



LAW: The Learning and Working LL.M. Program

The Maurer School of Law prioritizes experiential learning in all its academic programs. In the Learning and Working (LAW) program for LL.M. students, practical experience is integral to the academic curriculum and to preparing students for careers after graduation. The LAW program allows students to bring real-life legal challenges in a variety of environments, including externships, legal clinics, law school pro bono projects, and research assistantships, into the classroom and apply them directly toward classroom theory, methods, and objectives.

In today's global legal environment, with such fierce competition among law graduates, having practical experience is increasingly essential. Even if an LL.M. student studies in the United States and eventually plans to return home, spending time working alongside experienced professionals will be a major asset for finding and starting a career in the "real world." Wherever the LL.M. graduate settles, a C.V. featuring an externship, clinic or pro bono work, research assistantship, or other practical experience will draw attention to the candidate, setting him or her apart from candidates with less hands-on experience.

The Maurer School of Law supports the academic and professional goals of LL.M. students in the LAW program through required coursework, the Career Services Office, the Dean's Global Advisory Board, the Indiana Law alumni network, the International Student Interview Program, and the Professional Development Series, in tandem with the Graduate and International Programs Office.

Curriculum – required courses

Although the LL.M. program has both Fall and Spring Semester intakes, applicants to the LAW LL.M. program may only start their programs in the Fall Semester. These students, matriculating in the Fall Semester, are required to complete the regular LL.M. program requirements: online Introduction to U.S. Law course as an audit (no credit) prior to the start of regular classes, Legal



Discourse & Writing (2 credits) in the Fall Semester, and U.S. Constitutional Law for Foreign Lawyers (2 credits) in the Spring Semester.

LL.M. Program Requirements	
Pre-Semester	B504 Introduction to U.S. Law (online, audit)
Fall Semester	B530 Legal Discourse & Writing (2 credits)
Spring Semester	B570 American Constitutional Law for Foreign Lawyers (2 credits)

In addition to those LL.M. program requirements outlined above, LAW program students have additional specific course requirements. These students are required to audit the Legal Profession class in the Fall Semester and take one other course in the Spring Semester, depending on their placement opportunity. Students participating in one of the law school's legal clinics will register for the appropriate Clinic Course (3 credits) and audit the Graduate Practicum (no credit) in the Spring Semester. All other LAW program students will register for the Graduate Practicum (2-3 credits) in the Spring Semester.

LAW LL.M. Program Requirements	
Fall Semester	B614 Legal Profession (audit)
Spring Semester	B790 Graduate Practicum (2-3 credits) <i>or</i> Law School Clinic Course (3 credits) <i>and</i> B790 Graduate Practicum (audit)

Experiential Opportunities – required practice

The LAW program guarantees students the opportunity to see the law in action while earning academic credit through Clinic courses or the Graduate Practicum course. Experiential opportunities are unpaid placements that may include participating in one of the following environments:

- law school clinics
- pro bono projects
- community service
- law firm externships
- global NGOs or agencies
- law school centers
- research assistantships

These placement opportunities take place in the Spring Semester, and, in addition to the required Graduate Practicum or Clinic coursework, students are expected to devote at least 8 hours per week to their placement responsibilities, submit a weekly timesheet, and attend mandatory Orientation and Exit sessions.

Students should start their placement work within one week of the start of the semester and complete it approximately one week before the semester ends. Students in the LAW program are free to engage in more than one experiential opportunity, but academic credit for these opportunities is tied to enrollment in the Graduate Practicum and Clinic courses.

Placement opportunities may be located on campus (such as clinics, projects, and centers) or off campus (such as externships in law firms, NGOs, or government agencies). Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization for F-1 visa holders or Academic Training (AT) authorization for J-1 visa holders is required for off-campus placements.

- Students on an **F-1 visa** must apply for CPT and have their CPT approved BEFORE starting an off-campus placement or an on-campus opportunity that would take the F-1 student over 20 hours per week.

- Students on a **J-1 visa** must apply for AT and have their AT approved BEFORE starting an off-campus placement.

F-1 and J-1 visa holders will work with Law School staff and the Office of International Services (OIS) to obtain the authorization needed to engage in on-campus or off-campus placements. LL.M. students with F-1 visas who have not applied and been admitted to the LAW program will not be eligible for CPT.

LAW Program Application Process

Students interested in applying to the LAW program must first be admitted to the LL.M. program at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. [Click here for LL.M. application information](#). Once admitted to the LL.M. program, students may apply to the LAW program by completing the online [LAW Program Application](#) no more than 10 days after their initial admission to the LL.M. degree program.

Once admitted, students must accept their spot in the LAW program in writing and may not later revert to the regular LL.M. program. LAW program students must complete the required coursework, the experiential placement, and all other coursework required for the LL.M. and LL.M. specialization (if selected) with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in order to graduate with the LL.M. degree.

