Master of Laws in American Legal Studies

Requirements

The LL.M. in American Legal Studies (http://www.law.ku.edu/overview-llm-international) provides students who already hold a law degree with an introduction to the breadth of American law. Students who complete the one-year LL.M. program are ready for the further study of law in the United States, select bar examinations, and the practice of law internationally. Candidates must hold a basic law degree (LL.B. or equivalent) from an accredited foreign college or university, or a J.D. from an accredited American law school.

Curriculum

The KU Law LL.M. in American Legal Studies will prepare you to take the New York Bar Examination. The curriculum, tied to the requirements set by the New York Bar Examiners, consists of the following:

Course Requirements

- Professional Responsibility (fall or spring semester) 2
- Lawyering Skills I (fall semester) 2
- Introduction to Constitutional Law 4
- Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following: 6
  - Business Organizations or Business Associations I and/or II
  - Conflict of Laws
  - Contracts
  - Criminal Law
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Evidence
  - Family Law
  - Property
  - Torts
  - Trusts and Estates
  - Commercial Law: Payment Systems
  - Commercial Law: Secured Transactions

Electives: Students may take 10 credit hours in any course offered by KU Law, subject to relevant prerequisites.

Students seeking a more specialized curriculum may request approval from the Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law to waive one or more course requirements.

Grading System

An LL.M. student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 at the end of any regular semester is on probation. A student on probation is not in good standing for purposes of the rules of withdrawal or any other rules that require good standing.

All LL.M. students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 during the semester in which they complete 24 credit hours, or they will not be awarded the degree nor will they be permitted to continue in school. There is no appeal within this law school from this requirement.