MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)
program
Crossroads to the World

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Robert H. McKinney School of Law
Empowering You to Make a Difference
Congratulations on your decision to advance your career with a graduate degree in law.

As you explore where to pursue this new opportunity, consider the advantages of a degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law: career advancement; an outstanding education at a low cost in a great location; flexibility; and an opportunity to build lifelong relationships with top-notch faculty and leaders in the profession.

IU McKinney has a proud tradition of connections to legal cultures around the world, with students and alumni from across the United States and more than 40 countries.

At IU McKinney, we offer both the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degrees—both designed to help you move forward in your chosen educational path. We hope you will join us to continue your legal education.

**IU McKinney LL.M. Degree: Some Potential Paths**

- Practice law in your home country.
- Stay in the U.S. for practical training.
- Sit for the bar in one of several U.S. states.
- Earn a J.D. degree in the U.S. to go into practice in the U.S. or internationally.
- Earn a Doctor of Juridical Science degree and pursue a career in academia.
The LL.M. degree awarded by IU McKinney is a single degree tailored to your needs, with specializations available in seven tracks in the following areas:

- **AMERICAN LAW FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS**
  You will explore a variety of areas of American law, including both the theory and practice of law in the United States.

- **CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW**
  You will have the opportunity to develop a broad understanding of U.S. and international corporate and commercial law.

- **HEALTH LAW, POLICY, AND BIOETHICS**
  You will expand your knowledge of legal, practical and ethical issues in health law.

- **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**
  You can explore areas of copyright, patent and trademark law, with the opportunity to focus on biotechnology and life science industries.

- **INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW**
  You can customize your studies within this track to focus on a number of areas within international law, including public international law, international business law and international trade law.

- **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**
  You will explore many areas of human rights law, with opportunities to participate in internships with governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations on human rights projects.

- **WORLD TRADE LAW**
  You will gain background in legal, business, and finance issues necessary for a career in business and trade in international markets and will interact with professionals at the World Trade Center Indianapolis, along with representatives of Indiana companies doing international business and trade, and individuals from companies throughout the world doing business with Indiana.

With the exception of the American Law for Foreign Lawyers track, which is open only to law graduates from law schools outside the United States, all of our tracks are available to all applicants with a first law degree—both law graduates of foreign law schools and J.D. graduates of U.S. law schools.

Unsure which track is best for you? The Graduate Program office staff stands ready to assist you in determining which track best fits your career goals and interests. We can connect you with faculty track directors, current students and alumni to learn more about a specific track.

For more information, visit our website: mckinneylaw.iu.edu
Recognized recently by the *International Jurist* as an A+ program in several competitive LL.M. categories (Best Law Student Experience and Best Value Law School with accolades in Career Preparation) IU McKinney represents the best of what an American LL.M. can offer.
ADVANCE your career

The legal profession is global, and international economic and political dynamics present new challenges. An LL.M. degree from IU McKinney prepares you to meet those challenges and opportunities with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of different legal systems.

Earning an LL.M. degree at IU McKinney is the first step toward a fulfilling future. It gives you a firm foundation from which to pursue a variety of options and career paths.

AN LL.M. DEGREE FROM MCKINNEY OFFERS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES:

• Located in the heart of Indianapolis, the 17th largest city in the United States with a 7% lower cost of living than the national average
• Walking distance to federal, state and local judicial courts and more than 50 state and local government offices
• Global companies nearby (pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Co. and Cummins Inc., an American Fortune 500 manufacturer, are two examples) and dozens of law firms and non-profit organizations.
• Students are eligible for more than 350 externship opportunities, ranging from federal and state governmental posts to large and niche law firm and corporate positions.

At IU McKinney, you’ll have unique opportunities to get to know practitioners in a variety of fields, pursue externships, clinical courses, or pro bono legal service and optional practical training (OPT) where you can put your legal skills to work.

IU McKinney is located steps away from hundreds of experiential learning and job opportunities.
EDUCATION LEADING TO CAREER SUCCESS

Fernanda Beraldi, LL.M. ’15, was an attorney in her native Brazil for 13 years before applying to the LL.M. program at IU McKinney. After graduating, she received two job offers with prominent nationally-recognized companies. She accepted a position at Indiana-based engine manufacturer Cummins Inc. as Senior Director, Ethics and Compliance.

“From the alumni, faculty and students, I felt that people here [at IU McKinney] had an interest in my story and my success. I applied for two very competitive externships offered by the law school, including one at the Indiana Supreme Court. That was an incredible experience that opened many doors. During that same semester, I was an intern at Eli Lilly and Co., which was also an amazing experience in which I was able to demonstrate my knowledge as a lawyer in a global setting. I fell in love with Indianapolis and was eventually offered two jobs here.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without this opportunity at IU McKinney.”

UNIQUELY POSITIONED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JOB MARKET

Dr. Achim Forster, LL.M. ’06, has been a public prosecutor and judge in Germany and is a Professor of Copyright Law, Media Law and Policy at the University of Applied Sciences Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt.

