



Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
LL.M. Program in U.S. Legal Studies

A UNIQUE PROGRAM

Touro's LL.M. program for foreign law graduates is the third oldest such program in the New York City metropolitan area, after those of Columbia and New York University. It is a 27-credit program designed to provide a grounding in United States jurisprudence, law, and procedure. The program is intended to serve the needs of two distinct groups:

- foreign-qualified lawyers living in the U.S. who hope to resume here the legal careers they began abroad.
- attorneys coming from abroad who seek familiarity with U.S. law and legal institutions, so they may use that knowledge in their foreign legal careers.

The program, which emphasizes the development of analytical skills, was the first in the country to offer a research and writing course designed exclusively for foreign lawyers as well as a course devoted specifically to the U.S. legal system. Distinctive features of the program include:

- Optional survey courses on basic U.S. legal subjects: Constitutional Law, Property, Contracts, Civil Procedure and Torts. In

these courses, attention is devoted to major cases, but most readings are commentaries on the law. Instead of the traditional J.D. format, in which students read cases and discuss them in class, the survey courses are taught in lecture format. These subjects are tested on the New York bar exam. Survey courses can be valuable for students who want a quick familiarity with a particular area of U.S. law.

- The opportunity to “audit” one course per semester. Auditing allows a student to attend a course at no cost and to even take the final exam, but the course does not count toward the credits needed for graduation. Auditing one course per semester over three semesters can increase learning opportunities by about 30%, at no additional cost.
- Students who excel in the LL.M. program may be considered for transfer to the J.D. program.
- Tuition is charged on a per-credit basis.

“Touro’s LL.M. program can surely be counted as one of the best in the U.S. It is flexible, serious, and very supportive.”

- ANDRÉS MÚJICA '09

B.C.L., Universidad Externado de Colombia

D.E.S.S., University of Montréal

LL.M., McGill University

Ph.D. (Law) candidate, University of Montréal



PROGRAM SPECIFICS

The two required courses, *Introduction to the U.S. Legal System* (3 credits) and the *LL.M. Tutorial* (2 credits), are offered on 14 Sundays. Two two-credit survey courses are generally offered on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Each credit is equivalent to one hour of class per week in a 14-week semester. Students are expected to study up to three hours for each hour of class.

The minimum number of credits per semester for part-time students is seven. This means that part-time students can begin their studies with the two required courses on Sundays plus one of the survey courses on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. The part-time program may extend through four semesters. Students attending full time can complete the program in as few as two semesters. International students (those on F-1 student visas) are required to take a full-time course load. Students who are permanent residents or U.S. citizens are eligible for Federal loans.

“Of all the programs in the New York metro area, I chose Touro because it best suited my needs as a foreign law graduate.”

- RAM BABU DHAKAL '09

Former delegate of Nepal to the United Nations, Geneva and New York



TIMETABLE FOR APPLICANTS

Each year, a new class is admitted in the fall. Application and supporting documents must be received by May 31. Applications received after this date will be considered depending on space availability. The fall entering class is expected to attend a free two-week academic orientation (Monday through Thursday evenings) before the start of the regular fall semester. Registration for fall courses takes place during the academic orientation.

A new class is sometimes admitted in the spring. Students interested in spring admission should inquire about this in early November and should complete their admission process by the end of November.

CREDENTIALS

LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

All applicants are required to have their law school transcripts evaluated and authenticated by one of the following two services:

Law School Admission Council LL.M.

Credential Assembly Service

662 Penn St.

Box 8511

Newtown, PA 18940-8511

U.S.A.

Phone: 215.968.1315

Fax: 215.504.1456

www.llm.lsac.org

World Education Services (WES)

Postal Address

Bowling Green Station

PO Box 5087

New York, NY 10274-5087

U.S.A.

Phone: 212.966.6311

Fax: 212.739.6100

www.wes.org

Courier Address

64 Beaver St, #146

New York, NY 10004

U.S.A.



TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

U.S. law study is language-intensive, requiring mastery of lengthy readings that use legal and lay English in both modern and archaic forms. All applicants for whom English is not their first language must submit official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score approaching 240 (computer-based scale) or 95 (internet-based scale) is desirable. Touro's institution code is 2902.

TOEFL Services

Educational Testing Service

P.O. Box 6151

Princeton, NJ 08541-6151

U.S.A.

Phone: 609.771.7100

TTY: 609.771.7714

Fax: 610.290.8972

www.toefl.org



NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS CERTIFICATION

Prior to beginning the program, all applicants interested in sitting for the bar exam are encouraged to obtain certification of their eligibility from the New York State Board of Law Examiners. Completion of an LL.M. program does not guarantee access to the bar exam. Eligibility is governed in part by the nature of prior law study.

For more information, contact:

The New York State Board of Law Examiners

Corporate Plaza, Building 3
254 Washington Avenue Extension
Albany, NY 12203-5195
U.S.A.

Phone: 518.452.8700 or 800.342.3335 (toll-free in NYS)

Fax: 518.452.5729

www.nybarexam.org



VISAS

Students who will require F-1 student visas must submit affidavits of support indicating that they have adequate financial support for tuition, fees and living expenses for at least one academic year of study. When a student is accepted and makes the required tuition deposit, Touro will issue a Form I-20 for the student to use in applying for the F-1 visa. Students should begin the application process three to four months before the scheduled start of the program.

LOCATION

Touro Law Center is on Long Island, about an hour by train or car east of New York City, at the center of one of the most dynamic and vital regions of the country. The Law Center's unique location as part of a law campus that includes both a federal courthouse and a state courthouse offers unparalleled activities and professional opportunities.

The campus is right off the Southern State Parkway, which runs west-east along the south shore of Long Island, connecting in the west to the Belt Parkway. It is also easily accessible from the Central Islip station of the Long

Island Railroad (LIRR), with regular service from Pennsylvania Station, Manhattan; Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn; and Jamaica, Queens. A public express bus runs directly to and from the campus during peak hours and is supplemented by a free Touro shuttle bus.

The Law Center is near Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) and is also accessible from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and LaGuardia Airport (LGA).

Parking on campus is secure and free of charge.



HOUSING

Inquire early regarding on-campus housing. In addition, Central Islip and neighboring communities offer a wide variety of affordable, convenient housing options, ranging from apartments and condominiums to single-family homes. The Office of Admissions coordinates a Housing Information Network every summer, offering local listings, broker listings and information on students seeking shared-living arrangements.



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applicants may use:

- The Electronic Application for Admission on Touro's web site (www.tourolaw.edu) *or*
- The Application for Admission in Portable Document Format (PDF) (downloadable from Touro's web site)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

- Completed and signed Application for Admission
- Personal Statement
- Official law school transcript evaluated and authenticated by either *LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service* or *WES*
- TOEFL report (for applicants whose first language is not English)
- Application fee
- NY State Board of Law Examiners Certification Letter (recommended)

Paper application and supporting documents should be mailed or faxed to:

Office of Admissions – LL.M. Program
Touro Law Center
225 Eastview Drive, Central Islip, NY 11722
Phone: 631.761.7010 • Fax: 631.761.7019
www.tourolaw.edu • E-mail: llmflg@tourolaw.edu



CAMPUS VISITS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the Law Center.
Please contact the
Office of Admissions at
631.761.7010 or
e-mail: llmflg@tourolaw.edu.



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