



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Establish (4) four Graduate Concentrations for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree at the College of Law.

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COLLEGE CONTACT: Margareth Etienne, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs and Nancy Snowden Research Scholar in Law, University of Illinois College of Law, 217-265-0878, metienne@illinois.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This proposal seeks the approval of (4) four Graduate Concentrations for the LL.M. Degree at the College of Law. The proposed Concentrations require students to complete a minimum of fourteen credit hours in topics integral to each Concentration topic. These courses have been selected from existing Illinois Law courses, and so require no new course proposals.

These Concentrations will be open to students in the LL.M. degree program at the College of Law and will be fully compatible with the traditional LL.M. degree requirements. Students are expected to have graduate standing at the College of Law and a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive the Concentration (in excess of the LL.M. minimum 2.75 GPA).

In some instances, a Dual Concentration (i.e., in Commercial Law and Trade as well as Corporate and Financial Law) is available to eligible students. Eligible students must apply to pursue the Dual Concentration and may either stay in residence an additional semester so that the 14-credit requirements of the second Concentration can be independently met or take an overload of two hours in their 2nd semester with an appropriate scheduling of classes for both semesters. In the case of the Dual Concentration, credits used to satisfy one Concentration cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for a second Concentration. Students interested in remaining in residence for a third semester to complete their program of study must apply by the listed deadline at the start of the second semester of the LL.M. degree; if prospective students intend to take it as an overload they should so indicate when applying for admission to permit proper course scheduling.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Illinois LL.M. program is designed to introduce students to the U.S. legal system while also providing them with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and skills in particular areas of professional and academic interests.

Each Concentration offers a directed program of study for students in an increasingly important field of global legal practice. Each Concentration will enable the College to better serve students in the following ways:

- 1) Each Concentration provides specialized training in a designated field;
- 2) Provides guidance to students in developing a program of study with the courses deemed most useful and relevant to their chosen Concentration;
- 3) Enables students to identify Illinois as a law school that has unique strengths in the international and domestic practice of law in each Concentration area;
- 4) Provides students with a Concentration designation on their transcripts that will better allow them to market their expertise in U.S. law. Such students will have a competitive advantage in the legal employment market;
- 5) Enables students to add a second Concentration and complete a Dual Concentration with the option of one additional semester or, for exceptional students, an overload of 2 hours in their second semester and appropriate class scheduling for both semesters.

In addition to the benefits for our students, the Concentrations will also be beneficial to the College of Law. Several peer law schools, many with weaker reputations in the subfields of the Concentrations, offer these in their LL.M. degrees. The Concentrations will permit Illinois to better communicate the breadth of our curricular offerings to student applicants as well as to their potential employers.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

1) Resources

- a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Current staff in the Graduate and International Programs Office has the capacity to serve as advisors, maintain the records and process admissions. Additional teaching will not be necessary as students can be easily integrated into existing course offerings.

- b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity?

We expect that each of the courses may see an increase of 5 to 10 students per year (including possible Dual Concentration students); however, the courses required have not reached capacity.

- c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.

No additional or external resources will be necessary as the current staff at the College of Law can absorb any additional duties.

- d. Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program.

2) Resource Implications

- a. Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

Additional teaching will not be necessary as students can be easily integrated into existing course offerings. We expect that each of the courses may see an increase of a few students per year; however, the courses required have not reached capacity.

- b. Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units.

There will be no impact on course enrollments in other units as all required courses will be taught at the College of Law.

- c. Please address the impact on the University Library.

A slight increase in graduate student population is expected since we may attract more students and those pursuing Dual Concentrations may require a third semester in their LL.M. program. The attached letter from the University Library indicates their awareness and readiness for this slight increase.

- d. Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.)

The vast majority of students admitted to the Concentrations will, in most cases, be already enrolled University of Illinois Graduate students; therefore the impact on overall enrollment will be limited. While the existence of the Concentrations and the potential for a Dual Concentration may attract additional students, we are confident that we can limit the overall impact on resources through enrollment management. We do not anticipate the overall population of graduate students to exceed the unit's recent historical highs.

