CALIFORNIA WESTERN
SCHOOL OF LAW | San Diego

GRADUATE PROGRAM
FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS
225 Cedar Street, San Diego,
California 92101-3046
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

M.C.L. degree candidates must spend two semesters in residence and satisfactorily complete a minimum of eighteen, and up to 25 credit hours in regularly scheduled courses, seminars, and independent study projects.

LL.M. degree candidates must, in addition to the aforementioned requirements, complete a scholarly research paper, which will account for at least two hours of academic credit, with a minimum of twenty credits.

Admission
Students may start their graduate studies in August or in January. The application deadlines are:

Fall classes - June 15
Spring classes - November 1

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applications cannot be processed until the school receives all of the following materials:

Academic Records Applicants must submit an official transcript for each institution of higher learning (university, college) attended. The transcript must be in the language of the institution and in English. The transcript should explain the university's grading system.

Letters of Recommendation Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation should be from a current or former law professor. If you are currently employed in the field of law, one recommendation should be from an employer. The recommendations may be submitted with the application in a sealed and signed envelope or forwarded directly to the M.C.L./LL.M. Program.

Personal Statement Applicants must write a personal statement describing their previous law study and professional experience, reasons and goals for studying law in the United States, professional plans following graduation, and any other information applicants consider relevant. It is also useful to submit a résumé (curriculum vitae) to summarize your work history.

Proof of Competency in English All courses are taught in English. Applicants from non-English speaking countries, or whose native language is not English, must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) given by the Education Testing Service. Proof of competency in English may also be demonstrated by evidence of successful study of a significant nature and duration at an institution of higher learning in which English was the primary language of instruction. The ETS TOEFL code number for California Western School of Law is 4802. The Department Code is 03.

Certification of Adequate Financial Resources Applicants must provide documentation of adequate financial resources to pay for tuition, books, medical insurance, and living expenses during the M.C.L./LL.M. program. This should be in the form of a letter from the applicant or the applicant's sponsor stating the specific amount available in U.S. dollars, as well as a letter from a bank verifying the applicant or the sponsor has sufficient funds. M.C.L./LL.M. degree candidates, with the exception of those having permanent U.S. residency, are not eligible for financial aid.

Application fee Each application must include a non-refundable $55 application fee (paid by money order or check drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. currency payable to California Western School of Law).

M.C.L./LL.M. degree applicants are recommended to register with ***LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service*** International.

This service will save you time and money, if you intend to apply to a number of U.S. or Canadian graduate law programs. You will only need to obtain your transcripts and other required credentials one time in order to make them available for all of your law school applications. For a registration fee of $185 (US), LSAC will collect, authenticate, and distribute your university records [and TOEFL score(s) – if required]. You will be able to use this credential-processing service to apply to participating U.S. and Canadian law schools for a period of five years. Five reports to law schools are included in the registration fee. For additional information about this service, go to www.llm.lsac.org .

Please note that you must still complete the California Western M.C.L./LL.M. application and submit all required application fees to California Western School of Law. The LSAC service serves only to authenticate non-U.S. or Canadian credentials that are needed in addition to a completed admission application.

All materials submitted by the applicant become the property of California Western School of Law and cannot be returned.

COURSES AND AREAS OF CONCENTRATION FOR M.C.L./LL.M. PROGRAM

Students may choose their own programs tailored to their academic and professional interests. California Western School of Law offers many courses and seminars in international and comparative law. Students, in consultation with their faculty advisor, may take courses in specialized areas of concentration. In addition to a selection of courses in an area of concentration, a student should plan a significant writing project in that area to satisfy the thesis/scholarly writing program requirement for the LL.M. degree. An internship in the area of concentration or work experience (practical training after completion of the degree program) is recommended. In addition to the following areas of concentration, you may choose course concentrations in U.S. Law and Procedure, Criminal Law, Family Law, Health Law, and Biotechnology Law.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

- Comparative Law
- Conflicts of Law
- European Union Law
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Law
- International Law - Selected Topics
- International Protection of Human Rights
- International Trade
- International Tax
- Mexican Law
- NAFTA Law
- International Telecommunications Law
- International Law: Armed Conflict & Peacekeeping
- International Environmental Law
- International Litigation and Arbitration

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

- Business Organizations
- International Business Transactions
- International Trade
- NAFTA
- Bankruptcy
- Business Planning
- Corporate Tax
- Employment Tax
- Partnership Tax
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Securities
- Trademark Law
- Patent Law

ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Mediation
- Advanced Mediation
- Negotiation
- Trial Practice
- Criminal Appellate Advocacy
- Pretrial Practice
- Trial Practice
- Criminal Interviewing and Counseling Skills
- International Litigation and Arbitration

ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS LAW

- Contracts I, II
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Copyright
- Entertainment Law
- Sports Law
- Mediation
- Negotiation
- Media Law
- Entertainment Law Advanced
- Labor Law
- Franchise Law
- Antitrust Law

