

GENERAL LL.M. PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SOUTHWESTERN
LAW SCHOOL

CONCENTRATIONS

■ INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW AND NEGOTIATION

Southwestern offers international students the opportunity to concentrate their studies in International Business Law and Negotiation through a wide selection of courses and training in practical skills. Developed by the international law faculty specifically for international students, this concentration offers students the opportunity to learn American and International business concepts and practices, and to refine skills in advocacy, counseling and negotiation, or drafting business contracts.

■ ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution hones a wide range of skills necessary for effective advocacy and dispute resolution in multiple practice areas. Through a combination of theoretical and hands-on training courses, students in this concentration enhance their academic background through proficiency in real world know-how.

SOUTHWESTERN'S EXPERT FACULTY

The Southwestern faculty are passionate educators, eminent scholars and caring mentors. Outstanding students themselves, they all excelled in law school, many clerked for leading members of the judiciary at the state and federal level, and most gained concrete legal experience by practicing law in the private, governmental or nonprofit spheres. Southwestern's 60+ full-time faculty members include internationally recognized experts in antitrust, civil rights, criminal justice, entertainment and media, environmental law, human rights, intellectual property, international law, technology, and trial and appellate advocacy, among other areas of the law. They hold key posts in scholarly, professional and civic organizations and have addressed Presidential commissions, Senate hearings and world forums. In addition, members of the adjunct faculty, distinguished judges and attorneys known for their expertise in specialized practices, enjoy sharing their real-world knowledge with students in stimulating elective courses.



Members of Southwestern's Full-time and Adjunct Faculty



Pictured above: U.S. District Court Judge Ronald Lew '71 (third from left) hosted a delegation of appellate judges from Mongolia as part of a cultural and legal exchange program sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center. Uuganbayar Dashpurev '14 (far left), an LL.M. student from Mongolia, also had a chance to meet the judicial delegation and share some of his Southwestern experiences with them.

“Our international LL.M. students energize the class with their enthusiasm and offer unique comparative perspectives on legal issues that they share both in and out of the classroom.”

– Professor Jonathan Miller

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Enrichment beyond the classroom is gained through exposure to guest speakers and visitors representing a wide range of perspectives on issues related to the law and current events. From Supreme Court justices to studio executives, visitors share their world views with students through symposia, Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute events, the Treusch Public Service Lecture, roundtable discussions, panel presentations and guest lectures.

The *Southwestern Journal of International Law* complements the law school's extensive course offerings and faculty expertise in international and comparative law. Recent volumes have examined future trends in international law, international trade and NAFTA, international arbitration, environmental law, privatization in Central and South America, immigration and human rights, international crime and a host of other comparative law issues. Journal-sponsored symposia have explored such subjects as the future of children in international law, transnational litigation and civic procedure, international law ten years from now, the future of the exclusionary rule, and Arctic sovereignty.

PART OF THE SOUTHWESTERN FAMILY



“Southwestern’s LL.M. Program and new partnership with Mexico not only provided me with a greater understanding of the adversarial justice system, but also a new family away from home. When I came to Southwestern in January, I did so with only one thing on my mind – to learn the law here in order to make a difference when I go back to Mexico. However, upon arriving at the law school, I was not only delighted by its history and beauty, but also by its people. There was never a day when someone on campus did not make me feel happy, make me laugh, encourage me to go on, or make me feel a part of the Southwestern family. Studying here taught me to be hungry for knowledge, energetic, eager, and passionate. My classmates were all friendly and were always willing to share their time with me. My teachers showed me how to love the profession. They were available not only during class, but also during office hours and were happy to share an encouraging word. Of course, there were the students and student organizations that always included me and my other Mexican colleagues

in many of their events. I have so many memories to take home that will feed my soul and bring happiness to my life. This experience has filled my spirit with strength to go back to Mexico and contribute to the process of challenging our justice system.”

– Cristal Gonzalez Obregon '07

“One amazing aspect of Southwestern’s LL.M. program is the opportunity for students from other countries to participate in skills based classes such as trial advocacy. In this course, students learn about jury selection and present opening statements, direct and cross examination, as well as closing arguments. In the process, students learn about American law, and courtroom practice and procedures.”

– Hon. Deborah Brazil '96, LA Superior Court Judge and Adjunct Professor of Law

THE LEGAL LABORATORY OF LOS ANGELES



There is no place even remotely like it. From its wide sunny beaches to its vibrant downtown, from its ultra-chic shops to its trendy clubs, from its thriving ethnic neighborhoods to its many corporate headquarters, Los Angeles lives and breathes energy and diversity.

