

LL.M. DEGREE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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Enrollment Services

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There is a strong, persistent demand for well-trained IP lawyers in law firms, in-house legal departments, and government across a range of industries. Many of these firms, industries and agencies have roots in New Jersey or Manhattan. Seton Hall Law School has a long history of offering a wide array of IP courses, and created an IP concentration for J.D. students in 2000. In 2008, the Law School received acquiescence from the American Bar Association to establish an LLM degree in IP law. Seton Hall Law School now provides training beyond the J.D. degree to select students, practitioners and scholars in the growing and increasingly complex IP discipline.

Admission

The Law School seeks to admit highly qualified candidates with a particular interest in IP law, including patent, trademark, copyright and technology law. All candidates must hold a J.D. degree from a law school that is approved by the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the foreign equivalent from a school of law.

We seek candidates for the LLM program from among attorneys already practicing IP law who wish to increase their exposure to and credentials in the field; attorneys who wish to transition from other practice areas to IP; government officials and regulators who specialize or wish to specialize in IP related issues; and law school graduates who are interested in teaching or other academic or research work relating to IP law. It is possible for students to combine courses from the Health and the IP LLM curricula.

In making its selections, the LLM admissions committee will consider depth of practice experience, quality of law school academic record, demonstrated interest in intellectual property law, and evidenced ability to do superior academic work. In most cases, we highly recommend that a candidate have at least two or three years of practice experience, beyond a judicial clerkship, before commencing the graduate program.

Course of Study

LLM candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of 24 credit hours of coursework;
2. Completion of a high-quality paper, under the supervision of a full-time faculty member (3 credits); and
3. Maintenance of a GPA of at least 3.0.

LLM candidates may pursue one of five sub-specialties:

1. Patent Law and Policy,
2. Trademark Law and Policy,
3. Copyright Law and Policy,
4. Intellectual Property and Life Science Industry, or
5. Intellectual Property and Telecommunications Industry

The graduate student's faculty advisor will aid the student in selecting electives appropriate to the student's subspecialty. No credits can be

applied from a JD program to the Seton Hall LLM Program, but a student who has taken similar courses in his/her JD program may be excused from taking courses that would otherwise be required for the LLM.

LLM students are encouraged to complete the degree within two years of commencing enrollment in the program, but they have up to six years to do so.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
INDL 8301	Copyright Law	2-4
INDL 8303	Patent Law	2-4
INDL 8302	Trademark and Unfair Comp	2-4
	Seminar Paper *	3
Core Courses		
INDL 7550	Cybersecurity & Prv I:Lw & Pol	2-3
INDL 8340	Cybersecurity-Comp Crimes-PS	1
INDL 7305	Entertainment Law	3
INDL 7610	Cybersecurity Lw & Policy II	1-3
INDL 9328	Foundations IP Lw and Pol	3
INDL 7305	Entertainment Law	3
INDL 7301	Intellectual Property	2-4
INDL 8317	Technology and IP Licensing	2-3
INDL 7330	Internet Law and Gov Found	1
INDL 8312	Law in the Music Industry	2
INDL 9310	Patent App Prep and Pros	2-3
INDL 9305	Patent Claim Drafting	2-3
INDL 7308	Sports Law	2
INDL 9322	Trademark Registration	2-3
Elective Courses		
Select up to 2 elective courses		4-6
PUBG 7801	Administrative Law	3
PUBG 8801	Antitrust	3
HLTH 9529	Biotechnology and the Law	2-3
HLTH 7685	CRL: Compl Iss for Res Sponsr	2-3
HLTH 7680	CRL:Ethical Reg Iss Des Cl Trl	2-3
CORP 7160	Global Corrup-Reg-Com and Enf	2-3
HLTH 7504	HIPAA Privacy and Security	2-3
Total Hours		57-79

* In most cases, the LLM student will convert his or her seminar paper into the Master's Thesis. This will enable the student to spend two semesters of concentrated effort on the topic, presumably under the direction of the seminar teacher, who would continue the supervisory responsibilities through the second semester. Only full-time faculty serve as thesis supervisors. The LLM seminar paper must be a scholarly paper of publishable Law Review quality, of at least 25 pages in length.