

The School of Law—The University of Texas at Austin

Application for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program

The application deadline is February 1. Please check the LL.M. option you wish to apply for.

- Introduction to U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers (foreign attorneys only)
- Latin American and International Law (foreign and US attorneys)
- Global Energy, International Arbitration and Environmental Law (foreign and US attorneys)

Your application must include: (1) official transcripts, including award of law degree, (2) three letters of recommendation, (3) the \$75.00 application fee, (4) and an official score report for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The Committee **will not** act upon an application until it receives all required documentation. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all of these materials are submitted in time for a decision to be made on the application.

LSAC LLM Credential Service Number (optional service)

UTEID (We will assign a UTEID if you do not have one.)

FAMILY NAME, FIRST NAME (as listed on your passport)

Gender

U.S. Social Security Number (optional)

Birthdate _____
Month Day Year

Birthplace _____
City Country

Please check one: U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident (I am a citizen of _____)

not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. Permanent Resident (I am a citizen of _____)

Are you a Texas Resident? _____ If so, for how long? _____

Native Language: _____ Other languages spoken: _____

Have you ever applied for admission to The University of Texas at Austin: Yes No

Have you ever attended The University of Texas at Austin: Yes No

If yes, when? Date of term/session: _____

Present mailing address: (Valid until _____)

Permanent Mailing Address:

Street _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

City _____ State _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Have you taken the TOEFL or the IELTS? _____ Date of test (month/year): _____

When did you request scores be sent to UT (month/year)? _____ Your total score: _____

Please have the test scores sent to The University of Texas at Austin when you register for the test. (Our ETS code is 6882 03)

The required minimum TOEFL score is 100 for the IBT, 250 for the CBT, or 600 for PBT. The required minimum IELTS score is 7.

BAR INFORMATION: If you are qualified to practice law (admitted to the bar), please provide the name of the jurisdiction and the year of your admission. Jurisdiction: _____ Year of Admission: _____

If you are not qualified to practice law, have you completed all of the academic (university level) legal education requirements necessary to take the bar examination in your country? _____ If you have not, when do you expect to complete the legal education requirement? _____

I. HIGHER EDUCATION

A. Basic law studies:

Indicate here all institutions where you pursued or are pursuing your studies leading to the first degree in law. (If you have pursued basic law studies at more than one institution, please provide the requested information for each institution, using separate sheets of paper as necessary.)

Name of Institution _____

Location _____

Dates of Attendance _____

Degree or Diploma _____

Date of Award or Completion _____

Field of Study _____

B. Graduate law studies:

Indicate here all institutions where you pursued or are pursuing graduate law studies. (If you have pursued graduate law studies at more than one institution, please provide the requested information for each institution, using separate sheets of paper as necessary.)

Name of Institution _____

Location _____

Dates of Attendance _____

Degree or Diploma _____

Date of Award or Completion _____

Field of Study _____

1) Indicate your scholastic rank. If there is no official ranking, give your best estimate of how you rank academically among your classmates and explain the basis for your estimate in your answer to question VII.

_____ in a class of _____
Rank No. in class

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Rank No. in class

2) If numerical grades or letter grades are given, indicate the numerical average or approximate letter average of your law degree grades.

3) If you received your degree in law "with honors" or with some other distinction, please indicate the type of honors or distinction received [For example, applicants from England and other countries where law studies are based on the English system should indicate the "class" of honors (first, upper second, lower second, third); applicants from France and other countries where law studies are based on French system should indicate the mention received in license and maitrise in each of the four years (tres bien, bien, assez bien, passable); German applicants should indicate the grade on the first state examination (and on the second state examination if taken)].

II. List scholastic honors in law, memberships in honor societies, and similar honors. _____

III. List any scholarly publications. _____

IV. OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE You may submit a resume instead of completing this section. List experience in law or related fields and any full-time employment in other fields if it lasted one year or longer. Indicate the number of hours worked per week. If not employed, indicate current full-time activity under (A). If teaching, indicate if in a law faculty or otherwise, and whether full-time or part-time.