REAL ESTATE LAW

- Property I, II
- Administrative Law
- Administrative/Legislative Law
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions
- Environmental Law and Natural Resources
- Environmental Law Seminar
- Condominiums, Planned Developments & Cooperatives
- Estate Planning
- Federal Income Tax
- Land Use Regulation
- Mediation
- Negotiation
- Partnership Tax
- Real Property Finance
- Secured Transactions

CIVIL RIGHTS LAW

- Constitutional Law I
- Constitutional Law II
- American Legal History I, II, and Seminar
- Administrative Law
- International Protection of Human Rights
- Constitutional Law Seminar
- Legislation
- First Amendment Seminar

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW

- Telecommunications Law
- International Telecommunications Law
- Cyberspace Law
- Trademark Law
- Law and Technology Seminar

BAR COURSES & SUBJECTS

In order to pass the bar examination of the state in which you plan to practice, it is critical that you enroll in the courses that cover the material tested on that state's bar. This is true even if you plan to take, as you should, a bar preparation course because bar preparation courses review the material covered on the bar examination but they do not teach you that material.

The following list shows the subjects covered on the California State Bar and on the Multistate Bar Examination (which is part of all state bars, except the bars in Louisiana and Washington).

California Essay Subjects

Business Associations (corporations, partnership, limited liability entities, and agency)

Civil Procedure (Federal and California)

Community Property

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law II

Contracts

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Evidence (Federal and California)

Professional Responsibility

Real Property

Remedies

Torts

Trusts & Estates (Trusts and Wills)

Multistate Subjects

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law II

Contracts

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Evidence (Federal only)

Real Property

Torts

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - Graduate Program for Foreign Lawyers
This application is ONLY for foreign law graduates applying to the LL.M. or M.C.L. Program.

DEGREE APPLYING FOR:
- ○ M.C.L. (Master of Comparative Law)
- ○ LL.M. (Master of Laws in Comparative Law) ***Thesis Requirement***
- ○ Certificate Program in Comparative & International Law (One semester)

SEMESTER: YEAR:
- ○ FALL 20_____
- ○ SPRING

NAME _____
LAST (Family) FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS _____
STREET APARTMENT

Valid Until: _____ _____
CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP COUNTRY

_____ _____
HOME PHONE WORK PHONE
(May we contact you at work? _____)

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
STREET APARTMENT

_____
CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP COUNTRY

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PERSONAL DATA U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (optional) _____/_____/___
- ○ MALE
- ○ FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH _____/_____/_____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR CITY, STATE, COUNTRY

CITIZENSHIP
- ○ U.S. CITIZEN
- ○ OTHER Country of Citizenship: _____
- ○ U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT
- ○ NON-RESIDENT ALIEN: Current Visa Type: _____

Will you require an I-20 Form for a F-1 student visa? _____

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

If your native language is not English, when did you or do you plan to take the TOEFL?
Please list date(s) and score(s) _____

Please have your scores sent directly to California Western School of Law by Educational Testing Services. Our Institutional Code is 4802 and the Department Code is 03.

California Western School of law values the diversity of our student body. If you wish to voluntarily identify yourself to the law school as a member of a particular racial and/or ethnic group, please answer questions 1- 3 below. If no category describes you accurately, please select the closest category listed or you may select "other" and provide a description. The information you provide will not be used in any discriminatory manner. If you choose to provide this information, please respond to all three questions.

1. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If Yes, please select one of the categories below:

☐ Central American ☐ Cuban ☐ South American
☐ Chicano/Mexican ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ Other Hispanic/Latino_____

3. In addition, please select one or more of the racial categories to describe yourself:
American Indian/Alaska Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment)

☐ Alaska Native ☐ American Indian

Asian (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of East Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent)

☐ Cambodian ☐ Japanese ☐ Thai
☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Vietnamese
☐ Filipino ☐ Malaysian ☐ Other Asian_____
☐ Indian ☐ Pakistani

Black or African American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa)

☐ Black or African American ☐ Other Black or African American_____

Caucasian/White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa)

☐ European ☐ North African ☐ Other Caucasian/White_____
☐ Middle East

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the middle East, or North Africa)

☐ Native Hawaiian ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ Other

LIST ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED OR CURRENTLY ATTENDING

SCHOOL	MAJOR	DEGREE	GRADUATION DATE	LOCATION	G.P.A. or CLASS RANK
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LIST ALL ACADEMIC HONORS, PUBLICATIONS, BAR MEMBERSHIPS, AND RELEVANT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYER	JOB DESCRIPTION	DATES
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If you answer yes to either of the following two questions, submit a full explanation with dates.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other that a minor traffic infraction or are there any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

○ YES
○ NO

Has any educational institution, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces) or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including academic probation or suspension) against you?

