

## MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### **LAWD 6204: LEGAL ENGLISH (3 credits) For foreign-trained attorneys only. Online.**

This course is designed for S.J.D., L.L.M., and legal professionals who are non-native English speakers. Through Zoom online course presentation and related materials and studies, students will receive instruction and professional training in Legal English language skills in the areas of legal writing, legal vocabulary, legal reading, and legal professional writing, listening, speaking, and learning. Students in this course will have opportunities to learn and apply legal English skills to practical Assignments, as well as by interaction with the Professor and other students in weekly classes, and through Assignments. Students will develop and apply legal English language skills in the contexts of learning legal reading, writing, and analysis in the context of varied U.S. legal topics and issues.

### **LAWD (TBD): ADVANCED LEGAL ENGLISH (3 credits) For foreign-trained attorneys only. Online.**

This course is designed for S.J.D., L.L.M., legal professionals who are non-native English speakers. Through Zoom online course presentation and related materials and studies, students will receive intermediate to advanced instruction and professional training in legal English language skills in the areas of legal writing, legal vocabulary, legal reading, and legal professional writing, listening, speaking, and learning. Students will have focused, detailed attention on specific areas of American law to help facilitate a practical and analytical understanding of U.S. law. This course will build upon the Legal English course to give greater detail to specific terms and phrases in specific legal fields. Students in this course will have opportunities to complete practical legal assignments, and practice terminology necessary to interact with U.S. attorneys and the legal system. Students will develop and apply legal English language skills in the contexts of learning legal reading, writing, and analysis in the context of varied U.S. legal topics and issues.

### **LAWD 607: LLM AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM (3 credits) For foreign-trained attorneys only. On-campus.**

This course will provide foreign-trained lawyers with an understanding of the U.S. government and legal system, as well as the basic principles of American law. Through the exploration of cases relating to various legal areas including contracts, torts, property, criminal law and procedure, civil procedure, business law, and family law, and, students will be exposed to the basic tenets of the American legal system.

**LAWD 6075: LLM Legal Research, Writing & Analysis (3 credits) For foreign-trained attorneys only. On-campus.**

Students will be provided with an overview of the legal writing process in the United States, the principals of legal analysis, the technical differences in legal communication formats, and will learn the formal construction of a legal analysis utilizing IRAC.

**LAWD 500 INTRODUCTION TO LAW (3 credits) ONLINE. For foreign-trained attorneys only.**

An introduction to the legal system and an explanation of the legislative and judicial processes, how a legal rule is generated and maintained by the judicial system. Emphasis will be placed on civil practice, the development of the law through the court systems, legal memos, torts, contracts, business law.

**LAWD 6134 CRITICAL LEGAL ANALYSIS & WRITING (3 credits) ONLINE. For foreign-trained attorneys only.**

This foundation course introduces basic legal analysis including rule-based reasoning, and case synthesis with opportunities for practical written application. Learning that occurred during Introduction to Law course is reinforced and expanded upon. Students are also introduced to independent legal research skills. Course projects include a series of short graded assignments highlighting aspects of legal and compliance writing. Students will review basic writing mechanics including grammar and punctuation. They will enhance their writing skills by editing passages, producing written assignments, and doing focused writing exercises. Students will also learn to develop sound arguments by practicing the art of logical flow. The goal is to help students to produce clear, well-organized, grammatically correct prose.

**LAWD 6212: COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (3 credit hours)**

This course will cover a series of constitutional topics with the intent of fostering a comparative analysis of different international legal systems. The course material will center around current United States Supreme Court cases, which will cover a wide spectrum of constitutional issues which include; but are not limited to, government structure, criminal law, civil rights, and religious freedom. Students will be encouraged to contribute the history, perspective, and policies of their home countries to share different resolutions for each legal problem. In the end, students will understand the background of modern legal problems, but also broaden their understanding of how those issues can be resolved in different countries.