For new degree programs only: **NOT NEEDED**

- 3) Briefly describe how this program will support the University's mission, focus, and/or current priorities. Include specific objectives and measurable outcomes that demonstrate the program's consistency with and centrality to that mission.
- 4) Please provide an analysis of the market demand for this degree program. What market indicators are driving this proposal? What type of employment outlook should these graduates expect? What resources will be provided to assist students with job placement?

- 5) If this is a proposed graduate program, please discuss the programs intended use of waivers. If the program is dependent on waivers, how will the unit compensate for lost tuition revenue?

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2016

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Law

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Major: Law

Degrees offered: LL.M., J.S.D., J.D., M.S.L.

Graduate Concentrations: Commercial Law and Trade (LL.M. only), Justice, Democracy and Legal Rights (LL.M. only), Corporate and Finance Law (LL.M. only), Environmental Law, Sustainability and Compliance (LL.M. only).

[One additional concentration is to be listed if EP.16.21 is adopted.]

Joint Degree Program: the J.D. in Law can be earned jointly with the following

Graduate Degrees Offered:

[Accountancy, M.A.S.](#)

[Business Administration, M.B.A.](#)

[Chemistry, M.S.](#)

[Computer Science, M.C.S.](#)

[Human Resources and Industrial Relations, M.H.R.I.R.](#)

[Journalism, M.S.](#)

[Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, M.S.](#)

[Political Science, Ph.D.](#)

[Urban Planning, M.U.P.](#)

Medical Scholars Program: Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Law and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the [Medical Scholars Program](#)

Graduate Degree Programs

The two advanced degrees awarded by the College of Law, the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and the Doctor of Science of Law (J.S.D.) are programs of graduate study in law designed for foreign

law graduates who wish to pursue advanced study and conduct independent research under the direction of the College of Law faculty. Concentrations, as listed, are available to LL.M. students who wish to specialize in some aspect of global legal practice with a Dual Concentration also being available with either a third semester of residence or an overload during the second semester of residence. Overall coordination of the graduate program is the responsibility of the Office of Graduate and International Legal Studies, and individual inquiries should be addressed to this office. The M.S.L. is a one-year, nonprofessional, terminal degree program designed for those who have had no legal training and who do not desire a professional law degree.

Admission

The Graduate College [admission requirements](#) and [English language proficiency requirements](#) apply. In addition, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement is 79 internet-based. Students are not required to take the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students are admitted on an individual basis according to a review of their prior accomplishments with an emphasis on academic achievement. Admission is made for the fall semester only.

Financial Aid

Applicants to the College of Law graduate programs are welcome to apply for scholarship assistance. Scholarships typically are awarded to applicants with a combination of excellent academic and professional credentials and proven financial need. Awards usually provide part of tuition and do not cover living expenses. There are always more qualified applicants than there are funds available. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to explore alternative sources of funding.

Master of Laws

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree is designed to prepare students with or without any prior legal training to enhance their professional development by adding familiarity with U.S. law. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent degree) from an approved school listed on the International Association of Universities List of Higher education Institutions. Full consideration for admission to the LL.M. program will be given to applicants holding a bachelor's degree in law or a bachelor's degree in a subject outside law.

The LL.M. degree requires the completion of at least 32 graduate hours of credit and is normally completed in one academic year. All candidates are required to pass Professional Responsibility ([LAW 501](#)), a four-hour graduate course, and LL.M. Legal Research and Writing ([LAW 500](#)), a two-hour graduate course. The remaining graduate hours are selected from any College of Law course.

LAW 500	LLM Legal Writing and Research	2
LAW 501	Professional Responsibility	4
Total Hours		32

Other Requirements¹

Other requirements may overlap		
Minimum 500-level (or higher) Hours Required Overall:		12
One academic year in residence		
Minimum GPA:		2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the College of Law's [graduate degree requirements](#) and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

Graduate Concentrations

Students may pursue Concentrations within the L.L.M degree. Each Concentration offers a directed program of study for LL.M. students in an increasingly important field of global legal practice. Each Concentration provides (1) specialized training in the Concentration field of law, (2) guidance to students in developing a program of study with the courses deemed most useful and relevant to the Concentration, and (3) a Concentration designation on their transcripts that will better allow them to market their expertise, thus gaining a competitive advantage in the legal employment market

In some instances, a Dual Concentration (e.g., in Commercial Law and Trade as well as Corporate and Financial Law) is available to eligible students. Subject to course availability and demand, eligible students must apply to pursue the Dual Concentration and may stay in residence an additional semester so that the 14-credit requirements of the second Concentration can be independently met. In the case of the Dual Concentration, credits used to satisfy one Concentration cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for a second Concentration. Students interested in remaining in residence for a third semester to complete their program of study must apply by the listed deadline at the start of the second semester of the LL.M. degree.

