

## Vytautas Magnus University Law Students

Did you know that Vytautas Magnus University Law Students can earn an LL.M. degree in United States Legal Studies at Texas Tech University School of Law for up to half the cost and in half the time?

The Existing Student Exchange Agreement between Vytautas Magnus University and Texas Tech provides students with the opportunity to study at Texas Tech University School of Law for a full semester. By taking advantage of this exchange opportunity, you will not only be earning credits towards your degree at VMU, you will also be earning up to 12 credit hours towards an LL.M. degree at Texas Tech Law.

Combine your advanced standing with Texas Tech Law's low tuition rate, and you could earn your LL.M. degree for as little as \$9,378.\*

Review this flyer and our website for more information: [www.law.ttu.edu/llm](http://www.law.ttu.edu/llm).

\* Tuition and fees are set by the Texas Legislature and the Texas Tech Board of Regents and are subject to change without notice.



### LL.M. Application Checklist

- Official copies of all post-secondary transcripts. Transcripts must be submitted using the LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (see "Application Process" at [www.law.ttu.edu/llm](http://www.law.ttu.edu/llm)).
- Statement of Purpose (2-3 pages).
- Resume or CV.
- Letters of Recommendation (2 minimum). Letters of recommendation must be written in English or accompanied by certified translations. At least one letter should be from a law professor. If you graduated more than two years ago, one letter from a work supervisor is acceptable.
- Minimum TOEFL Score: 100 (Internet), 250 (computer), 600 (paper), or an IELTS score of at least 7. Applicants who have earned a degree from an institution in the United States or other English-speaking country are not required to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score.

## MASTER OF LAWS IN UNITED STATES LEGAL STUDIES

As economic globalization continues to expand, the need for lawyers with international experience also grows. We want to be your legal destination of choice, not just because we believe we can do a better job than most law schools, but because we appreciate that our J.D. students can benefit from your presence in the classroom and on our campus.

The two-semester Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in United States Legal Studies at Texas Tech University School of Law is designed for graduates of foreign law schools who are interested in a formal program of study of the U.S. legal system.

### Quality Reputation

Texas Tech's ABA-accredited and six-time ranked "Best Value" law school\* is known for producing well-prepared practitioners, evidenced by a consistently high bar passage rate and nationally ranked advocacy and legal writing programs. With a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio and a second-place ranking for student satisfaction,\* Texas Tech Law's emphasis on personal relationships with professors is one of the school's many strengths. The law school offers an abundance of symposia, institutes, and guest presentations featuring jurists, professors, and lawyers from around the nation and the world.

\* *The National Jurist* magazine.

\*\* City-Data.com

### Location

Texas Tech University School of Law is located in Lubbock, Texas, the part of Middle America where Midwestern values are blended with rugged independence and Southwestern customs. Texas ranks first in international exports among the fifty states and trades with 225 counties and territories around the world. West Texas leads the nation in wind energy production and serves as home to one of the country's largest oil and gas fields.

Lubbock has all the amenities of a major city, without the big-city hassles, and possesses the friendliness and feel of a small town. With more sunny days than Hawaii and a cost of living index 14.5% below the national average in 2012,\*\* Lubbock provides a comfortable and affordable environment to learn about the law of the United States and its legal system.

### Student Life

Lubbock and the surrounding areas are within driving distance of endless hours of entertainment, ranging from snow skiing to water skiing, and everything in between. Whether fishing for record-setting bass in Lake Alan Henry, camping in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, spelunking in Carlsbad Caverns, hot-air ballooning in Albuquerque, or snow skiing in Ruidoso, Lubbock is in the middle of it all!

### Accommodation

Options for on- and off-campus housing are available. On-campus housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Program Requirements

Applicants must have received a law degree from a university outside of the United States. To receive the LL.M. in United States Legal Studies, students must complete 24 credit hours of coursework. All LL.M. students are required to take two courses: Introduction to United States Law (3 hrs.) and Legal Research and Writing for the LL.M. Student (3 hrs.). Students are then free to choose their remaining electives from among the more than 130 courses offered by the School of Law (subject to prerequisites and availability). LL.M. students are not eligible to enroll in clinical courses, externship courses, skills-development courses (such as trial advocacy), and the following specific courses: Legal Practice I & II, Advanced Legal Research, Texas Practice, and Texas Legal Research.



## At a Glance:

- \* Competitive Tuition Rates.
- \* Availability of scholarships that qualify you for resident tuition rates.
- \* Advanced Standing program allowing for transfer of up to six credit hours of law-school coursework taken at another institution.
- \* Six-time ranked “Best Value” Law School by *The National Jurist* magazine.
- \* Ability to customize a focus of study that suits your particular needs.



LL.M. trip to Palo Duro Canyon, the “Grand Canyon” of Texas. Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the U.S.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants will be required to participate in a face-to-face interview, either in person or by video conference, with at least one faculty member.

Offers of admission are contingent upon the applicant meeting all United States visa and immigration requirements and demonstrating proof of financial responsibility.

## Low Cost

Texas Tech Law intends to maintain its “Best Value” reputation when it comes to its LL.M. program. Therefore, tuition for the 2014–2015 school year will be set at approximately \$18,756.00.\*

## Scholarships

All applicants to the LL.M. program are automatically considered for a scholarship and special recognition as a Dean’s Scholar.

## Advanced Standing

Students who have taken courses in U.S. law may receive advanced standing, resulting in additional substantial savings of time and resources.

Subject to certain criteria, an admitted LL.M. student may be permitted to transfer into the program up to six credit hours of law-school coursework taken at another institution.

An LL.M. student who took courses as part of a student-exchange program or summer-law program with Texas Tech University School of Law before matriculating into the LL.M. program at Texas Tech University School of Law may also apply for advanced standing. These students may be eligible to transfer up to twelve credit hours toward the LL.M. degree, provided that the credits being transferred were part of an approved dual-degree program, exchange program, or summer program approved by the Texas Tech law faculty.

## Apply Now!

Applicants should submit their application through the LSAC website - see “Application Process” at [www.law.ttu.edu/llm](http://www.law.ttu.edu/llm). Applicants are evaluated and accepted on a rolling basis, so early applications are encouraged. There is no application fee to apply.

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