**LAWD 6184: INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING & CORRUPTION (3 credit hours)**

This course introduces students to the international and domestic laws enacted to thwart money laundering and corruption. An overview of anti-money laundering strategies aimed at attacking

criminals through their financial activities and using financial trails to identify the various components of criminal networks will be provided.

**LAWD 844: BUSINESS PRINCIPLES (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

This course introduces concepts and documents which are essential to understanding business law. These concepts and documents include basic accounting principles, present value and risk, discounted cash flow analysis, option value, basic financial analytical tools, and basic business financing forms (including trust indentures, shareholder's agreements, and preferred stock terms).

**LAWD 6222: ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE FUNDAMENTALS AND THE PROFESSION (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

This course is intended to introduce the student to compliance and ethics in the work place and the careers within this specialty and in the fraud examiner/anti-money laundering specialist industry. Students will learn what compliance is, where it came from, the culture of ethics, how a compliance profession compares to a legal career, job opportunities, transferrable skills from other careers. Students will be introduced to the elements of a compliance program, the flow of compliance, hiring and policies, corporate social responsibility, and the intersection of risk and compliance, the application of management practices for the compliance professional, and the application of personal and business ethics in compliance.

**LAWD 6227: COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS: A LEGAL & PRACTICAL SKILLS APPROACH (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

This course will delve into specific regulations that impact corporate compliance programs in diverse industries. Students will be exposed to regulations that affect corporate compliance in varying degrees such as Sarbanes-Oxley, the whistle-blower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, anti-bribery/anti-corruption and other issues relating to government investigations. Students will discuss practical issues relating to the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs, with a focus on program assessment, employee engagement, how to prepare for a compliance crisis, and what to do when no one will listen. Ethical issues will be explored, such as privilege and confidentiality and the role of legal counsel versus the compliance officer.

**LAWD 6136: CORPORATE DEVIANCE (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

This course will provide students with a comprehensive examination of the deviant behavior of big business in contemporary society. The course exposes students to the forms and causes of this deviance and the legal and societal responses to such deviance through the use of recent cases brought by individuals, corporations, and the government in specific areas of the law. Each week the students will read, analyze and engage in a guided discussion of corporate deviance cases including cases regarding subprime lending, securities, anti-trust, healthcare, whistleblower, and products liability

**LAWD 6219: GLOBAL REGULATORY COMPLIANCE (3 credits) ONLINE**

Corporate compliance is of increasing importance in corporate America. More and more companies are developing and implementing programs to ensure compliance with governing laws and regulations and to promote an environment that fosters compliance and encourages

ethical behavior. This course will examine the central principles and statutory and regulatory framework that govern this growing field. We will analyze and discuss topics ranging from Sarbanes-Oxley to export controls, antitrust law, data protection and anti-corruption laws (such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act). We will also delve into the whistle-blower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and other issues relating to government investigations and dispute resolution. Throughout this course we will discuss practical issues relating to the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs.

**LAWD 6147: RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDITING (3 credits) ONLINE**

This course examines the processes for auditing a company to ensure adherence with the company's compliance programs. During this course, students will learn practical skills in performing risk assessments and audits and the techniques to utilize internal and external auditing tools and resources. Students will be exposed to how to conduct effective audits in order to correct and improve organizational operations through follow-up, monitoring, process change and education. Students will demonstrate the importance of benchmarking and reporting to both internal and external parties, in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws. Students will also learn best practices to use when responding to external and/or government audits and investigations.

**LAWD 6226: ADVANCED COMPLIANCE ANALYSIS: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

In this course, students will develop a Compliance Program and a fully annotated and professional recorded PowerPoint presentation, which could ultimately be used to present the Compliance Program to their Corporate leadership. Students will compile materials for use in a professional portfolio that can be used in employment interviews.