“In Germany, there is a high demand for highly qualified lawyers with an international background and with a perfect command of the English language. There’s no better way to accomplish this than taking an LL.M. In my case, I also had the wish to prepare for international research and to establish an international network of colleagues and friends.

“When I entered the job market, I realized that the skills obtained during my LL.M. studies are highly sought-after. And at my current position (which includes working with international students from around the world), I highly benefit not only from my legal knowledge obtained in the U.S., but also from the ability to work in an international and multi-cultural environment.”

“The LL.M. really enhanced my legal career.”
Indianapolis—the center of state government, business and culture—enhances everything about the student experience. Sports, art, green spaces, museums, shopping—all in a safe and welcoming city—await you at IU McKinney. The city is home to the Indiana Repertory Theatre (walking distance from the law school), the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis (the largest children’s museum in the world) and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (hosting the Indianapolis 500, the largest one-day sporting event in the world.) Also within walking distance from the school are the Indianapolis Zoo, and Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the city’s NFL team, the Indianapolis Colts.

Indianapolis has all the advantages of a big city, but with a cost-of-living index below the national average. You can balance the rigors of law school with a comfortable and active lifestyle.

Indianapolis was recently ranked the 8th best city in the United States for Business and Careers by Forbes magazine, thanks to the city’s thriving and diverse job sectors, including healthcare, insurance, education and finance.

**AFFORDABLE INDIANAPOLIS**

The low cost of living in Indianapolis, added to its appealing urban setting, is also attractive to cost-conscious students who seek an excellent education.

Cost of living compared to Indianapolis, IN

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At IU McKinney, we strive to attract top candidates from across the globe and recognize that pursuing graduate education in the United States is a significant investment for many of our applicants. As such, all LL.M. applicants are automatically considered for merit and needs-based funding, and generous funding is made available every year.

IU McKinney’s affordable tuition ($1,467/credit hour, $35,208 program) is lower than almost all of the other law schools in the nation offering LL.M. degrees. The average tuition of the 25 most popular LL.M. programs in the U.S. is $60,179. The average tuition of the top 50 programs is $52,916. IU McKinney has them all beat without sacrificing the quality of our program or the opportunities available to our students.

IU McKinney LL.M. alumni, Judge Aline Doral Stefani Fagundes and her husband, Judge Renato Barros Fagundes, are from Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

“When we began thinking of studying abroad, the very first name we thought of was McKinney. It is a perfect location as the cost of living is not as high as some places, but the law school is respected throughout the whole United States.

“For us, it was a family plan, because we have a daughter who was eight and a boy who was 16. It worked perfectly.”

IU McKinney is located in the heart of Indiana’s capital city, on a university campus that combines the best of two major research institutions: Indiana University and Purdue University.

Our campus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), is home to highly ranked and internationally respected IU schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing and the IU Kelley School of Business. At the intersection of civic life, higher education, business and healthcare, IUPUI is a hub of research and innovation.

Inlow Hall—your law school home—is a modern, light-filled space with both cutting-edge technology and comfortable facilities for learning with wireless Internet access. You’ll have access to the Ruth Lilly Law Library, one of the largest research libraries in the country, staffed by librarians with dual J.D./M.L.S. degrees.
FLEXIBLE for you

Explore the LL.M. program designed around your needs, with courses offered during the day, evening, summer or online through the Semester in Global Residence.

Earning an LL.M. degree requires dedication, but IU McKinney recognizes that many students also need flexibility as they balance the demands of career and family.

At IU McKinney, you can choose between day and evening courses from upper-level courses in the J.D. and LL.M. curricula as your schedule permits, while also combining your studies with new learning opportunities, such as internships, that enhance your experience.

SEMESTER IN GLOBAL RESIDENCE
Beginning in Fall 2017, IU McKinney offers the Semester in Global Residence option. Students taking part in the American Law for Foreign Lawyers Track, and the Corporate and Commercial Law track, will be able to complete some of the coursework online.

Students may take up to 11 credit hours in residence in a home country or elsewhere. Students will travel to IU McKinney for a summer intensive Legal Skills Seminar, followed by face-to-face coursework at IU McKinney’s Inlow Hall during the Fall semester, where they will take pre-requisite courses, establish connections with faculty, students and professionals in the Indianapolis legal community. Students will then travel home or wherever their career paths take them, to complete the degree during the Spring semester through IU McKinney’s online program.

INCREDIBLE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Islam Attia, LL.M. ’16, is a diplomat in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Cabinet of the Legal Advisor of the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

“I really enjoyed my studies at IU McKinney. The program was very flexible, with a very diverse collection of elective law courses. In addition, McKinney fully supported me in participating in a distinguished mock trial organized by the Association of Defense Counsel practicing before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ADC-ICTY) in The Hague, where I had exposure to international criminal justice.