A. Present Employment, Activity, or Academic Status:

Type of Work or Activity	Name & Location of Employer or Educational Institution	Telephone	Dates	
			From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B. Previous Employment, Activity, or Academic Status:

Type of Work or Activity	Name & Location of Employer or Educational Institution	Telephone	Dates	
			From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

V. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by any bar or professional association or in any of the colleges, universities, graduate, or professional schools you have attended? If the answer is "yes," give dates and details on a separate sheet and attach it to your application.

VI. Have you been convicted (without the conviction later having been vacated) of any felony or misdemeanor within the past five years? Are there any criminal charges pending against you? If the answer to either question is "yes," give dates and details on a separate sheet and attach it to your application.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET (OR SHEETS) OF PAPER, AND ATTACH IT (OR THEM) TO YOUR APPLICATION. The clarity with which you answer these questions will affect the Committee's evaluation of your application.

- VII. Describe the grading and honor systems used in the academic institutions where you pursued your basic law studies (and your graduate law studies, if any). Write a short paragraph evaluating your own academic record in the context of the grading system you have described. If you gave an estimate of your scholastic rank in question I (1), explain the basis for your estimate.
- VIII. Explain in general terms the subject areas you wish to study as part of your LL.M. degree program. Please indicate the courses you are interested in studying. Courses lists are available on our website: <http://utdirect.utexas.edu/loreg/car.WBX>
- IX. Explain in general terms your career plans and how an LL.M. degree from The University of Texas would relate to these plans.
- X. If you wish, you may include a personal statement, informing the Committee of any additional factors that you believe should influence its decision. (A personal statement will be considered, but you are not required to submit one.)

I understand that the LL.M. program at the University of Texas is a one year full-time program.

I certify that all information given on this application is complete and accurate. I will notify the LL.M. Admissions office if there are any changes in the information I have provided.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please indicate how you will pay the \$75 application fee:

- Credit card payment. The payment must be received before the application will be processed.
<http://www.utexas.edu/law/academics/degrees/llm/apply.html>
- Enclosed cashier's check or money order payable to the University of Texas at Austin.

Return the completed application and related materials by February 1 to:

**LL.M. Admissions Coordinator
The University of Texas School of Law
727 East Dean Keeton Street
Austin, TX 78705 U.S.A.**

NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR INFORMATION

The Texas Public Information Act, with a few exceptions, gives you the right to be informed about the information that The University of Texas at Austin collects about you. It also gives you the right to request a copy of that information and to have The University correct any of that information that is wrong. You may request to receive and review any of that information, or request corrections to it, by contacting the University's Public Information Officer, Office of Financial Affairs, PO Box 8179, Austin, TX, 78713. (email: cfo@www.utexas.edu).

For foreign applicants only:

The Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR) is NOT required for consideration of your application for admission.

The CFR may be sent if you receive an offer of admission. The CFR provides necessary information for the immigration documents needed to obtain your student visa.

Please note that the amount listed on the CFR for Law School is \$50,500.

However, the budget for 2009-2010 is \$54,278, and costs may increase for 2010-2011.

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CFR)

****This form is necessary for the preparation of a Form I-20/DS-2019 for The University of Texas at Austin**
(If you do not plan to enroll at the University in F-1 or J-1 status, you are not required to submit the CFR)**

- This form is valid for ONE YEAR from date of signature. The appropriate immigration document will be issued **AFTER** you have:
 - (1) been officially admitted to The University of Texas at Austin AND
 - (2) submitted this form along with proof of financial support for your studies
- Questions about the completion of this form may be directed to **hotline@austin.utexas.edu**
- Return the completed form to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) in **one** of the following ways:
 - (1) Email: cfr@austin.utexas.edu OR
 - (2) Fax: Domestic - (512) 471-8848; International - +001(512)471-8848 OR
 - (3) Mail: P.O. Box A, Austin, Texas 78713-8901 USA
- As you may need this documentation to prove to the United States consulate that you have sufficient funds, please keep your original documents and submit photocopies to ISSS. **Please note: ALL statements of support must be in English**

STUDENT UTEID : _____

NAME AS LISTED IN YOUR PASSPORT: _____
(family name) (given name) (middle name)

CITY & COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ MARITAL STATUS: Married ____ Single ____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

ADDRESS WHERE IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT:

Telephone: _____

MAIL DOCUMENT BY EXPRESS COURIER: NO ____ YES ____ If yes, you will be contacted by ISSS upon admission to UT Austin with further instructions.

