

The LL.M. Degree

International and Comparative Law LL.M.
International Intellectual Property Law LL.M.
Financial Services Law LL.M.



International Intellectual Property Law

Our LL.M. in International Intellectual Property Law was the first of its kind in the United States and its success reflects the increase in demand for rigorous education in this rapidly changing area of law. We are nationally recognized as a leader in the fields of both international law and intellectual property law, and our faculty, students and graduates are helping define IP law for the 21st century through their research and scholarship.

As the importance of IP law has expanded nationally and internationally, the program has grown to reflect and anticipate the constant challenges of contemporary IP practice. Whether your interests lie in scientific and technological innovation, marketing and advertising, or entertainment and the arts, Chicago-Kent's Program in International Intellectual Property Law offers an educational experience that emphasizes both academic excellence and a commitment to training the top IP lawyers and thinkers of tomorrow. We invite you to explore our Web site to learn more about the program and the activities it sponsors. Click on www.kentlaw.edu/depts/ipp and start your journey toward increased IP knowledge today!



Mariano Municoy Class of 2004

Based in Buenos Aires, Mariano is practicing business and intellectual property law with the firm Moeller & Co., and reports that he travels back to Chicago and the US frequently as he develops an international roster of clients. He uses the knowledge he gained in his classes at Chicago-Kent to help clients navigate complex transactions involving multiple legal systems, and says his LL.M. in International Intellectual Property Law has opened many doors for him.



Mor Bakhoum Class of 2008

Even with two law degrees and a doctorate from Senegal and Switzerland, Mor says he is impressed with the faculty and teaching methods at Chicago-Kent. In the IIP LL.M. program Mor is learning practical skills that will help him manage cross border IP legal issues and he particularly appreciates the Intellectual Property Law Society events where professors and visiting speakers help connect legal study with real world IP problems.

Students enrolled in the LL.M. in International Intellectual Property Law attend courses and seminars along with J.D. students and can take advantage of the school's cutting edge expertise in such areas as information technology law, e-commerce, corporate and financial services law. They also receive personalized instruction in a graduate thesis writing course limited to students in the program. The one year full time program offers students the flexibility to choose particular courses of interest as well as the rigor of a directed writing requirement.

Participants in the IIP LL.M. program must complete 24 credit hours of study, including International Intellectual Property Law or International Patent Law; Introduction to the American Legal System, and a graduate seminar with thesis. Students must take nine credit hours from such intellectual property courses as Patent Law, Copyright Law, Trademark Law, and Trade Secrets Law. In addition, students must also take six credits from such international courses as Comparative Law, International Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Law and Comparative Copyright Law. To start the application process on line, please go to the international portal and click on the LL.M. program application. www.kentlaw.edu/international

International and Comparative Law

The LL.M. in International and Comparative Law is a one year full-time program for attorneys trained outside the United States who wish to gain a broader understanding of the American legal system and to develop skills for engaging in transnational legal practice. The program offers flexibility in the choice of law courses as well as the opportunity to conduct independent research. Students enrolled in the program attend courses and seminars along with J.D. students and can take advantage of the school's cutting edge expertise in such areas as information technology, e-commerce, international trade and financial services law.

Participants in the LL.M. program must complete 24 credit hours of study, including required courses in Comparative Law and Introduction to the American Legal System. In addition, all students must meet their writing requirement either through a seminar, a drafting course, or independent research supervised by a faculty member. Go to www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/iclaw to learn more about the law school's international and comparative law program.



Gregor Strojin Class of 2002

After finishing his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law and working as an intern at a Chicago law firm, Gregor returned to Slovenia as an advisor to the Supreme Court. He is currently a Media Relations Officer for the country's highest court, serves as Head Editor of the official judicial websites, and works to optimize legal procedures in the judiciary. In addition, Gregor now serves as the Director of the Zavod za percepcijo razumevanja prava POLIS (Institute for Perception of Law) which was established to manage NGO projects aimed at promoting the Rule of Law in Slovenia and in South East and Central Europe.



Sulekha R. Tummala Class of 2008

Sulekha praises the flexibility of the International and Comparative law program because with a wide range of interests – from finance and international commercial arbitration, to estates & trusts, international trade, and even defamation law – she was pleased to be able to take exactly the courses that interested her during her year at Chicago-Kent. Sulekha hopes to apply what she has learned working on trade and development issues in a non-governmental organization.