○ YES
○ NO

LETTERS OF REFERENCE
WILL BE SUBMITTED BY 1. _____ 2. _____

WHO OR WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO APPLY TO CALIFORNIA WESTERN?

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: I certify that the information provided by me in this application is complete and accurate. While this application is active, I shall promptly advise the Admissions Office of any change in any of the facts presented in this application. I understand and agree that omission, misrepresentation, or concealment of any facts or information on this application may be considered sufficient reason for refusal of admission, expulsion, or dismissal after admission or revocation of degree.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please note, your application is not complete until all the following items are received:

1. Completed & signed application
2. Non-refundable application fee of $55
3. Personal statement
4. Official transcripts
5. Two recommendation letters
6. Official TOEFL scores
7. Financial certification
8. Passport size photo

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FINANCIAL FORM

M.C.L./LL.M. degree applicants, with the exception of those having permanent U.S. residency, are not eligible for financial aid. The law school strongly encourages applicants to investigate sources of financial assistance in their own countries and make timely application for such aid (e.g. with the bi-national Fulbright Commission in their countries or the Cultural Attache of the Embassy of the U.S.A.).

NAME _____

CITIZENSHIP _____

Are you U.S. permanent resident?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

Do you have sufficient funds to pay for your tuition, books, and living expenses at California Western School of Law?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

If yes, please indicate your source of funds, sign below, and skip the last section. You must also submit a letter of a bank or sponsor verifying you have the necessary resources.

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

If you are a U.S. permanent resident, do you intend to apply for financial aid?

- ○ YES
- ○ NO

To apply for financial aid, please contact:

Financial Aid Office
225 Cedar Street
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: (619) 525-7060
Email: financial_aid@cwsl.edu.
Website: http://www.cwsl.edu/finaid/f_main.html

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

(You may use this form or attach a separate letter)

_____
NAME OF REFERENCE

_____
BUSINESS ADDRESS

_____

Applicant's Waiver of Right to Confidential Information: For the purposes of encouraging candor, I freely waive my right of access to any information contained in this recommendation form and supplied by the person named as a reference. I agree the information shall remain confidential.

_____
Signature Date

Name of Applicant: _____ is an applicant for admission to the California Western School of Law Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.)/Master of Laws in Comparative Law (LL.M.) Program. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant. Under U.S. law giving students access to educational records, California Western School of Law cannot guarantee the confidentiality of your statement unless the applicant has signed the waiver printed above.

HOW LONG AND IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

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Please answer question 1 through 4 or as many of the questions as your information permits. Space is provided on the reverse side. Additional pages are welcome.

1. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC AND LEGAL ABILITIES?
2. WHAT IS THE APPLICANT'S PROFICIENCY IN WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH?
3. WHAT IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT'S INTEGRITY OR LACK OF INTEGRITY?
4. HOW ADAPTABLE WILL THE APPLICANT BE TO LIVING AND STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES?

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NAME _____ POSITION _____

SCHOOL OR BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

We appreciate your prompt reply. Your recommendation is an essential part of the applicant's application. Please mail your letter directly to:

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INFORMATION NEEDED FOR I-20

VISA INFORMATION

You will need to obtain a student (F-1) visa from the American Embassy or Consulate in your home country. The F-1 visa is the most common student visa. Immigration regulations require you to attend the university or college whose I-20 Form you used to enter the United States. When applying for a visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, you must present a valid passport and the I-20 Form. You will also be asked to show proof that you have adequate financial support to attend California Western School of Law.

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR INFORMATION SYSTEM (SEVIS)

Effective August 2002 with implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), all international students holding F visas will be required to comply with new U.S. Government regulations. SEVIS is designed to help the U.S. Government keep track of nonimmigrant students. The previous version of the I-20 was a two-page form including a School copy and a Student copy. The new SEVIS I-20 will have only the student page. The SEVIS I-20 will contain a two-dimensional (2D) bar code on the right hand corner of the form, and a unique SEVIS Identification Number. Dependents will each have their own SEVIS Form I-20.

Please complete this form and return with your application. All information is required unless otherwise noted. Failure to accurately complete this form will result in a delay in processing your I-20. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Last Name (Family Name)			
First Name			
Middle Name (If applicable)			
Gender		Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	
Citizenship		Country of Birth	
FOREIGN MAILING ADDRESS			
Street & Number			
City		Region/Providence	
Country		Postal/Zip Code	
Phone		Email (optional)	
SOURCE OF FUNDING	Total Cost of Program $	(As will be noted on your I-20*)	
Student	$	Family Funds	$
Loan amount	$	Sponsor Funds	$

DEPENDENT INFORMATION (If applicable; only spouses and children can be considered a dependent)

Last Name (Family Name)	First Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Relationship

*This includes tuition/fees and approximate costs for living expenses, books, insurance, etc.