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR: Semester _____ Year _____

Degree Level Sought: Bachelors ____ Master's ____ PhD ____ Major: _____

TYPE OF VISA DESIRED: Student (F-1) ____ Exchange Visitor (J-1) ____ If J-1, indicate your occupation at home (e.g. teacher, graduate student.):

IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE U.S., indicate your current visa status: _____

Will you be transferring to UT Austin from another US institution? _____

LIST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL DEPENDENTS YOU PLAN TO BRING WITH YOU (INCLUDING YOUR FUTURE SPOUSE, IF YOU PLAN TO MARRY BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE UNIVERSITY). The statement of financial support must include sufficient support for any dependents that will accompany you or plan to join you at a later date. **Please note, a dependent is defined as a spouse or child.**

Name (Last, First)	Relationship	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	City & Country of Birth	Citizenship	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

NAME: _____

UT EID: _____

You are required to certify that you will have sufficient funds available for your first year of expenses at The University of Texas at Austin. The cost, based on 2009 estimates is: \$44,500 for undergraduates, \$30,300 for graduates, \$54,000 for the Graduate School of Business and \$50,500 for the School of Law. For more information see: <http://www.utexas.edu/international/iss/students/new>. Estimates include tuition and fees for one academic year and 12 months of living expenses. They do not include summer tuition. **The cost of tuition is subject to change without notice.** You should be prepared to show the U.S. Consulate/Embassy how you will meet your program expenses. When computing your expenses, remember that students should not look to employment as a means of support unless an offer of an academic appointment (teaching or research assistantship) accompanies admission to a graduate department. Financial aid is generally not available to new international students, and financial assistance to continuing students is extremely limited.

If you are a married applicant who plans to bring your spouse and/or child(ren), you must certify the availability of at least an additional \$7,500 per year for your spouse and \$3,000 for each child. The spouse of an F-1 student visa holder is not permitted to work; the spouse of a J-1 exchange visitor visa may apply for permission to work upon arrival in the U.S.

Students enrolled at the University are required to have health and accident insurance, which is included in the cost of tuition and fees. It is advisable for all dependents to have health and accident insurance. Dependents of J-1 exchange visitors are required to have health and accident insurance which could cost an additional \$3,204 (spouse); \$1,728 (children) per year.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS			
	First Year <i>(required)</i>	Second Year <i>(optional)</i>	Third Year <i>(optional)</i>	Fourth Year <i>(optional)</i>
Personal and/or family savings (a bank official's signature below or on an attached letter of certification is required if the applicant will be supported in whole or part by personal family savings). Support is available for a total of _____ years or time required to complete one degree.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Government sponsor (print name of agency and attach signed copy of letter from agency certifying sponsorship) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
University of Texas at Austin Assistantship/Fellowship/Scholarship (attach copy of award letter from department)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (Specify below and attach a signed certification) _____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____

BANK AND/OR SPONSOR'S OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS

This is to certify that I have read the information given by the applicant on this form, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available and will be provided as specified:

Parent or Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent or Sponsor's Name (PRINT): _____
Relationship of Sponsor to Applicant: _____
Address: _____

This is to certify that I have read the information given by the applicant on this form, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available:

Bank Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Bank Official's Name (PRINT): _____ Title: _____
Name and Address of Bank: _____

I certify that the above information provided is correct and complete and that I shall not require additional financial assistance from The University of Texas at Austin. If any of the information changes prior to my enrollment at the University, I will immediately notify ISSS. I understand that making false or fraudulent statements within this *Certification of Financial Responsibility* may result in disciplinary action.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____