MASTER OF LAWS - CHILD AND FAMILY LAW EMPHASIS

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Lawyering Skills. All LL.M. in Lawyering students will acquire or improve the following legal skills: the ability to read and analyze legal texts, including cases; the ability to conduct legal research on U.S. law sources; the ability to spot legal issues raised by typical legal problems; the ability to apply the law to factual scenarios; the ability to analyze legal issues and predict likely judicial outcomes; the ability to communicate legal analysis clearly in writing and orally; the ability to interview witnesses and clients; the ability to counsel clients with legal analysis and legal options; the ability negotiate a legal issue or problem with an adversary; the ability to make persuasive arguments based on the combination of law and facts.
- Legal English. For those students who were trained in law outside of the U.S. or another English-speaking, common law country, they will develop a working knowledge of key legal English terms used in law practice in the United States.
- Knowledge of U.S. Law. Students in the LL.M. in Lawyering program will learn or deepen their understanding of U.S. law generally and in particular sub-areas of U.S. law in one of the emphasis areas or such other area or combination of areas selected by the student with the approval of the academic advisor.

Each student completing this emphasis must also complete the general requirements for the Master of Laws degree.

Below is a partial list of courses that would support the emphasis areas identified. Course schedules change on an annual basis, so all courses listed below may not be available in a particular year. The LL.M. student's academic advisor may approve additional courses not listed as counting towards an emphasis area. One course, Global Legal Systems, is listed for each emphasis area because students write papers to compare US law to the law of other countries, and that course can count towards an emphasis area if the paper topic supports the emphasis and is approved by the academic advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 8752S	Child & Family Services Clinic	2-3
LAW 8733	Children In The Law	2-3
LAW 8733E	Elder Law	2-3
LAW 8609	Ethical Issues In Family Law Representation	1-2
LAW 8751	Family Law	3
LAW 8908	Family Tax Law	1
LAW 8662F	Family Court Externship	2-6
LAW 8752G	Guardian Ad Litem Workshop	2
LAW 8733R	Juvenile Offenders & The Law	2-3
LAW 8751S	Family Violence	2-3
LAW 8738V	Immigration Law & The Violence Against Women Act	1
LAW 8743	Global Legal Systems (with appropriate topic for paper)	1-3

Program Length: 1 year