International and Comparative Law LL.M. students choose their courses from the wide range of upper division offerings at Chicago-Kent, and can select such international courses as International Law, Comparative Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Law, European Union Law, International Intellectual Property law, International Human Rights Law and Immigration Law. For a current list of course offerings, click on www.kentlaw.edu/depts/reg/Registration_Instructions.html

Complementing these wide-ranging course offerings is Chicago-Kent's strong international faculty. With recognized scholars in international and comparative law, the faculty as a whole strongly believes in the importance of international legal studies to the development of law in the United States. The LL.M. programs at Chicago-Kent College of Law have attracted participants from all over the world, and recent classes have included students from Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Macedonia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand and Ukraine. Start the application process at www.kentlaw.edu/international and email intllm@kentlaw.edu with any questions you may have about the programs.

Financial Services Law

Deregulation of financial services, tax reforms, globalization, technology, and revolutionary market forces have created an environment in which attorneys must broaden their knowledge and sharpen their skills to handle the range of legal and related issues arising in the new and evolving financial services industry. Chicago-Kent College of Law's innovative and unique LL.M. Program in Financial Services Law educates legal professionals to be effective in this rapidly changing environment. It emphasizes the global nature of financial markets and takes advantage of Chicago's location as a critical node in the global financial services industry.

Students enrolled in the program must complete 24 credit hours of study to earn the LL.M. degree. All students must take Securities Regulation, and all students must take at least one independent research course leading to a paper suitable for publication. Click on www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/fslaw for updated information about the program.



Priyanka Rai Class of 2007

After graduating with her LL.M. in Financial Services Law, Priyanka joined Target Corporation as a Legal Intern and after 4 months she was offered a Corporate Counsel position with Target India Legal Department.

Priyanka is the first Real Estate attorney to join Target India Legal Department and her responsibilities include working on international corporate real estate matters along with helping to develop the Target India real estate team. Priyanka uses the skills and knowledge she gained from studying at Chicago-Kent to draft documents, negotiate agreements, and help Target's executives understand the legal implications of their business plans.



Mimi Zhu Class of 2008

With internships in a municipal court, a major international bank, a global law firm and a government ministry under her belt, Mimi appreciates the lessons offered by the professionals who teach in the Financial Services Law LL.M. program because they connect academic study to the real world in their classes. Mimi has published articles about both copyright and financial law in Chinese publications, and looks forward to working in the financial services industry when she graduates.

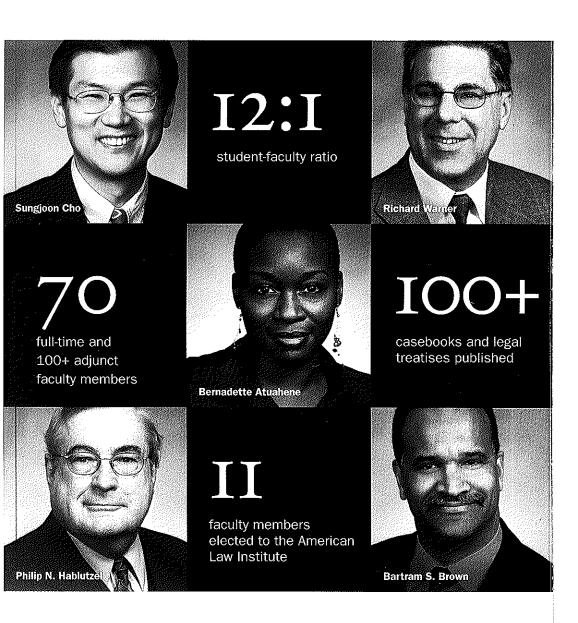
The LL.M. in Financial Services Law is a full- or part-time degree program for individuals holding J.D., LL.B. or other non-U.S. first law degrees. With the prior permission of the director of the program, courses from the Chicago-Kent J.D. program, LL.M. program in International and Comparative Law, and from the Stuart School's Master of Science in Financial Markets program may be taken to fulfill some course requirements. Graduate financial services courses include Commercial Banking, Investment Banking, Insurance Organizations and Business, Regulation of Securities and Commodities Professionals, Money Managers, Capital Markets: U.S. Debt and Funds Transfer Markets, Capital Markets: Capital Market Operations, Mergers and Acquisitions, Insolvency and Reorganizations, Taxation and Financial Services Entities, Contemporary Legal Issues and the Derivatives Marketplace, and International Banking. Updated course information can be found at www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/fslaw

The School

Chicago-Kent College of Law has a long history marked by diversity, innovation and excellence. It is consistently regarded among Chicago's top three law schools, with a faculty ranked among the nation's top 35 based on scholarly impact.

Founded in 1888, the law school was named after New York Chancellor James Kent, one of the most eminent jurists of the 19th century. Chicago-Kent is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the Order of the Coif. Located in one of the nation's leading legal markets, the law school is within walking distance of one of the world's largest integrated court systems and a full range of city, county, state and federal agencies as well as Chicago's famous financial center. Chicago-Kent is housed in a modern, 280,000–square-foot building with a five-story library, a state-of-the-art courtroom, a bookstore and an inviting cafeteria. The building features an extensive computer network with widespread wireless access and comprehensive online student services.

