

LLM Application Packet: Animal Law

Summary of Program

The program leading to the master of laws (LLM) in animal law is for U.S. and international law school graduates who want to emphasize this area in practice, teaching, research, or public policy. The program is intended for both recent law school graduates and established lawyers who want to enhance their current practice or develop a new specialty.

Lewis & Clark's LLM program requires completion of 26 semester hours of credit. Requirements can be completed in as few as nine months. U.S. students may spread out their study over two and a half years. International students may spread out their study over one and a half years. U.S. students may begin their studies in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. International students must begin their studies in the fall semester. Summer classes are available for all students.

Please consult our website, CenterForAnimalLawStudies.org, for a complete description of the LLM program, courses, and faculty.

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the LLM program is highly competitive. Applicants must be graduates of a U.S. or international law school by the time they start the program. Membership in the U.S. bar is not necessary for admission. International applicants must have earned a degree that allows them to practice law in the country in which they received the degree. For a list of qualifying international law degrees, please visit www.lsc.org/llm-other-law-program-applicants/application-process-llm-other-law-programs/information-llm.

Each application is evaluated as a whole. We are interested in your scholarly capacity, your skills as a lawyer, your academic performance, and your interest in the animal law field.

We welcome applications from international law school graduates who wish to learn more about animal law in the U.S. legal system. However, the animal law LLM alone is not designed to equip international students for U.S. practice or to take the U.S. bar exam.

LLM students can expect extensive reading assignments, vigorous class discussion, and either a written examination or extensive research paper in each course. For international students, superb English language skills are essential.

Costs and Financial Aid

Please visit our website for the current cost of tuition. The actual cost in any semester depends on the number of credits a student takes. In addition, there are other costs (fees, health insurance, and living expenses) that should be calculated into a total expense.

Financial aid (in the form of loans) is available to qualified U.S. students. International students are encouraged to explore funding options with their governments or private foundations. We will work to minimize the costs of the LLM program to make this innovative, high-quality legal education a possibility for all accepted students (both U.S. and international).

If you plan to apply for loans (available to qualified U.S. citizens), request financial aid forms by checking the box on the attached application. You should complete and return the financial aid forms as soon as possible. Because financial aid decisions may lag behind admission decisions, *you should not wait until you have received an offer of admission to apply for financial aid.*

Application Deadlines

The program considers applications on a rolling basis and accepts applications throughout the calendar year. However, for primary consideration for admission and scholarship support, the following dates for the submission of applications should be observed. For U.S. applicants, applications for fall (August) and summer (May) semesters are due February 1 each year; applications for spring semester (January) are due September 1 each year. For international students, applications for fall (August) semester are due February 1. We will also consider applications past the admissions deadlines if there is still room in the class.

Application Instructions

To apply, please submit the following to the LLM program director:

- Completed LLM application (attached), *signed and dated*.
 - Statement of purpose: In 500 words or fewer, explain your objective in pursuing graduate legal studies. Please be thoughtful in your explanation as to why you believe this degree will be valuable and comment on your long-term professional goals.
 - References: Two letters of reference written by people who know you well, written to help the Admissions Committee evaluate your academic capacity and ethical character, writing and research skills, and professional ability as a lawyer using concrete examples and descriptions. The letters do not need to be sealed and may be submitted directly to the law school or with the other application materials. Letters for international applicants should discuss ability to study in a U.S. law school and facility with English, if known.
 - Current resume or curriculum vitae.
 - Writing sample of approximately 10–15 pages that will demonstrate your ability to organize, reason, and communicate. The sample need not be animal law in nature, but should be an example of *legal* writing that demonstrates your best writing, research, and analytical skills.
 - Official transcripts from all law schools and any post-graduate programs attended whether or not a degree was granted sent directly to the LLM program director.
- International students must send official English translations.
- International students only:
 - For students for whom English is a second language, a TOEFL or IELTS score or other measure of facility with English (e.g., other tests of English or previous study in an English-speaking school). Our minimum scores are the following:
 - Internet-based TOEFL (IBT): 100
 - IELTS: 8

Admission Process

Your admission file is created when the law school receives your completed application form. You may choose to submit all of your documents at once or to submit as many of the documents as you can at one time, with other items such as transcripts and reference letters, to follow. For U.S. students seeking loans, please submit and file financial aid forms as soon as possible; *do not wait until you have received an offer of admission*.

