Application Materials

- LL.M. program application
- $50.00 fee
- Memorandum to the Graduate Admissions Committee
- Official law school transcripts
- Two recommendations
- Resume
- TOEFL or IELTS score (non-native English speakers only)
- LSDAS Credential Assembly evaluation (non-common law, foreign-trained attorneys only)

Program Highlights

- Part-time or full-time enrollment
- Fall/Spring/Summer admission
- Thesis requirement may be fulfilled by Law 590 (Senior Writing Seminar)
- Up to six hours of SIUC Graduate School or School of Medicine courses may be transferred with official approval
- May 1/October 1/March 1 preferred deadlines

For More Information

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“Our LL.M. programs offer students a variety of opportunities to enhance their knowledge, skills and experience through the advanced study of law. I work with students to tailor programs that meet their individual needs and interests. Our graduates have entered a number of fields and are enjoying success as a result of their advanced study.”

Professor Tom Britton, Director of Graduate Legal Studies and Associate Professor of Law

Both LL.M. programs have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and have received the acquiescence of the American Bar Association.
The SIU School of Law’s Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree is offered in two forms: a general LL.M. providing customizable specialization and a highly specialized LL.M. in Health Law and Policy. Both programs are directed at serving lawyers with an established practice who desire to add a graduate level law degree to increase their expertise in a particular field, to qualify for a different position, or to establish a credential to enter the field of legal education.

The LL.M. may benefit those who have recently completed the basic J.D. degree and who desire to add a graduate level law degree to enhance their marketability as they enter into the practice of law or into the highly specialized area of health law and policy. The LL.M. degree also benefits graduates of law schools in other countries who desire to learn about the American legal system either as a prerequisite to sitting for a bar examination in select states or to enhance their marketability as they enter into the practice of law or into the highly specialized area of health law and policy.

Both the general LL.M. and the specialization in Health Law and Policy require the completion of 24 semester hours of credit in law courses approved by the Director of Graduate Legal Studies. Students enrolled in the Health Law and Policy specialization are required to participate in two externship placements.

Tailored Specialization – 24 credit hours
An advanced, year-long study of law with curriculum custom designed with the Director of Graduate Legal Studies.

Application of a graduate law degree to increase marketability as they enter into the practice of law or into the highly specialized area of health law and policy. An advanced, professional study of the law, policies, and regulations affecting the health care industry, health professions, health services and insurance industries, and patients.

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Customizable · Flexible · Individualized

Both the general LL.M. and the specialization in Health Law and Policy require the completion of 24 credit hours (12 hours must be in health-care related courses)

Possible General Law Courses:
- Administrative Law
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Commercial Law
- Copyright Law
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Federal Income Tax
- International Law
- Labor Law
- Negotiation
- Remedies
- Sports Law
- Trusts & Estates

Possible Health Law and Policy Law:
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bioethics and the Law
- Disability Law
- Elder Law
- Food, Drug and Medical Device Law
- Health Care Legislation
- Health Policy Law
- Insurance
- Medical Malpractice
- Mental Health Law
- Pre-Trial Advocacy
- Public Health Law
- Regulation of Health Care Providers
- Workers’ Compensation

Admissions Criteria
An applicant for the LL.M. program must either hold a J.D. degree from an ABA accredited school or an equivalent degree from a law school located in an English speaking country that follows the common law system. Successful applicants will have a proven record of academic achievement, ordinarily having graduated in the upper one-half of their graduating J.D. class. Professional experience after receipt of the J.D. degree which prepares the applicant for advanced study of law will be also considered.

Foreign-Trained Attorneys
Applicants who hold an equivalent law degree from a school located in a non-English speaking, non-common law country may be admitted only upon showing a proficiency in English. Foreign-trained lawyers who wish to apply are required to register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). LSAC collects and authenticates the applicant’s transcripts and TOEFL or IELTS score, and mails an evaluation of those documents to SIU School of Law.

Alumni Achievements
Trevor Burggraff, Attorney
Jorden Bischoff & Hiser, PLC, Scottsdale, AZ

“There is no question the program helped me land and succeed at the job I always wanted right out of school. I applied the skills I learned at SIU on my first day at the job and was able to hit the ground running. The curriculum is intellectually stimulating, and at the same time is applicable to real-life legal issues, and is taught by leading scholars as well as active health law practitioners. It has been an enormous personal and professional asset.”

Laura (Johnson) Galloy,
Corporate Compliance Specialist
Dean Health Plan

“My LL.M. was in a different subject area (than the J.D.), but the two fields fit together very well. They parallel each other as far as working with various agencies and their regulations, and I’m using the policy portion daily dealing with federal, state, and local political issues. I had previous ties to my current job, but I believed my LL.M. helped seal the deal.”

Trevor Burggraff, Attorney
Jorden Bischoff & Hiser, PLC, Scottsdale, AZ