**LAWD 6199 DIGITAL LAW: CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY (3 credit hours) ONLINE**

Our global economy, national security, and personal communications depend on the efficient and reliable operation of the Internet and other forms of networked computer systems. Most Internet infrastructure is privately owned and operated. These systems are under constant attack from hackers, organized criminal groups, terrorists and other threats. This course examines the law and policy of foreign and domestic Internet governance, computer crime, online privacy and personal data protection, private infrastructure and the Law of Emergencies.

**LAWD 6209: FRAUD EXAMINATION (3 credits) ONLINE**

This course will provide a comprehensive examination of situations in which corporations have engaged in deviant behavior and means by which legal and compliance professionals can promote corporate responsibility. Topics include where white-collar crimes occur, as in by workers sales-oriented systems, crimes in the health care system, crimes by criminal justice professionals and politicians, crimes in the educational system, crimes in the economic and technological systems, crimes by employees in the housing industry, corporate crime, environmental crime, explanations of white-collar crime, the police and court responses to white

collar crime. This course provides the student with anti-fraud knowledge and training. Students will be introduced to the practical methods involved with fraud examination, such as performing internal investigations, how to spot internal fraud, detecting financial statement fraud, examining the inside of the fraudster's mind, determining asset misappropriation, performing a fraud examination, seeing the inside of a fraud trial, locating hidden assets during the punishment phase, and tips for an effective compliance policy to be in place for crime prevention and mitigation.

**LAWD 6202: GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRIMES & ILLICIT FINANCE (3 credit hours)  
ONLINE**

This course will examine the transformation of the illicit economy and its various effects. Students will explore the definitions of illicit trade and illicit financial flows as well as their inter-relationship, the scale of these problems, their drivers, and the socio-economic impacts and other consequences of these phenomena. Students will also discuss ways in which to respond to and address these increasing challenges. Throughout the course, current and emerging issues and trends will be highlighted. Students will learn about the enablers and facilitators of these threats. Finally, some of the approaches and measures taken at both the national and international levels will be examined, including the policies and legislation needed to address it.

**LAWD : CYBER CRIME & COMPUTER LAW (3 credit hours)**

This course introduces students to the many different types of cybercrime. Students learn how to identify cybercriminal activity and learn how companies and law enforcement agencies are responding to the dangers these crimes present. Hypothetical scenarios are offered for students to examine, and students review the proper legal responses for these scenarios. Classes like these teach students the federal and state laws regarding computer violations and the proper manner for prosecuting crimes of this nature in court.

**LAWD ( ) FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD IN THE AGE OF CYBERSECURITY  
(3 credits)**

This course will analyze the evolution of fraud and financial crimes, the cyber profile of fraud and financial crimes, examine fraud, cyber breaches, financial crimes, and how to bring together financial crimes, fraud and cyber operations in an institution

**LAWD ( ) FINANCIAL CRIMES PENALTIES AND TAX (3 credits)**

Investigations, definitions used by the IRS and other Federal Agencies along with the severe penalties involved in domestic and international financial crimes. This would include criminal tax, financial fraud, and money laundering investigations and prosecutions; civil tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service including audits, appeals, and collection matters; and tax litigation in the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and U.S. district courts.

Also inclusive of international tax compliance issues, including foreign bank account reporting (FBAR), the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), and the IRS's voluntary disclosure programs for both domestic and offshore issues. Finally, compliance issues arising under the Bank Secrecy Act, the USA Patriot Act, FATCA, the anti-money laundering laws and regulations, and economic sanctions regimes.

### **LAWD ( ) U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRIMES (3 credit hours)**

The line between legitimate international financial activities and illicit conduct is increasingly blurred. Substantive legal and regulatory standards and enforcement and redress techniques have had to be developed for use against those involved in using private organizations and financial institutions for criminal activities. This course examines a range of criminal activities such as insider trading, market manipulation, money laundering, and government corruption and bribery. The primary focus will be U.S. laws and regulation but will include the international dimension of criminal activity and enforcement.