Program Description

Degree Awarded: LL.M. Laws (Global Legal Studies)

The LLM program allows one year of post-JD study tailored to the scholarly and practice interests of participating students. The concentration in global legal studies is designed in coordination with the College of Law's Center for Law and Global Affairs. The program draws on the unique focus of the center and the faculty's wide range of international and transnational legal expertise in global health, the environment, human rights, trade and emerging technologies. The program emphasizes transdisciplinary study and links rigorous legal training with the research and scholarship drawn from political science, policy studies, anthropology and sustainability.

At a Glance

- College/School: Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

The program is designed to be completed in one academic year (nine months) on a full-time basis but may also be pursued on a part-time basis. A degree program candidate must complete 24 credit hours of coursework. A candidate may elect to write a master's degree portfolio paper or, instead, can elect to complete an applied project. Required coursework includes two of the following courses:

- LAW 615 Public International Law (3)
- LAW 691 International Institutions (2)
- LAW 709 International Human Rights (2-3)
- LAW 768 International Business Transactions (2-4)

An international student whose initial law degree is not from a U.S. law school is required to take the following course:
LAW 596 Professional Legal Writing (2)

The remaining credit hours will generally be obtained from the list of elective courses in international law.

Admission Requirements

The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law offers several master's degree programs for students who have already completed a law degree within the U.S. or abroad.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

Admission to the program is competitive. To be admitted, an applicant must have completed a Juris Doctor degree in the U.S. or law degree at a foreign institution that would qualify the applicant to practice law or pursue license to practice in that country and have submitted a complete application to the program. Selection will be based on academic background and potential, diversity of experience and background, career experience and ambitions, strength of experience related to the program sought, space and resource limitations in the law school and other factors.

For an application to be considered complete, it must include the following:

1. the completed LLM application form
2. the required application fee
3. a resume that does not exceed three typed pages
4. a statement of interest that does not exceed 1,250 words (double-spaced, typed pages)
5. transcripts from all institutions attended, including the transcript showing that the bachelor's degree and law degree were conferred
6. two letters of recommendation
7. a writing sample

Applicants are encouraged to apply electronically through http://www.lsac.org.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation or evaluations must be submitted through the Law School Admissions Council's Credential Assembly Service and will be provided to the ASU College of Law by LSAC.

Applicants with degrees from foreign institutions must meet the Graduate College and College of Law English proficiency requirements.

Contact Information
Admission Deadlines