



Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates

Statement of Purpose

These policies and regulations are intended to provide graduate law students with important information about the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates program.

These regulations are not intended to replace either the TU College of Law Student Handbook or the University Student Handbook. Both of those documents contain important information, including the College of Law Student Honor Code, and graduate law students should be familiar with them. Both of these documents are found on the TU website.

The University Student Handbook is at www.utulsa.edu/studentaffairs

The College of Law Handbook is at www.law.utulsa.edu/academics/handbook

These LL.M. policies and regulations supplement, and in some cases alter, the rules in the TU College of Law Student Handbook. Any changes are clearly explained in this document. In all other respects, the TU College of Law Student Handbook is in full force and effect.

For an interpretation of any policy contained in either of these handbooks, please check with the Associate Dean of Students for the College of Law or the Associate Dean for Faculty Development.

Graduate law students must complete and sign the signature page at the back of this manual and return it to the College of Law Business Office on the date the graduate law student enrolls.

Degree Requirements*

A. General Requirements and Graduation with Honors

To earn the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates, including the energy concentration, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.

To graduate with Honors, an LL.M. student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

B. Required Courses

Introduction to United States Law (2 hours)
Research, Analysis and Writing for LL.M. Students (2 hours)
Legal English* (1 hour)
Administrative Law* (3 hours)

C. Recommended Courses for LL.M. In American Law for Foreign Graduates

Contracts (4 hours)
Decedent's Estates and Trusts (4 hours)
Family Law (3 hours)
Property (4 hours)
Torts (4 hours)
Administrative Law (3 hours)
Constitutional Law I (3 hours)
Criminal Law (4 hours)
Civil Procedure (3 hours)
Criminal Procedure: Police Practices (4 hours)
Introduction to ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) (3 hours)
Comparative Law (3 hours)
Conflict of Laws (3 hours)
European Union Law (3 hours)
International Business Transactions (3 hours)
International Law (3 hours)
One seminar or independent study (2 or 3 hours)*

D. Courses for Energy Concentration*

a. **Energy/Regulatory Courses*** (3 of below)
Advanced Oil & Gas Law (3 hours) *
Basic Oil & Gas Law (3 hours) *
International Energy & Natural Resources Law (3 hours) *
Native American Natural Resources Law (3 hours) *
Regulated Industries (3 hours) *

- b. **Environmental / Natural Resources Courses*** (2 of below)
 - Environmental Law (3 hours) *
 - International Environmental Law (3 hours) *
 - Natural Resources & Environmental Law on Federal Lands (3 hours) *
 - Water Law (3 hours) *

*For the Energy Concentration only

I. Enrollment and Its Procedures

Before an LL.M. student may enroll in any given semester, the student's proposed schedule must be reviewed and approved by the Associate Dean for Faculty Development.

The Foundation of Legal Study (FLS) is a **mandatory** academic program that takes place prior to the start of semester classes. This program is designed both to take the law student through the first steps necessary for the study of law and to explore the obligation of law students as they prepare to take their place in the legal profession.

II. Academic Standards

A. Minimum Passing Grade

A student in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program must earn a grade of C or higher for a course to count towards the 24 required hours for the LL.M. degree. If a student earns less than a C, the grade will count as part of the student's GPA, but the credit hours for the course will not count toward the LL.M. degree.

B. Retaking of Required Courses

If a student in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program earns a grade less than a C in a required course, the student must retake the course. The grade originally earned in the course and the grade earned in the retaking of the course will both appear on the student's transcript and be included in the student's GPA in the same manner as is done for students in the J.D. program under the College of Law Policies and Regulations.

C. Independent Study

Students in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program may enroll in more than two (2) credits of Independent Study permitted for J.D. students.

An LL.M. student in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program must have the written approval of the Associate Dean for Faculty Development in order to enroll in more than two (2) credits of Independent Study.

III. Dismissal, Probation, and Certificates of Attendance

For purposes of these policies, the term “semester” includes the summer term.

A student in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program who is below the required 2.0 GPA for the first time at the end of a semester [including a semester in which he or she is scheduled to graduate] may be permitted to continue in the College of Law if both the Associate Dean for Students and the Associate Dean for Faculty Development approve the student’s continued enrollment after making a determination that the student has a reasonable prospect of attaining the required 2.0 GPA by the end of the semester in which he or she is permitted to enroll. The Associate Dean for Students and the Associate Dean for Faculty Development shall report to the faculty when a student is permitted to continue under these circumstances, stating clearly and concisely the bases for the determination that the student has a reasonable prospect of attaining the required 2.0 GPA within one semester. Unless both of the required parties approve the student’s continued enrollment, he or she will be dismissed from the LL.M. program at the College of Law.

A student in the Masters in American Law for Foreign Graduates Program who is permitted to continue in the College of Law under the circumstances set forth above shall be permitted only one semester in which to attain the required GPA. If he or she does not attain the required GPA, he or she will be dismissed from the graduate law program at the College of Law.

A student who is permitted to continue under this policy and who attains the required 2.0 GPA within one semester shall be dismissed from the College of Law at the end of any future semester in which his or her GPA falls below the required 2.0 GPA. He or she will not be permitted to enroll for another semester to attempt to attain the required 2.0 GPA.

A dismissal from the College of Law under any of the above circumstances shall be final and the faculty shall not entertain any petitions for readmission. In addition, a graduate law student who has been dismissed shall not be permitted to re-enter the graduate law program as a new student.

A Certificate of Attendance may be awarded by the faculty to a graduate law student who is dismissed from the graduate law program at the College of Law where both the Associate Dean for Students and the Associate Dean for Faculty Development recommend the award of the Certificate upon a determination that, despite the dismissal, the student has received significant benefit from his or her participation in the graduate law program.

IV. Miscellaneous

Accessing Graduate Law Student Records on Web Advisor

The University of Tulsa provides information about schedules and grades on Web Advisor. Graduate law students can access this information on the Web Advisor portion of the TU website. A handout containing instructions for accessing Web Advisor is available at the College of Law's Business Office.

Acknowledgment of Receiving and Reading Policies

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the policy manual.

LL.M. Student Signature

Print Name

Date