

LL.M./M.J. IN INDIVIDUALIZED LEGAL STUDIES

Drake Law School's graduate law program in Individualized Legal Studies (ILS), open to both American and international students on a full-time or part-time basis, allows students to pursue a Master of Laws (LL.M.) or Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degree in the field of their choice.

Program Overview

A Drake LL.M. signifies an advanced understanding of legal principles and qualification to compete effectively in a globalized legal environment. A candidate who has received a bachelor's degree but does not hold a J.D., or foreign equivalent, is eligible for the M.J. program.



These degrees are ideal for lawyers who seek an advanced curriculum to expand their practice into new areas, for non-lawyers who desire insight into the law, or for foreign lawyers or students who seek a solid grounding in American law.

For an international student, an LL.M. or M.J. attests to the student's English language proficiency, knowledge, and understanding of American law and culture. An international student who wishes to practice in the United States and who holds an LL.M. may, in some states, qualify to sit for the state bar exam.

Candidates can choose a pre-set concentration in Business Law, Human Rights and Global Citizenship, or Sustainable Development. They may also design a curriculum to fit individual career goals.

Drake University Law School

Founded in 1865, Drake Law is one of the 25 oldest law schools in the country and has earned a well-deserved reputation for its education and training of future lawyers. Today, Drake Law graduates work in all 50 states and in several foreign countries with positions that range from state Supreme Court justices to practicing attorneys to corporate CEOs.

Faculty

Faculty at Drake Law School are both scholars and experienced lawyers.

Ellen L. Yee is director of international programs and guides the Individualized Legal Studies program. She teaches in the areas of criminal law, professional responsibility, and trial advocacy. She also teaches international criminal law in the Drake Law Summer in France program. In 2013 she worked as a visiting professional at the International Criminal Court in The Hague and at the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia in Phnom Penh. Her research addresses issues at the intersection of evidence and criminal procedure.

Faculty members teaching in three pre-set concentrations include:

Jerry L. Anderson, Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law

Hunter R. Clark, Professor of Law

Matthew Doré, Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law

Neil D. Hamilton, Dwight D. Opperman Chair of Law and Director of the Agricultural Law Center

Mark Kende, James Madison Chair in Constitutional Law and Director of the Drake Constitutional Law Center

Jonathan Rosenbloom, Associate Professor of Law

David Walker, Dwight D. Opperman Distinguished Professor of Law

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Des Moines, Iowa

As the only law school in Iowa's capital city, Drake provides students with ample internship and clerkship opportunities with law firms, multinational corporations, government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and federal and state judiciaries. *Forbes* has ranked Des Moines the No. 1 Best Place for Business and Careers and No. 1 Best City for Young Professionals.



Individualized Legal Studies

A candidate for this LL.M./M.J. must successfully complete a course of study that consists of 24 semester hours of law credit. The pre-set concentrations require 12 semester hours from the courses listed below each specialty.

Business Law

The Business Law concentration focuses on corporate, tax, and commercial law. Today the U.S. finds itself embroiled in its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Yet the country remains the world's dominant economy as globalization opened new markets and created unprecedented business opportunities.

The following courses may be used to satisfy this concentration:

- Business Associations
- Business and Corporate Law; Seminar on Current Issues
- Business Planning
- Business Taxation
- Federal Income Tax
- International Trade
- Payment Systems
- Real Estate Transactions
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation

Human Rights and Global Citizenship

The Human Rights and Global Citizenship concentration examines the roles that nations, individuals, international organizations, and the rule of law play in the realization of human rights. The

post-World War II era has witnessed a proliferation of international human rights norms. These norms have evolved to promote not just political rights, such as the rights to free speech and a free press, but also social and economic wellbeing, such as rights to health care, education, and human dignity.

The following courses may be used to satisfy this concentration:

- Art, Cultural Heritage, and the Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights
- International Intellectual Property
- Public International Law

Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development explores how to provide for human resource needs without depleting dwindling global resources. Land use, renewable energy, environmental, agricultural, and natural resources law are all integral pieces of the regulatory approach to this vital subject. In addition, evolving human rights norms promote the notion that people everywhere are entitled to live in a healthy environment while enjoying the benefits of economic development policies.

The following courses may be used to satisfy this concentration:

- Environmental Regulation of Agriculture
- Food and the Law
- International Trade
- Agriculture Law—Intro
- Land Use Control
- Legal Issues in Wind Energy Development
- Sustainability and the Law

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