



## Find out more about getting your LL.M. at Pitt Law

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## Program Description

The University of Pittsburgh's Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program for Foreign Law Graduates provides lawyers who have completed a law degree outside the United States with an opportunity to study the common law legal tradition and the U.S. legal system.

The University of Pittsburgh offers a general LL.M. degree that gives students the freedom and flexibility to choose their courses from the Law School's full curriculum. Students can focus their coursework on a particular field, or they can take a generalized approach and incorporate multiple subject areas. Except for a handful of required courses for the LL.M. degree, students take courses side by side with Pitt Law's J.D. students. The International Law Society (ILS) also takes an active role to put together social events for LL.M. and J.D. students to mingle and form relationships beyond the classroom.

# The LL.M. Program at Pitt Law

## Program Description and Fact Sheet

**2015-2016**





## The Academic Program

*Length of Program:* One year (Fall –Spring)

*Minimum credit hours for graduation:* 24

*Part-time option:* Case by case

*On-line option:* Beginning Fall 2016

*Required courses:*

- **Introduction to American Law**, a three-credit course designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the legal system of the United States of America
- **U.S. Legal Analysis And Writing**, a year-long 4 credit course which conveys the essential attributes of the common law legal order as it develops common-law, case based legal writing skills
- **LL.M. Colloquium**, a one-credit course in which students are introduced to specific aspects of the practice of law, and students doing independent study

papers will present their research to the class. The course includes a three-day trip to Washington, D.C., with a day at the U.S. Supreme Court

- A choice of independent study or a seminar for two credits, in which the student will produce a research paper under faculty supervision, presenting their research in progress to their fellow students in either the seminar or the LL.M. Colloquium

*Electives:* chose from the wide range of courses offered to Pitt Law JD students ([law.pitt.edu/academics/courses](http://law.pitt.edu/academics/courses)).

## Our Students

*LL.M. students per year:* 15-25

*Home countries represented (2015-16):* 16, spanning four continents and cultures as diverse as Ecuador and Kenya, Poland and Syria, France and Iraq

*Post-graduation internships (LL.M. Class of 2015):* 11 LL.M.s placed with U.S. hosts including Alcoa Inc., Cohen & Grigsby, Ernst & Young, and Nathan Associates

*Living in Pittsburgh:* One of the most affordable metropolitan areas in the U.S. — annual estimated living expenses for a single student of **\$15,420** (compare to \$34,221 in NYC or \$21,463 in Boston ) *(source: bankrate.com 8/21/15)*

## Admissions

*Admissions deadline:* Rolling

*Minimum TOEFL / IELTS:*  
TOEFL: 100 (IBT)  
IELTS: 7.0

*Application:* either via LSAC or direct application (download application at [law.pitt.edu/academics/foreign-lawyers/llm-degree](http://law.pitt.edu/academics/foreign-lawyers/llm-degree))

## Costs

2015-16 academic year:

Tuition:	\$36,500
Fees:	800
Books/ supplies (est.):	1600
Health insurance:(est.)	2470
Living expenses:(est.):	15,420

Total: \$56,790  
*(Full-time, single student with no dependents)*