“McKinney also fully supported me in a great internship in Swaziland, where I had a rare field opportunity to deal with human rights issues there. During my journey at McKinney, I constantly received unlimited support from both the faculty and administration.”
At IU McKinney, our LL.M. students have come from around the world, including:

Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Benin
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Democratic Republic of Congo
Egypt
Eritrea
France
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
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Philippines
Romania
Russia
Saudi Arabia
Serbia and Montenegro
Singapore
Somalia
South Africa
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Swaziland
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania
Thailand
Turkey
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Ukraine
Venezuela
Vietnam
Zimbabwe
Build RELATIONSHIPS

At IU McKinney, our faculty members are passionate about mentoring lawyers. They are professors and accomplished legal professionals, experts in their fields of interest and are eager to help you achieve your academic aspirations and career goals.

Distinguished members of the legal profession, including justices and judges from the Indiana Supreme Court and Indiana Court of Appeals, as well as Indiana’s former attorney general, have taught LL.M. courses.

Our LL.M. students are encouraged to participate in the rich intellectual and social life of the law school, a close-knit community that supports faculty-student interactions. These relationships between students and their professors often evolve into lifelong, worldwide connections of colleagues, mentors, and friends.

Our 11,000-plus alumni work in Indianapolis, throughout the United States and in countries all over the world, in a range of legal specialties, government, the non-profit sector and business. These alumni are your built-in network for career advice and opportunities, and we work hard to foster those connections.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Through the International Student Speaker Series, you are invited to share your expertise. In recent years, LL.M. students have presented programs on Chinese trademark law, investment in Mongolia, the Abyei Conflict in Sudan, children’s rights, worker’s rights in Brazil and Egypt, and an overview of the legal system in Saudi Arabia, among others.
A CLOSE-KNIT, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Hongbin Bao, LL.M. ’04, is Senior Counsel with Nguyen & Chen LLP, focusing on the Houston, Texas-based firm’s China Practice.

“The LL.M. program was highly recommended by a prestigious law firm in China. IU McKinney has some of the best professors in the United States.

“I remember quite clearly when Dean Andrew Klein was speaking of the law school in a presentation years ago. He said faculty and staff always asked, ‘What can I do?’ I had the same experience. When I had questions on laws, I could easily approach my professors; when I had questions on loans, I could find the solutions with the advisors; and when I wanted to learn to play golf, Professor McGregor loaned me golf clubs.

“McKinney Law School is a law school fostering the spirit of helping others, which is the essence of legal practice. ‘What can I do for you’ has encouraged me to provide solutions to my clients’ legal matters in a professional and friendly manner.”

ACCESS TO CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH AND WORK

Musun Oke, LL.M., ’18, current S.J.D. student from Nigeria

“I came across several articles and papers written by IU McKinney Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, who is a leading scholar in this area of law,” Oke said. “I was intrigued and was particularly interested as to how certain jurisdictions like the United States have expanded the scope of secured credit transactions to cover security interests over intellectual property. My quest for knowledge led me to IU Robert McKinney School of Law and it has been an exciting process.”

Professor Nguyen’s scholarship led Oke to IU McKinney, and the law school has lived up to her expectations, she said. “I particularly like the experiential learning opportunities given to international students,” Oke said. “The law school has a wonderful atmosphere, you feel part of a community and you are inspired to push your limits.”
Ready to **LEARN MORE?**

We invite you to learn more about IU McKinney Law’s students, faculty, facilities, services, and other programs. Visit us online and take a virtual tour of the law school at mckinneylaw.iu.edu.

At McKinney, we try to make the application process as easy for you as possible. There are no deadlines to meet, and no application fee. We also offer two ways in which you can apply:

**ONLINE**—McKinney Law participates in the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) online application system, which includes an optional credentials assembly service.

**DIRECTLY TO McKinney Law**— simply complete our application form and send it to us in whatever manner you like: postal mail, email, fax, and, of course, you can stop in and hand-deliver it, as we always enjoy having you visit the law school.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

To gain admission to the LL.M. program at the law school, you must demonstrate a combination of academic achievement, professional accomplishment, and English language competency.

- Students must hold a first degree in law or be licensed to practice law outside of the U.S. to be eligible. A first degree could be a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. or a first degree in law or comparable degree from a university outside of the U.S.

- **Language requirements**
  - Must document proficiency in one of the following ways: 1) earn composite iBT TOEFL score of at least 81 or a composite IELTS score of at least 6.5, 2) Satisfactorily complete Level 7, Advanced and Academic English at the Program for Intensive English (PIE) at IUPUI, 3) Successfully graduate from the Intensive English Master Level 112 at any ELS Language Center in the U.S., 4) earn a “First Grade” on the national Japanese English Proficiency STEP Exam.
  - Students who have earned a baccalaureate or graduate degree from a college or university in a country designated by the Office of International Affairs as predominantly English-speaking country will be waived from the English requirement.

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QUESTIONS?
If you have questions related to the LL.M. or S.J.D. programs—applying to the program or academic advising—we encourage you to contact:

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