TULANE LAW

DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is the largest city in Louisiana and is the state’s banking, judicial, medical, and cultural center. Located on the Mississippi River, 50 miles above the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans is one of the world’s largest ports. The shipping industry has been the greatest contributor to the city’s prominence as a center of admiralty law and international trade. As the South’s port of call for 200 years, New Orleans has also developed as a city of rich ethnic traditions.

There is a hint of the history and culture of New Orleans in the food at almost any local restaurant. Students are delighted to find how affordable the internationally acclaimed Creole and Cajun cooking is. New Orleans plays host to some of the best music in the world, yet entertainment in the city is astonishingly affordable as well. New Orleans is a city of personal discovery, which makes it particularly exciting for students. Local traditions, varied neighborhoods, lush tropical foliage, and the constant past and a modern present combine to make New Orleans a rewarding city in which to live and work.

TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Located in the heart of uptown New Orleans, the university campus faces historic St. Charles Avenue, directly across from Audubon Park. St. Charles Avenue is lined with the beautiful architecture for which New Orleans is renowned. The oldest operating streetcar line in the nation passes directly in front of Gibson Hall, Tulane’s main building, linking the campus with downtown New Orleans.

Tulane’s campus is sized and situated so that students never feel hemmed in by the concrete of a major city. A walk from one end to the other takes 15 minutes. Off-campus housing opportunities surround the campus, enabling students to become a part of the larger New Orleans community. The neighborhood surrounding campus, while residential, contains enough commercial activity to make it lively—coffee houses, grocery stores and drugstores, laundries, restaurants and bookstores are located a few blocks from campus in the charming Maple Street and Riverbend areas.

Located on the main campus of Tulane University, Tulane Law School is the 12th oldest law school in the United States and has been accredited by the American Bar Association since May 1925. The Tulane Law School student body comprises approximately 700 J.D. students, 50 LL.M. Students, and 8 S.J.D. students. Over 30 countries are represented in the student body.

Learn More About Living Off-Campus:
law.tulane.edu/students/new-orleans-living
LL.M. PROGRAM

For well over 75 years, Tulane Law School has welcomed students and scholars from throughout the world. Known worldwide for the excellence of its faculty and its legal education programs, Tulane offers a unique and valuable experience to law students wishing to pursue advanced study. The school’s location in New Orleans places it in one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan cities in the United States, if not the world. Because Tulane considers graduate legal education to be a central part of its identity, the law school offers programs designed to enable LL.M. students to thrive both academically and professionally. Tulane offers a unique number of resources to enrich students’ experiences and to help them to take full advantage of the graduate program. These include a three-week introductory course for international LL.M. students, taught just before the start of the fall semester. This course and associated activities have the dual purposes of introducing students, in a relatively relaxed environment, to the methods and expectations of U.S. legal education and introducing them to the areas of U.S. law with which all students should gain some familiarity. Tulane also offers English language instruction and support to those students who may benefit from it, with emphasis on the language of legal and business environments.

ADVANCED STANDING JD (AJD)

If you hold a degree from a law school outside of the United States and are applying to Tulane’s JD program, you may be eligible for advanced standing by virtue of coursework you have completed at your first law school. This means that, potentially, you will be able to have a JD degree in the time period of 2 years. Important to note that for the AJD program the LSAT is not required. Candidates who do not present an LSAT score must take an English Proficiency test (if your first law degree was not taught in English). This is a highly selective admission option for academically talented LLB students.

LLM or AJD?

If you do not know what program to choose, we are happy to talk to you about the options, similarities and differences between the two degrees, and answer all of your questions! So, do not hesitate to contact us!

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Our goal is to offer students a complete and valuable experience. Tulane Law school’s office of international legal programs offers educational and social programs ensuring that international students receive individual attention and advising. Graduate students also enjoy support from the law school Career Development office, which holds regular workshops on resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills, networking, and other topics related to job search strategies. Our Assistant Dean of Students is also responsible for counseling students and developing support and other informational programs for all law students. The law school also assists incoming students in finding housing in a number of different ways.

LIST OF LL.M. PROGRAMS

- LL.M. General
- LL.M. in Admiralty
- LL.M. in American Law
- LL.M. in Energy & Environment
- LL.M. in International & Comparative Law
- SJD

Sample of student activities:

- Business Law Society
- Civil Law Society
- Environmental & Energy Law Society
- Graduate Lawyers at Tulane (GLAT) Organization
- Human Rights Law Society
- International Law Society
- La Alizana
- Maritime Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Sports Law Society
- Tulane Law Review
- Tulane Environmental Law Journal
- Tulane European & Civil Law Forum
- Tulane Journal of International & Comparative Law
- Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality
- Tulane Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property
- Tulane Law Review
- Tulane Maritime Law Journal
- Sports Lawyers Journal

CENTERS & INSTITUTES

- Eason-Weinmann Center for Comparative Law
- Maritime Law Center
- Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy
- Center for Intellectual Property Law & Culture
- Public Law Center
- Tulane Center for Energy Law and Center for Environmental Law
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LLM PROGRAMS

Candidates for admission must hold the Juris Doctor (JD) from a United States law school or the LLB or equivalent first basic law degree from a non-US law school approved by Tulane’s Committee on Graduate Admission. Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose first law degrees (JD or LLB or equivalent) are from schools at which English was not the language of instruction, are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The graduate degree programs begin in the fall semester only. Occasionally, space permitting, there may be an opportunity for US candidates to begin the LLM program in the spring semester. All international candidates must begin enrollment with the summer orientation course approximately three weeks prior to the start of the fall semester.

APPLYING TO THE LLM PROGRAMS

Applications for admission should be submitted between September 1 and May 1 for enrollment the following July and August. Early applications are particularly important for international candidates because of the time required to process visas and immigration forms. Early applications receive the most optimal consideration for available scholarship funds.

SCHOLARSHIPS

LLM candidates are eligible for the award of partial tuition waivers or scholarships to Tulane Law School. Most of these awards are made to international candidates. These awards are generally made at the same time the offer of admission is extended, or shortly thereafter. Scholarships and tuition waivers cover a portion of tuition and do not cover living expenses.

For additional information on any of our programs, including AJD, LLM, and SJD, contact Assistant Dean David Weinberg at dweinbe@tulane.edu or The Director of Admission, Maria Landry at mgusmaop@tulane.edu