hours.
- 607, 608. Legal Research I and II 2 hours each.
- 609, 610. Property I and II 2 and 4 hours respectively.
- 612, 613. Torts I and II 3 hours each.
- 618. Constitutional Law I 2 hours.
- 619. Constitutional Law II 3-4 hours.
- 621 Corporations 3 hours.
- 623. Jurisprudence 3 hours.
- 625. Evidence -4 hours.
- 628, 629. Trusts and Estates I and II 3-4 and 3 hours each respectively.
- 630. Legal Profession 2 hours.
- 632. Administrative Law 3 hours.
- 633. Admiralty 3 hours.
- 634. Antitrust Law 3 hours.
- 636. Bankruptcy -3 hours.

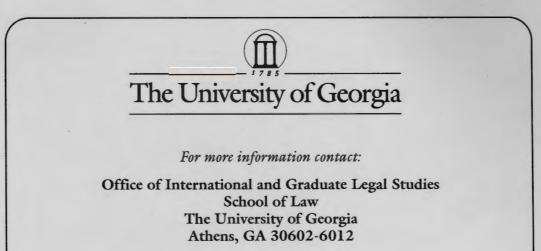
- 640. Comparative Law 2 hours.
- 641. Conflict of Laws 3 hours.
- 642. Constitutional Litigation Seminar 4 hours.
- 643. Copyright Law 2 hours.
- 644. Corporate Reorganization 3 hours.
- 645. Creditors' Rights 2 hours.
- 646. Criminal Procedure I 3 hours.
- 647. Criminal Procedure II 3 hours.
- 648. Post Conviction Relief 3 hours.
- 649. Comparative Criminal Procedure Seminar 2 hours.
- 653. Domestic Relations 3 hours.
- 655. Equitable Remedies 3 hours.
- 656. Estate Planning Seminar 2 hours.
- 657. Federal Courts 2-3 hours.
- 658. The Role of Courts -2 hours.
- 659. Federal Estate and Gift Taxation 2 hours.
- 660. Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders – 4 hours.
- 662. Georgia Practice and Procedure 3 hours.
- 663. Insurance 3 hours.
- 664. International Law I 3 hours.
- 665. International Law II 2 hours.
- 666. International Legal Transactions 3 hours.
- 667. Law of the Sea and the Protection of the Environment 3 hours.
- 671. International Legal Taxation 2 hours.
- 675. Children in the Legal System 2 hours.

# Courses of Instruction, cont'd.

676.	Labor Law – 3 hours.		
678.	Land Finance Law – 2 hours.	714.	Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment $-2$ hours.
679.	Land Use Planning – 3 hours.	715, 716.	Prosecutorial Clinic I and II - 2 hours each.
683.	Women and the Law $-3$ hours.	717.	Legal Aid and Defender Clinic – 2 hours.
686.	Legal History – 3 hours.	718.	Federal Courts Seminar – 2 hours.
687.	American History Seminar – 2 hours.	720.	Law and Institutions of the European Union –
688.	The Law of Legislative Government – 2 hours.	722.	3 hours. Law and Diplomacy – 2 or 3 hours.
689.	Military Law – 2 hours.	723.	United Nations Law - 3 hours.
690.	Municipal Corporations – 3 hours.	726.	International Legal Organizations – 2 hours.
691.	Natural Resources – 3 hours.	727.	Export and Import Trade Regulation – 3 hours.
692.	Patent Law – 2 hours.	728.	Law and Environment $-3$ hours.
693.	Regulated Industries – 3 hours.		
695.	Secured Transactions – 2 hours.	729.	Environmental Litigation Seminar – 2 hours.
696.	Securities Regulation – 3 hours.	731.	Prisoner Legal Counseling – 2 hours.
697.	Social Legislation – 2 hours.	732.	Rights of the Confined – 2 hours.
698.	Social Legislation Seminar - 3 hours.	735.	Communications Law Seminar – 2 hours.
699.	Employment Discrimination - 3 hours.	736.	International Trade Laws – 3 hours.
700.	State and Local Taxation - 2 hours.	737.	Taxation of Natural Resources – 2 hours.
701.	State and Local Taxation Seminar – 2 hours.	738.	Special International Law Studies I – 1 hour.
703.	Individual and Labor Union Seminar – 2 hours.	739.	Special International Law Studies II – 1 hour.
705.	Unfair Trade and the Consumer – 3 hours.	740.	Wills and Trusts $-4$ hours.
706.	Workers' Compensation – 2 hours.	742.	Negotiation and Dispute Resolution –
707.	Law and Medicine – 3 hours.		2 hours.
708.	Business Problems – 3 hours.	744.	Evaluating Tax Shelters – 2 hours.
710.	Comparative Private International Law -	774.	Juvenile Courts - 3 hours.
	2 hours.	775.	International Environmental Law -
711.	Commercial Financing – 3 hours.		2 or 3 hours.
712.	Federal Income Tax – 4 hours.	781.	International Civil Litigation – 2 or 3 hours.
713.	Tax Policy Seminar - 2 hours.		

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Pursuant to directives of the President of this institution, the University of Georgia continues its affirmative implementation of equal opportunity to employees, students, covered contractors and vendors, and applicants for employment, admission or contractor/vendor status. The University of Georgia will act in matters of employment, admissions, programs, and services free of prohibited bias with regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, or disability. Further, the University of Georgia will not maintain racially segregated facilities.

Continuation of the above policies is consistent with applicable provisions of The Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Education Amendments of 1972, Executive Order 11246, Revised Order 4, The Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as revised and/or amended, with implementing regulations. Accordingly, this institution will not discriminate in employment, admissions, programs, or services with regard to any position for which the applicant, employee, or student is qualified and will make reasonable accommodation for physical and mental limitations.

The Affirmative Action Plan implementing the above body of law, regulation, and policy is administered by Claude-Leonard Davis, Director of the UGA Equal Opportunity Office at 3 Peabody Hall, Athens, Georgia 30602-1622. Telephone inquiries concerning this Plan may be directed to (706) 542-7912. Copies of this Plan are available for inspection in the Equal Opportunity Office and in the UGA Main Library during normal weekday working hours.