LLM IN U.S. LAW FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

Introduction and Course Structure

The LLM in US Law for Foreign Lawyers is designed for graduates from non-US law schools seeking to meet bar exam requirements of select U.S. jurisdictions. The required and recommended courses listed below follow the current registration requirements for the New York State bar exam.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to take a minimum of 24 credit hours to graduate with an LLM degree. Most students complete the degree requirements in one year. Students are permitted to study part-time, but must complete the degree requirement within two years. The list below outlines the mandatory and required classes. The degree requirements include:

- Introduction to US Law and the Legal System (2 credits)
- Legal Research and Writing for Foreign Lawyers (4 credits)
- Professional Responsibility (3 credits)
- Select subjects tested on the New York bar examination (6 credits, see list below)
- Students may choose the remaining nine required credit hours from the list of classes below or any other field. We strongly advise you to choose from the subjects tested on the bar exam.

The following courses have been approved by the State of New York Court of Appeals under Rule 520.6 (b)(3)(vi)(d) as subjects tested on the bar exam. You may select from these courses to fulfil the required 6 credits in subjects tested on the New York bar examination:

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Business Organizations, Including a Comparative Perspective
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Agency and Partnerships
- Business and the Law
- Business Organizations
- Child, Parent and State
- Civil Procedure
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation
- Estates
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Federal Courts
- Property
- Real Estate Transactions
- Remedies
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Torts
- Unincorporated Business Organizations

The following chart shows curriculum options and includes courses that, in our opinion, would be very useful for the bar exam. We recommend that students enroll in approximately 12 credit hours per semester.
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**Recommended Courses** (select up to two):

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*Most classes are offered either in the fall or in the spring semester, but not in both. Professional Responsibility, Evidence, Business Organizations, and Sales are typically offered in both semesters. Please check the current course catalogue to find out in which semester your choice class is offered.

**Please note:** It is each student’s own responsibility to ensure that he or she meets the registration and eligibility requirements, and timely fulfills the application procedures for the bar exam of the state where he or she plans to sit for the bar exam. Students are advised to review the information provided at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org), the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). Before foreign law school graduates may apply for to sit for the bar exam in NY, they must have their foreign degree formally evaluated. Information about the eligibility of foreign lawyers to sit for the New York Bar is detailed at [http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm](http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm).

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1. **July Bar Exam** – To meet the six-month deadline for review of your documents, you must submit your Foreign Evaluation Form and supporting foreign documentation no later than October 1st of the year preceding the exam you plan to take the exam.
2. **February Exam** – To meet the six-month deadline for review of your documents, you must submit your Foreign Evaluation Form and supporting documentation no later than May 1st of the year preceding the exam you plan to take the exam.