The Faculty



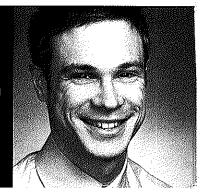
Academics

Chicago-Kent's faculty works closely with students to help define the relationships between new kinds of international institutions and domestic, political, and legal developments. LL.M. students at the law school create their own academic programs, and can choose from a wide range of upper level law courses, including a specialized writing course designed exclusively for LL.M. students. For a look at current course offerings, go to http://www.kentlaw.edu/depts/reg/Registration_Instructions.html In addition, students who qualify can attend selected courses in the Stuart Business School and count those credits toward their LL.M. while starting on an MBA degree. More information on this exciting LL.M./MBA option is available at www.kentlaw.edu/international

Our LL.M. programs are directed by a core group of professors whose major scholarly and teaching interests are in international and comparative law, international intellectual property law, and financial services law. Students can take advantage of the law school's leadership position in the global and technological arenas through course work, by working on policy issues, by attending seminars and by participating in scholarship. Selected LL.M. graduates may be invited back to work as Research Fellows while preparing scholarly work for publication. Our active alumni networks provide additional advantages for LL.M. graduates as they seek to put their knowledge and skills to work in the competitive legal markets of Beijing, Chicago, Frankfurt, London or New York.

Gösta Schindler Class of 2007

After graduating from the LL.M. Program in International Intellectual Property Law, Gösta was invited to serve as the first LivSafe IP Program fellow where he continued research for his doctorate on a copyright-licensing question. He also co-taught the Graduate Seminar in International Intellectual Property Law and published articles in the area of IP licensing. Gösta returned to Germany to work for an IP law firm. He continues to be involved in academics at his home university, Bucerius Law School, in Hamburg.



Admissions

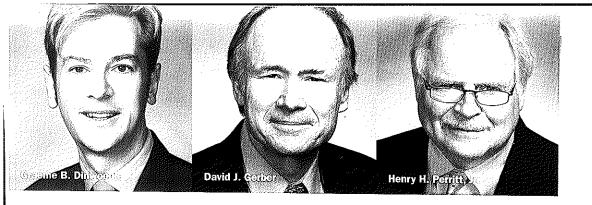
Choosing where to study law is a big decision: there are questions of language, culture, lifestyle, and career opportunities. Chicago-Kent College of Law offers graduate law students a challenging and stimulating intellectual environment in which to develop a global perspective on today's exciting and intersecting issues in law, technology and society. Home to the largest commodities futures market in the world as well as to some of the nation's largest and most prestigious law firms, Chicago is a place where legal precedents are created—and a place where students can make friends and meet future colleagues. Our LL.M. programs are directed by a core group of professors with a wide range of scholarly and teaching interests, and the law school itself is increasingly a place where faculty and students, as well as local, national and international leaders can come together to explore cutting edge issues in international law. Go to www.kentlaw.edu to get more information on all the law school has to offer you as a graduate student.

To start the application process online and for updated admissions information please go to www.kentlaw.edu/international

Sammy Hsin-Li Hu Class of 2004

Sammy is a graduate of the Law School of Shih-Hsin University in Taipei, and earned his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law at Chicago-Kent in 2004. He earned another LL.M. from the University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law and his Ph.D. in Economic Law from the Law School of Peking University. Sammy specializes in M&A by foreign investors and anti-monopoly supervision in China and spent a year as a research fellow at Chicago-Kent doing comparative research related to his Ph.D. thesis. Sammy also worked at the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research in Taipei and the Center for Asian Studies at the Chu Hai College in Hong Kong.





Who can apply? The LL.M. Program in International and Comparative Law is only open to attorneys who have completed their basic legal preparatory studies outside the United States. The LL.M. programs in International Intellectual Property Law and Financial Services Law are open to non-U.S. trained attorneys as well as those who hold J.D. degrees from American law schools.

What is the deadline? We review completed applications starting on October 1; we have a rolling admissions process and recommend that prospective students complete their applications by February 1.

Can I start in January? There is no mid-year admission for international students, however domestic Financial Services LL.M. students can enter the program in January.

Can I apply to the J.D. program after the LL.M.? Yes, and graduates of the LL.M. program who are subsequently admitted to the J.D. program can usually complete the degree in two years.

Do you offer financial assistance? Yes, both merit and need-based partial tuition scholarships are available, however these awards are highly competitive and should not be counted on as a means of funding your program. No fellowships or assistantships are available; full-time LL.M. students may not legally be employed off campus while pursuing their degree and on-campus employment is extremely rare.



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