Once your file is complete, the Admissions Committee will review it and contact you regarding the decision. If you accept an offer of admission, you must submit a nonrefundable tuition deposit of \$250 within three weeks after notification of admission to hold your place in the class. Please make any checks payable to Lewis & Clark Law School.

For efficiency and environmental reasons, we use email to update candidates on the status of their files whenever we can.

Academic Calendar

The law school is on the semester system, with 13 weeks of classes and two weeks of exams in each semester. The fall semester generally begins the last week of August and ends the second or third week of December for a three-week winter break. The spring semester generally begins in early-January and ends in late April, with a one-week spring break in March. *International students must arrive on campus two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester to take a mandatory Introduction to U.S. Legal Studies course.*

Questions

For more information about the LLM program, please contact:

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Lewis & Clark Law School is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Lewis & Clark adheres to a nondiscriminatory policy with respect to employment, enrollment, and program. Lewis & Clark does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, age, marital status, national origin, the presence of any physical or sensory disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, state, and local laws, and has a firm commitment to promote the letter and spirit of all equal opportunity and civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as their implementing regulations. Questions regarding Title IX may be directed to one of Lewis & Clark's Title IX coordinators (go.lclark.edu/about/title_ix) or to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. We encourage applications from persons in groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

Application for Admission: Animal Law LLM

LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL

Office Use: ID #

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Applications should be mailed to:
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Social Security number
(U.S. citizens)

NAME: Last First Middle

CURRENT ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: Home () Work ()

PERMANENT ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: () EMAIL

Application for Year _____

- ☐ Fall semester ☐ Spring semester (U.S. students only)
☐ Summer semester (U.S. students only)

International Students Required Statements

If not a citizen of the U.S., are you a Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No VISA TYPE

COUNTRY OF: Citizenship Residence Birth

Education Information

List all colleges, universities, graduate, and professional schools you have attended. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

SCHOOL	MAJOR	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE	DATE AWARDED OR EXPECTED
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List all scholastic or academic honors you have received after secondary school including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, honor societies, etc. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

AWARD NAME	DATE RECEIVED	PURPOSE OF AWARD
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References

List three individuals who will furnish the required letters of recommendation.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT
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Work Experience

List your last four positions of employment, including present employment and summer employment.

DATES	EMPLOYER	POSITION/DUTIES

Are you a member of the bar? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, indicate in what jurisdiction(s) and when admitted.

I acknowledge my law degree allows me to practice law in the country where I received it. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Miscellaneous

Answering “yes” to either of the first two questions below does not automatically disqualify you from consideration for admission.

Have you been charged, convicted, or forfeited bond or bail in any court proceeding of a criminal nature (including major traffic offenses)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, attach a detailed explanation on a separate sheet.

Have you ever been dismissed from or suspended by any school, college, university, or law school? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, attach a detailed explanation on a separate sheet.

Have you served in the armed forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, indicate location(s), name, branch, rank, date, and type of discharge.

I agree to allow my application materials to be shared with donors for scholarship support consideration. ☐ Yes ☐ No

You need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor at the earliest possible date if you want to be considered for loans. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Answers to the following questions are needed if you are admitted, but are not used by the law school to make an admission decision.

DATE OF BIRTH <small>MM/DD/YY</small>	PLACE OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Sex assigned at birth ☐ M ☐ F

Is your gender identity different from your sex assignment at birth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate your gender identity and pronoun.

The U.S. Department of Education requires that we collect data on race and ethnicity in the following manner. Please answer to the best of your ability.

How do you describe your race and/or ethnicity? Indicate any of the following that apply.

Hispanic or Latino

- ☐ Chicano/Mexican American
☐ Puerto Rican
☐ Other Hispanic/Latino
 (please specify)

Not Hispanic or Latino

- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native:
 Tribe/Enrollment #
☐ Asian
☐ Black/African American
☐ Canadian Aboriginal

- ☐ Middle Eastern
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Other (please specify)

If you wish to discuss any special factors in your personal, family, social, ethnic, or economic background that we should consider in evaluating your application, please attach an explanation.

How did you hear about our LLM Program?

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is complete and accurate.

SIGNATURE

DATE