General LL.M. CURRICULAR AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Degree Requirements:
All General LL.M. students are required to:
• Enroll in, attend and pass the *Introduction to the American Legal System* (IALS) course held during Orientation;
• Take a three-credit seminar with a substantial writing component that satisfies the writing requirement or take *Principles of American Legal Writing*. Courses that satisfy the legal writing requirement contain a “Writing” label (e.g. LAW 7156 Copyright Litigation Lawyering). A three-credit paper supervised by a faculty member or a five-credit Master’s thesis may be taken in place of a seminar; and
• Take at least 20 credits over two semesters (not including IALS).

New York Bar Exam Requirements:
LL.M. students planning to sit for the New York Bar exam, and needing to cure under NY Court of Appeals Rule 520.6, must complete at least 24 credits from the Law School in classroom courses* and coursework must include:
• professional responsibility,
• legal writing and research course, and
• core subjects covered by the New York Bar Exam.

*Note: Pursuant to the New York Court of Appeals’ June 4, 2020 extension of the distance learning waiver, any classroom-based course that has been converted to a virtual course as a result of the public health crisis will count fully as a classroom-based course – not a distance education course for the Fall 2020 semester. The June 4th extension does not apply to Spring 2021.

Course Enrollment:
LL.M. students can register for up to 15 credits and no less than 10 credits per semester unless approved by a Graduate Legal Studies advisor (gls@cornell.edu). LL.M. students may take no more than six (6) credits outside of regularly scheduled law school classes without approval from the Assistant Dean for Graduate Legal Studies. These six credits
include externships, directed readings, supervised writings, and courses taught in other university divisions. To enroll in courses outside the Law School use Cornell University’s Student Center. Once enrolled complete the Law Credit for Non-law Courses form and submit to the Law School Registrar for approval and credit review. For more information review FAQs on Registering for Courses Outside the Law School. For the Fall 2020 semester, University Online Add/Drop will begin on August 20.

Visa Status Requirements:
LL.M. students in the U.S. with a F-1 visa must enroll in at least one in-person or hybrid course for the Fall 2020 semester to maintain valid visa status. See U.S. ICE guidance issued July 24, 2020.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND ONLINE COURSE PRE-REGISTRATION

Add/Drop Policy:
- The Law School fall add/drop period begins on August 20, 2020.
- A student may add (providing space is available) or drop a problem course, seminar, clinical offering or other limited enrollment courses until 12:00 noon Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Note: Clinical offerings may have an earlier deadline to add/drop. Consult the clinical registration information on the course registration site.
- A student may add or drop core courses with unlimited enrollment until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Attendance:
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED on a regular basis beginning on the first day of the semester. Students participating remotely will be expected to participate synchronously if the class falls between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM in the time zone where they are located. Outside those hours, they may choose to participate either synchronously or asynchronously. In either case, “attendance” will be mandatory for all students participating remotely. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in removal from the course with a failing grade or other sanctions. Regular attendance is required for certification to the bar examiners. You must notify the instructor if you miss a class and Graduate Legal Studies if missing more than three classes. Students must remove all conflicts in their course schedules by the end of the drop and add period each semester.
**Auditing Courses:**
With permission of the instructors, law students may register as auditors. Auditors may not sit for examinations. Auditing is recorded on the internal/unofficial and official record. Auditing is not available for the majority of non-law course offerings.

**Course Options:**
- **Fall 2020 Course Offerings**
- **Directed Reading Courses** – The faculty has adopted several very specific rules governing directed reading courses. You must be certain that the directed reading you want to take satisfies each of these rules. Interested students may print the registration form from the Registrar’s site. For Fall 2020, faculty approval via email will be accepted.
- **Supervised Writing** – LL.M. students may do supervised research with law faculty members. Interested students may print the registration form from the Registrar’s site. For Fall 2020, faculty approval via email will be accepted.

**Course Pre-requisites:**
The online registration program will only permit students to pre-register in a course requiring a pre-requisite if the pre-requisite has been taken in a previous semester. A student who wishes to be considered for enrollment who has not previously taken the required pre-requisite may request a waiver from the instructor. Students must email the instructor detailing prior coursework/experience and then complete the waiver form which requires the signature of the instructor. A student requesting a waiver will need to complete the process before the end of the pre-registration period. Once the instructor’s signature has been secured, the form must be submitted to the Law School Registrar’s Office. The next opportunity after pre-registration to request a waiver will be during the Add-Drop period at the beginning of the semester.

**Examinations and Laptops:**
Students will be permitted to use their laptop computer in courses designated by the faculty instructor as available for laptop examination use. All Fall 2020 courses examinations will be conducted online through Exam 4.

**Faculty Bios:**
Biographies for all faculty are available from the Faculty Bios link.

**Grading:**
LL.M. candidates are graded on the scale of High Honors (HH), Honors (H), Satisfactory (S), and Unsatisfactory (U), except that an LLM student may, after consultation with the Assistant
Dean for Graduate Legal Studies, elect to be graded on the J.D. scale and curve. This election applies to the entire academic year and must be made by notifying the Registrar within the first four weeks of the date Fall semester classes begin.

All externships and directed reading, supervised writing and supervised teaching will be graded S/U. Grades received from courses graded exclusively S/U will be recorded as SX or UX.

**University Registration Status:**
The Office of the University Registrar determines student registration status. In order to be considered a registered student by the University, a student must:

- complete course enrollment according to individual college requirements;
- settle all financial accounts, including current semester tuition;
- clear any holds, whether these are from the Bursar's Office, Cornell Health, the Judicial Administrator, or the Dean of your college;
- satisfy Cornell University and New York State health requirements.

Students can check their registration status at the beginning of the semester using the Student Center. View the “Holds” box on the home page of the Student Center. If you have no holds, you are registered with the University. If you have a hold that says “No Registration, Trans, Diploma” or “No Registration” then you are not registered. It is possible for there to be other Holds listed that do not affect registration. Click on “Details,” then click on the “Hold Item” link to find out what is affected and how to clear the hold.

If you do not clear the hold, after the third week of classes you will lose access to university services and be charged a $350.00 late fee, in addition to finance charges. If you register after the sixth week of classes, you will be charged a $500 late fee, in addition to finance charges. Failure to register will impact financial aid, loan deferments and health benefits that rely on in-school status. If you are an international student, failure to register will also impact your visa status. This may also affect the ability to use certain services on campus such as your Cornell Card, Library Services and Cornell Health.

**Waiting Lists:**
For courses offered with in-person instruction, there will be an in-person enrollment cap based on University and public health guidelines. Once the in-person enrollment cap for a course is reached, a waiting list will be created. Students on the waiting list will be permitted to participate in the course remotely.
Additional Resources:
  • Course Meeting Schedule (Fall 2020)