The city is also on the leading edge of several growth industries. LA County, with more than 87,000 jobs in the fashion industry, has surpassed New York’s fashion district workforce. The LA five-county area also has more than 700,000 people at work in health services/biomedical activities and 190,000 people in aerospace/technology. Below are just a handful of facts and figures about this cultural mecca and paradise of good weather:

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Population of nearly 4 million people representing 140 different countries
- Nearly 100 different languages spoken
- Largest populations of Armenians, Cambodians, Filipinos, Guatemalans, Iranians, Japanese, Koreans and Mexicans in the U.S.
- Second-largest LGBT population in the country

CLIMATE/GEOGRAPHY

- An average of 330 days of sunshine a year
- Average temperature in December: 68°F; average temperature in July: 83°F
- Altitudes ranging from 9 feet below sea level to 10,080 above
- Geography suitable for surfing, fishing, golf, snowboarding, skiing and hiking

ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURE

- 30 major movie and television studios
- An average of 150 productions filmed daily on L.A. streets
- More than 80 stage theaters, with 1,500+ annual theatrical productions
- Music industry capital and home of the world-famous Capital Records Building
- World-renowned professional sports teams: Dodgers, Galaxy, Kings, Lakers, Clippers and Sparks
- Major amusement parks within an hour’s drive: Disneyland, Disney’s California Adventure, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry Farm and Six Flags Magic Mountain
- More than 2,000 professional arts organizations
- Greatest concentration in the U.S. (300+) of museums of art, history, science, ethnic heritage and western culture
- More than 20,000+ restaurants offering cuisines from Argentine to Vietnamese

BUSINESS

- Number 1 ranked customs district and the nation’s leading customs districts for trade with 12 of its top 20 trade partners: China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Ecuador and the Philippines
- 16th largest economy in the world (L.A. County)
- Number 1 import/export port in the U.S.; 5th largest in the world (cargo handled)
- Banking and financial center of the West Coast
- Largest government center outside of Washington D.C.
- Largest fashion district in the U.S. and hub of the apparel industry on the West Coast
- Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the number 1 international gateway to Asia/the Pacific and is the 6th busiest passenger airport in the world



CURRICULUM BY TRACK

ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Students in the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution track must take all of the following required courses. To fulfill the 24 required units, additional courses may be selected from the electives category.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (2)
- Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation (3)
- Introduction to American Laws (2)
- Legal Writing for LL.M. Students (2)
- Trial Advocacy (3)

ELECTIVES

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| ■ Administrative Law (3) | ■ Family Law Procedure and Practice (2) |
| ■ American Justice System Seminar (2) | ■ Forensic Evidence (2) |
| ■ Art of Persuasion (1) ^a | ■ Legal Profession (2 or 3) |
| ■ Art of Storytelling (1) ^a | ■ International Conflict Resolution (1) ^b |
| ■ Civil Pretrial Practice (3) | ■ International Dispute Resolution (2) ^d |
| ■ Class Action (2) | ■ International Litigation and Arbitration (2) ^c |
| ■ Complex Criminal Litigation Capstone (2) | ■ Mass Tort Litigation Capstone (2 or 3) |
| ■ Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3) | ■ Mediation Advocacy (1) ^b |
| ■ Courtroom Procedure 101 (1) ^a | ■ Negotiation (1) ^b |
| ■ Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation (2) | ■ Products Liability (3) |
| ■ Evidence (4) | ■ Remedies (2 or 3) |

Note: Students may petition to take other upper division courses not listed here to fulfill the required units for the LL.M. degree. Petitions are approved on a case-by-case basis. Course selection is subject to change. Some elective courses are not offered every year, and seminar topics vary from year to year.

^a Offered in the January Intersession

^b Offered in the Hawaii Intersession

^c Offered on campus and in certain Summer Abroad Programs

^d Only offered in certain Summer Abroad Programs

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW AND NEGOTIATION

Students in the International Business Law and Negotiation track must take the following three required courses and choose at least one of the additional required courses. To fulfill the 24 required units, additional courses may be selected from either the additional required courses or electives categories.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation (3)
- Introduction to American Laws (2)
- Legal Writing for LL.M. Students (2)

REQUIRED SKILLS COURSES (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

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| ■ Alternative Dispute Resolution (2) | ■ Drafting Business Contracts (2) |
| ■ Business Planning (2) | ■ Drafting Technology Agreements (3) |

ELECTIVES

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| ■ Agency and Partnership (2) | ■ Legal Profession (2 or 3) |
| ■ Antitrust Law (3) | ■ Mass Tort Litigation Capstone (2 or 3) |
| ■ Bankruptcy (3) | ■ Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance (3) |
| ■ Cyber Law (2) | ■ Negotiation (1) ^b |
| ■ Immigration Law (2) | ■ Nonprofit Organizations (2) |
| ■ International Business Transactions (2 or 3) ^c | ■ Products Liability (3) |
| ■ International and Comparative IP Law (2) | ■ Public International Law (2 or 3) |
| ■ International Environmental Law (2) ^d | ■ Sales (2) |
| ■ International Labor and Employment Law Seminar (2) | ■ Secured Transactions (3) |
| ■ International Litigation and Arbitration (2) | ■ Securities Regulation (3) |
| ■ International Trade Law (2 or 3) ^c | ■ Strategic Alliances (1) ^a |
| ■ Latin American Laws and Institutions (2) ^c | ■ Survey of Federal Income Tax (3) |
| ■ Law of International Development (2) | ■ White Collar Crime (3) |



INTERNATIONAL LL.M. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Peter Lobe '10 came to the United States from Cameroon (West Africa), where he had earned his Licence en Droit (Law Degree) from the University of Yaounde II Soa. Interested in practicing law in the United States, Southwestern's Individualized LL.M. Program gave him the knowledge and skills he needs to launch his career in this new setting.



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