These four Concentrations require students to complete a minimum of fourteen credit hours in topics integral to each Concentration. Courses taken toward the following four Concentrations will count toward the student's LL.M. degree.

Commercial Law and Trade:

LAW 629 Bankruptcy	4
Select at least ten hours of course work from the courses below:	10
LAW 601 Contracts	
LAW 624 Real Estate Finance	
LAW 631 Secured Transactions	
LAW 633 Business Associations I	
LAW 647 Income Taxation	
LAW 653 International Business Trans	

LAW 792 Current Legal Problems

LAW 794 Adv Topics in Business Law

LAW 796 Comparative Law Topics

LAW 798 Seminars

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In addition to the Concentration requirements, students must also complete the requirements of the LL.M. degree.

Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights:

LAW 606 Constitutional Law I

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Select at least ten hours of course work from the courses below:

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LAW 604 Criminal Law

LAW 605 Criminal Proc: Investigation

LAW 614 Constitutional Law III

LAW 616 Environmental Law and Pol I

LAW 620 Health Law Policy

LAW 625 State and Local Government

LAW 657 International Human Rights Law

LAW 660 Individual Employee Rights

LAW 664 Employment Discrimination

LAW 667 Family Law

LAW 670 Elder Law

LAW 685 Dispute Resolution

LAW 686 Remedies

LAW 792 Current Legal Problems

LAW 794 Adv Topics in Business Law

LAW 795 Adv Topics in Criminal Law

LAW 796 Comparative Law Topics

LAW 798 Seminars

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Corporate and Finance Law:

LAW 633 Business Associations I

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Select at least ten hours of course work from the courses below:

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LAW 601 Contracts

LAW 624 Real Estate Finance

LAW 629 Bankruptcy

LAW 631 Secured Transactions

LAW 634 Securities Regulation

LAW 638 White Collar Crime

LAW 639 Corporate Finance

LAW 642 Antitrust Law

LAW 653 International Business Trans

LAW 654 International Trade Policy

LAW 794 Adv Topics in Business Law

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In addition to the concentration requirements, students must also complete the requirements of the LL.M. degree.

Environmental Law, Sustainability, and Compliance:

LAW 616 Environmental Law and Pol I

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Select at least ten hours of course work from the courses below:

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LAW 602 Property

LAW 615 Administrative Law

LAW 618 Natural Resources

LAW 619 Wildlife Law

LAW 622 Land Use Planning

LAW 633 Business Associations I

LAW 625 State and Local Government

LAW 792 Current Legal Problems

LAW 794 Adv Topics in Business Law

LAW 796 Comparative Law Topics


LAW 798 Seminars

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CLEARANCES:

Signatures:


Unit Representative: margareth Etienne

8/24/15
Date:


College Representative: V. Kram Amar

8/24/15
Date:

Graduate College Representative:

Date:

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AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

College of Law

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202A Law Building
504 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820-6996



August 24, 2015

Educational Policy Committee
Faculty Senate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Members of the Senate Educational Policy Committee:

The College of Law fully supports the creation of the Graduate Concentration in Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. The core courses required to satisfy the concentration are courses that are already taught at the College and for which maximum enrollment has not been reached. In addition, we may be adding additional course options as needed. Accordingly, we do not anticipate that any financial arrangements will be needed for the proposed program. However, should enrollment exceed course capacity, we will hire a TA or make other arrangements as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sharpe', written over the typed name.

Jamelle C. Sharpe
Professor of Law and
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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August 24, 2015

Educational Policy Committee
Faculty Senate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Members of the Senate Educational Policy Committee:

The College of Law fully supports the creation of the Graduate Concentration in Bankruptcy and Consumer Finance for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. The core courses required to satisfy the concentration are courses that are already taught at the College and for which maximum enrollment has not been reached. In addition, we may be adding additional course options as needed. Accordingly, we do not anticipate that any financial arrangements will be needed for the proposed program. However, should enrollment exceed course capacity, we will hire a TA or make other arrangements as necessary.

