



**HAMLIN
UNIVERSITY**

School of Law

LL.M. FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS





LL.M. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ABOUT HAMLINE LAW

Established in 1854, Hamline University is the oldest university in the state of Minnesota. Hamline University School of Law is located on the main university campus, and is home to nationally recognized centers of excellence, ranking third in alternative dispute resolution and in the top twenty for health law programs.

LL.M. students may take advantage of one-on-one tutoring with the Academic Success Program, and will enjoy close relationships with faculty, staff, and fellow students. The Hamline Law learning environment is collegial and collaborative, bringing all students' diverse experiences to the classroom, where both American JD and LL.M. students learn together.

For more than a decade, Hamline University's Master in Law (LL.M.) for International Lawyers has provided attorneys who possess an LL.B. or equivalent degree from a country other than the United States the specialized training and education necessary to compete globally.

Once admitted to the program, each student develops a course of study that best fits his or her goals while maximizing the value of studying the U.S. legal system for non-U.S. educated attorneys. Students begin the LL.M. program in August and complete 24 credits, including the three-credit required course, American Legal System. Students then select a minimum of 21 additional credits from among Hamline Law's rich course offerings. Hamline LL.M. students share the classroom with Hamline JD and international students, providing LL.M. students access to diversity of background and experiences of their peers. In addition, students may choose to specialize in any of the LL.M. program's areas of emphasis, including alternative dispute resolution, American legal system, business law, health law, human rights, intellectual property, and international law. LL.M. candidates work with an advisor to design a program of study for the year.



LL.M. CURRICULUM

The Hamline Law LL.M. provides students the opportunity to tailor their education in the American legal system based on their interests and professional goals. LL.M. students may select courses from a broad range of offerings, choosing to focus their studies in alternative dispute resolution, business law, health law, human rights, intellectual property, and international law. Students may also opt to sample courses across the curriculum, providing a broad range of exposure to many topics within the law.

In addition to taking advantage of coursework taught by expert faculty, LL.M. students will be introduced to the local legal community through visits to law firms, businesses, and governmental offices. This exposure to the American legal system will allow students to see firsthand how their coursework is applied in action.

APPLICATION, ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Joining Our Community of Scholars

Application

All LL.M. applicants apply to Hamline Law through the Law School Admission Council's application website **LSAC.org**. All applicants are required to submit the following:

- The application and \$50 application fee
- A personal statement discussing the applicant's interest and goals relative to the LL.M. degree generally and Hamline Law specifically
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- All post-secondary transcripts, including LL.B. and any graduate school transcripts
- Two to three letters of recommendation written in English
- A valid TOEFL score if the applicant's country of origin is not within the United Kingdom or Australia (Note: Hamline Law requires applicants to possess a minimum TOEFL score of 100).

For a full outline of the application process and further explanation of required documents, please visit **<http://law.hamline.edu/LLM/application/>**. Paper documents sent to the Office of Admissions will not be considered.

Admission and Scholarships

Applicants will be notified via email of all admission decisions. Applicants need not submit an additional application for scholarship consideration; applicants

will be notified at the time of admission if they have been awarded a scholarship. Scholarships range from 25-100% of LL.M. program tuition and are competitive.

Immigration Application Process

All non-U.S. citizens will be encouraged to begin the immigration (i.e., I-20 and visa) application process upon admission, at which point the Office of Admissions will provide a list of next steps. The process is outlined on the LL.M. application website **<http://law.hamline.edu/LLM/application/>**. Applicants should not submit materials required for the I-20 application process prior to being offered admission.

Tuition and Fees

LL.M. tuition and fees for the 2012-13 academic year are as follows (in USD):
Tuition: \$28,800

Fees (including health insurance):
approximately \$1,900

On-campus housing in double occupancy apartment: \$4,230

On-campus annual meal plan: \$4,200

Books: approximately \$1,350

Total cost of attendance: \$40,560*

*Note: Total cost does not include financial services use, transportation, or other living costs not specifically listed here.



UNIVERSITY LIFE: PICTURE YOURSELF HERE

Hamline Law LL.M. students may opt to live on the University campus in apartments for graduate students, which offer amenities ranging from wireless internet, cable television, free laundry machines, and full kitchens. The graduate apartments are a two-minute walk to the School of Law. Many other housing options are available within the Midway neighborhood surrounding the University, as are many restaurants and grocery stores offering a range of cuisine: Turkish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, and Ethiopian, to name a few. In addition, the University's Anderson Center offers several American dining options and a Starbucks coffee shop. Students can get around and explore the area using reduced price passes on the Minneapolis-Saint Paul bus and light rail system, or rent bicycles from the Nice Ride station on campus. The University also offers a variety of programs for international students to explore and experience American culture both on and off campus.

EXPERIENCE A GREAT AMERICAN CITY

Hamline University sits between the Twin Cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, at the center of the nation's 16th largest metropolitan area, home to 3.3 million people. The University is right in the middle of everything: an exciting arts and music scene, landmark architecture, terrific restaurants, and intriguing museums. Nearly 12 Fortune 500 companies make their headquarters here, including 3M, Cargill, Medtronic, Target Corporation, General Mills, and Best Buy. The Twin Cities has been ranked the "best metro area for business" by MarketWatch.com. There is also plenty to do for fun. Minneapolis-Saint Paul is home to six major league sports teams, ranging from baseball to American football to hockey, the Mall of America is just 12 miles away, and exciting nightlife as well as beautiful parks and lakes abound.

WORLDS OF OPPORTUNITY

More than 70 Hamline Law LL.M. alumni currently reside in nine countries across Europe, Asia, and South America. Other alumni live and work in the U.S. in a range of positions.

Hamline touts a long history of success in international legal education. We teach international commercial arbitration in London, mediation in Budapest, conflict resolution from religious traditions in Jerusalem and comparative law in Oslo. And each year we send student teams to highly regarded competitions in Paris, Vienna, and Hong Kong. That's because our students know that to be successful in today's legal marketplace, they need to think globally. Through a careful balance of domestic and international law, we prepare our JD and LL.M. graduates to face the questions of today's global economy.



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