

United States Legal Studies LL.M. Program Outcomes

USLS Goals and Objectives (Approved 9-29-2010)

The Curriculum is designed to introduce U.S. law and legal theory to lawyers trained outside the United States and to teach them how to work effectively within U.S. legal systems. Lawyers educated in a civil law tradition will learn about the common law and return to their country to practice law with an understanding of the two systems. Foreign lawyers trained in a common law tradition might use the education for a U.S. bar examination.

Graduates will understand how U.S. law is formulated and how it evolves in a variety of substantive areas. They will understand and be able to apply common law legal principles in different settings as a result of their study of courses typically taken in the first year of law school. Graduates will learn American constitutional law in context with American history and government. They will know how to efficiently research U.S. law, including case law, statutory and regulatory systems. They will select elective courses to supplement their plan of study.

Program Outcome #1

USLS LL.M. graduates should be able to apply common law legal principles from U.S. common law courses including those typically taken in the first year of law school.

Students with knowledge of the core legal principles can:

- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the required common law courses Contracts I, Criminal Law, Property I, and Torts I; and,
- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the law courses of their choosing.

Program Outcome #2

USLS LL.M. graduates should have the opportunity to compare and contrast their home country's legal system to those of the United States.

Students with knowledge of core legal principles can:

- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in Constitutional Law I or the required course United States Constitutional Law for Foreign Attorneys; and,
- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the law courses of their choosing.

Program Outcome #3

USLS LL.M. graduates should be able to use the methodology of American legal research, writing and analysis.

Students with knowledge of core legal principles can:

- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the required course United States Legal Research, Writing and Analysis for Foreign Attorneys; and,
- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the law courses of their choosing.

Program Outcome #4

USLS LL.M. graduates should be able to compare and contrast their home country's federal government with that of the United States.

Students with knowledge of core legal principles can:

- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the required course United States Legal Research, Writing and Analysis for Foreign Attorneys;
- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in Constitutional Law I or the required course United States Constitutional Law for Foreign Attorneys; and,
- Successfully meet the identified learning outcomes as outlined in the law courses of their choosing.