Sincerely,

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Jamelle C. Sharpe
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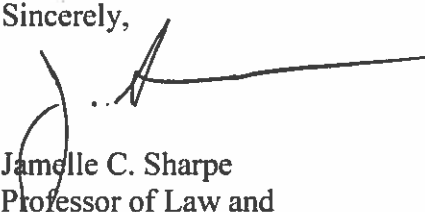
August 19, 2015

Educational Policy Committee
Faculty Senate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Members of the Senate Educational Policy Committee:

The College of Law fully supports the creation of the Graduate Concentration in Corporate and Finance Law for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. The core courses required to satisfy the concentration are courses that are already taught at the College and for which maximum enrollment has not been reached. In addition, we may be adding additional course options as needed. Accordingly, we do not anticipate that any financial arrangements will be needed for the proposed program. However, should enrollment exceed course capacity, we will hire a TA or make other arrangements as necessary.

Sincerely,



Jamelle C. Sharpe
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August 24, 2015

Educational Policy Committee
Faculty Senate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Members of the Senate Educational Policy Committee:

The College of Law fully supports the creation of the Graduate Concentration in Environmental Law, Energy and Compliance for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. The core courses required to satisfy the concentration are courses that are already taught at the College and for which maximum enrollment has not been reached. In addition, we may be adding additional course options as needed. Accordingly, we do not anticipate that any financial arrangements will be needed for the proposed program. However, should enrollment exceed course capacity, we will hire a TA or make other arrangements as necessary.

Sincerely,

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Jamelle C. Sharpe
Professor of Law and
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Memorial Law Library

College of Law
142 Law Building
504 East Pennsylvania Avenue
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September 4, 2015

Educational Policy Committee
Faculty Senate
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Members of the Senate Educational Policy Committee:

The Albert E. Jenner Jr., Memorial Law Library fully supports the creation of the four (4) College of Law Graduate Concentrations for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. The core library materials required to support research and teaching in the concentrations already exist in the Law Library collection. In addition, the College of Law provides sufficient financial support to allow for the purchase of further resources as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Faye E. Jones'.

Faye E. Jones
Director and Clinical Professor
College of Law
Albert E. Jenner Jr., Memorial Law Library

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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September 21, 2015

Bettina Francis, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Francis:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Law and the Graduate College to establish four Graduate Concentrations in the Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Salefski
M. Etienne
J. Hart
A. McKinney

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September 14, 2015

Kathy Martensen
Office of the Provost
207 Swanlund MC-304

Dear Kathy,

Enclosed please find the proposal from the College of Law to establish four Graduate Concentrations for the Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree at the College of Law.

The proposal was received by the Graduate College on August 24, 2015. It was forwarded to the Program Subcommittee for review at the August 27, 2015 meeting. The Program Subcommittee approved the proposal to move forward to the Graduate College Executive committee pending the receipt of the following:

- Reorganize the five proposals into two proposals, the first describing the "U.S. Legal Practice Skills" concentration, and the second describing the other four concentrations, since these other four share the same structure.
- Replace Appendix A with a summary of the LL.M. degree program as specified in the Academic Catalog, adding the new course requirements that are still being approved, and that the degree is intended for international students as describes on the law web page.
- The revised proposal will need to address whether or not a class can count toward more than one concentration or the LL.M. Campus policy makes no restriction on such double counting, but individual programs can.
- The revised proposal should clarify that students must apply for the concentration.
- The revised proposal should clarify that only one concentration is allowed during the academic year, and a second concentration would require a third semester.
- The revised proposal should clarify that the externship is pre-arranged, and that it corresponds to a specific course in the concentration program of study.
- Correct numbering order on second page.

A response with clarifying information from the College of Law was received on August 28, 2015. The Graduate College Executive Committee reviewed and approved the proposal on September 11, 2015 pending minor modifications. Those modifications have been made.

I send the proposal to you now for further review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John C. Hart', written over a horizontal line.

John C. Hart
Executive Associate Dean
Graduate College

c: K. Salefski
M. Etienne
A. McKinney