Earn an LLM in U.S. Legal Studies in Chicago
> **Advance** your legal studies with an LLM.

> **Gain** a better understanding of common law.

> **Learn** more about the practice of law in the United States.

> **Experience** U.S. culture first-hand in one of the world’s top commercial cities.

**Now** is the time to earn an LLM in U.S. Legal Studies at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Designed for well-qualified lawyers with law degrees from other countries, John Marshall’s LLM in U.S. Legal Studies provides foreign lawyer students with a customized course of study to best meet their individual career goals and professional needs.

We accept students for the fall semester, providing the opportunity to complete the LLM program in two semesters, or nine months. However, students who wish to take fewer credits per semester may take up to five semesters to finish the degree program.

Students must successfully complete 24 credit hours to earn the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies. Students in this LLM program will typically take between 9–12 courses to earn the degree.
Course of Study

Students enrolled in the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies Program must take the following three courses:

**Introduction to the U.S. Legal System (2) — fall semester**
**Lawyering Skills for Foreign Lawyers (2) — fall semester**
**United States Professional Responsibility Law (2) — spring semester**

To complete the remaining 18 credits, students may choose courses typically studied during the first year of law school (e.g. Contracts, Constitutional Law, and Property) as well as elective options from both our JD and LLM curricula.

There is no written thesis requirement for the LLM, but certain JD elective courses and many LLM courses require final papers rather than exams.

Courses that may be of particular interest to students in the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies Program include:

- Comparative Legal Systems
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Derivatives Law
- Elder Law
- Evidence
- Fair Housing Law and Clinic
- International Business Transactions
- International Human Rights
- Intellectual Property Law
- Negotiable Instruments
- Property
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Torts
- U.S. Commercial Law

Students may focus their remaining elective credits in a specific area such as business law, intellectual property law, international trade law, or international human rights.
Practitioners Teaching Future Practitioners
In addition to the 80 members of the full-time faculty, John Marshall has more than 500 adjunct faculty members, including practicing lawyers and judges, who teach in our JD and nine LLM programs. They focus on the nuts and bolts of practicing law, preparing students to succeed.

Extensive Course Offerings
Students have a variety of JD and LLM courses to choose from, allowing them to customize their education. Courses are taught in classrooms and in three new, state-of-the-art courtrooms, all equipped with the latest in advanced technologies.

Flexible Schedules
We offer courses in the fall, spring, and summer semesters, as well as during spring break and the early summer session. With day, evening, weekend, and online courses to choose from, students develop schedules that will fit with their professional and personal lives.

Class Size
Many of our electives are seminar-size courses, typically ranging from 10–20 students, encouraging active participation and dialogue. This allows students to build relationships with faculty members and peers.

Hands-On Experience
We offer students in the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies Program the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience through a clinical experience. Students selected to participate in this course will work with attorneys from private and public agencies approved by the law school.

Louis L. Biro Law Library
John Marshall’s Louis L. Biro Law Library, a joint collection with the Chicago Bar Association, includes more than 285,400 volumes, providing students with all the resources they need to excel in class. Its school-wide computer network allows students to access word processing software, LexisNexis, Westlaw, CALI, and Bloomberg Law.

10 reasons to pursue an LLM in U.S. Legal Studies at The John Marshall Law School
**Writing Resource Center**
At John Marshall, we focus on excellence in writing as the cornerstone of your success as a lawyer. This is evident by our Legal Writing Program—ranked 6th in the nation. International students will particularly find value in our Writing Resource Center, which hosts workshops on a variety of topics and provides assistance to all students seeking to refine their legal writing skills.

**Diverse Student Body**
The diverse student body at John Marshall enriches the educational experience. Joint JD/LLM students, recent law school graduates, lawyers licensed in jurisdictions outside the United States, and U.S. attorneys returning to further their education bring experience and a comparative perspective to their classes.

**Professional Networking**
Throughout the year, we offer a Lunch & Learn Series, lectures, symposia, and conferences. These events offer our students excellent opportunities to network. The law school also offers career programs throughout the academic year.

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) is located next door to the law school. By becoming student members of the Chicago Bar Association, students can also take advantage of the monthly meetings of the many CBA practice committees.

In addition to networking opportunities here at John Marshall and in the city of Chicago, our students have access to our vast alumni network. Our graduates work on six continents, making alumni an excellent resource.

**Individualized Attention for International Students**
At John Marshall, the Office of Graduate Admission and International Student Services assists international students with visa matters, helps students identify housing/accommodations, provides orientation programs, and hosts cultural programs throughout the academic year.

For more information on the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies, please visit the program’s home page at www.jmls.edu/international.
LLM in U.S. Legal Studies Program

Providing international lawyers with graduate education in the U.S. legal system since 1992

Application Information

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**General Requirement**
> Member of a foreign bar or graduate of an accredited foreign law school holding the equivalent of a U.S. law degree

**Application Process**

International applicants need to complete and submit the following:
> Application form
> Statement of purpose
> Résumé
> Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
> TOEFL (90–100) or IELTS score (6.5–7.0)
> International supplement form
> Letter of recommendation
> Detailed credential evaluation report
> Legal writing sample

For admission for the fall semester, we recommend that candidates for the LLM in U.S. Legal Studies submit their materials by May 1 in order to receive a timely response.

**For more information on our degree programs, please visit our website at [www.jmls.edu/international](http://www.jmls.edu/international) or email us at ibtlaw@jmls.edu.**
Chicago is one of the world’s centers for commerce and business—an ideal location to earn an LLM in U.S. Legal Studies. Given our location in the heart of downtown Chicago, we are able to draw upon Chicago’s wide array of resources and to provide easy access for our students to law firms, state and federal courts, all major banks, and educational and cultural institutions.

John Marshall is conveniently located within a block of all major elevated and subway lines and many bus routes, and is a short walk to all major commuter trains to the suburbs. Wherever you live, you will have access to all that Chicago has to offer—great theater, music, museums, restaurants, sporting events, and miles of lakefront parks and beaches.
About
The John Marshall Law School

The John Marshall Law School is an independent school of law that is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. All of our LLM programs have received ABA acquiescence.

John Marshall was founded in 1899 by a group of Chicago lawyers who shared a vision of legal education. Today, John Marshall is a leader in specialized advanced law degree programs, offering nine masters of law, day and evening juris doctor programs, and five master of science programs.

Our more than 16,000 alumni throughout the United States and around the globe personify our vision—that opportunity leads to achievement.