Online Master of Laws (LLM) and Certificate Programs
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As legal practice becomes more global, USC Gould School of Law has taken the initiative to adapt its methods and expand its reach. We are proud to now deliver eight of the nation’s most prominent legal education programs in an online platform, making them available to legal professionals around the world.

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Master of Laws (LLM)
Today’s most promising international students trained in law enroll in the USC online LLM program to learn the practical applications of the U.S. legal system. Upon graduation, these students can be viewed as incredibly valuable and highly resourceful legal experts in their home countries, specifically for multinational organizations, international law firms and foreign governments.

Business Law Certificate
The rise of global commerce is swiftly making U.S. law the international language of business. Earning this exclusive USC credential can increase a student’s marketability with top multinational employers looking for this unique specialization.

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The USC Compliance certificate dives deeply into health care, human resources and regulatory compliance, but offers expertise that can be useful in all areas of business, law and government. The program is designed to promote expertise in compliance-relevant regulations, laws and legal issues, and to prepare graduates to implement compliance protocols in a professional setting.

Entertainment Law and Industry Certificate
Behind the bright lights of show business are expert legal minds with an advanced understanding of contracts, financial structures and intellectual property. This certificate program prepares graduates to be major players in film, television and media with expertise in copyright and trademark law.

Financial Compliance Certificate
A legal career in the financial industry requires knowledge of the concepts of compliance and principles of finance law. This certificate can help students understand both — and prepare them to monitor compliance programs for financial institutions worldwide.

Health Care Compliance Certificate
With this prestigious certificate, students can learn the fundamentals of compliance and law as it relates to the health care industry, which can qualify them for director-level roles in risk management, regulatory affairs or medical research.

Human Resources Law and Compliance Certificate
The certificate can guide current or aspiring human resource professionals through the composition, legal principles and intricacies of HR departments, so they can pursue careers in employment law and compliance management.

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Curriculum

Diversity in Law
USC Gould School of Law attracts diverse students with different levels of experience, yet all have the unique opportunity to customize their curriculum according to their career goals.

>>> LLM Required Courses
Introduction to the U.S. Legal System (2 units)
Legal Research (1 unit)

>>> U.S. Law Courses
Constitutional Law (3 units)
Legal Profession (1 unit)
Topics in American Law (3 units)
Introduction to Litigation in U.S. Courts (2 units)

>>> Business Law Courses
Business Principles in Law (2 units)
Business Organizations (4 units)
Contract Drafting and Strategy (2 units)
Mergers and Acquisitions (3 units)
Securities Regulation (3 units)

>>> Compliance Courses
Health Care Compliance (2 units)
Human Resource Compliance (2 units)
Regulatory Compliance (2 units)

>>> Entertainment Law and Industry Courses
Entertainment Law and Industry (2 units)
Intellectual Property: Copyright (2 units)
Intellectual Property: Trademark (2 units)
Financial Compliance Courses
Corporate Governance (2 units)
Financial Institution Regulation (2 units)
Global Regulatory Compliance (2 units)

Health Care Compliance Courses
Health Care Law, Business and Finance (2 units)
Health Law and Policy (2 units)
Patient Privacy Law (2 units)

Human Resources Law and Compliance Courses
Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Compliance (2 units)
Employment Discrimination Law (2 units)
Employment Dispute Mediation (2 units)

* Curriculum is subject to change.
* Students can pursue the California Bar track, certificate track(s) or a combination of these. Please work with your Academic Advisor on your options.
* Under the State Bar of California’s current guidelines, those with an online master’s degree from an ABA-approved law school may be deemed eligible to meet the academic qualifications required to sit for their bar exam. Our students will have the opportunity to take courses to meet the qualifications to sit for the California Bar exam.
* USC Gould School of Law cannot determine students’ eligibility to sit for the California Bar exam. Eligibility is considered directly by the State Bar of California on a case by case basis.
About the University of Southern California
The University of Southern California is one of the world’s leading private research universities. An anchor institution in Los Angeles and a global center for arts, technology and international trade, USC enrolls more international students than almost any other U.S. university and offers extensive opportunities for internships and study abroad. With a strong tradition of integrating liberal and professional education, USC fosters a vibrant culture of public service and encourages students to cross academic as well as geographic boundaries in their pursuit of knowledge.

About USC Gould School of Law
USC Gould School of Law offers a premier inter-professional education to highly motivated students preparing for a career that will span the coming decades. No school is better positioned to provide the education that will be the platform for the next generation of lawyers practicing on a worldwide stage. The legal profession is dynamic, and USC Gould has always taken pride in adapting its methods to provide a legal education tailored to the needs of the current environment while maintaining its strong core commitments.

Rankings & Honors
• USC Gould School of Law is ranked 19th Best Law School
  (U.S. News & World Report)
• USC ranks among the top 25 National Universities
  (U.S. News & World Report)
• USC ranks as one of the top universities for International Student
  Enrollment according to the Open Doors report by the Institute of
  International Education.

Accreditation
The University of Southern California and the online Master of Laws and certificate programs are regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The USC LLM program has been approved by the American Bar Association, and the certificates have received acquiescence by the ABA.
Admission Requirements

**International Students**

- May apply to the LLM and any of the certificates
  - First law degree (LLB) or equivalent outside of the United States
  - Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - Personal statement
  - TOEFL or IELTS score (if applicable)
    - TOEFL score: 100-IBT recommended
  - Resume
  - LSAT: Not required

**U.S. Students (Certificates only)**

- May apply to any of the certificates
  - JD degree or equivalent
  - Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - Personal statement
  - Resume
  - LSAT: Not required

**Apply Now:**

Applications are to be submitted entirely through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

When registering for an account and selecting a school, ensure that you select the USC Online LLM or Online Certificates application.

For questions regarding admissions or your application: admissions@onlinellm.usc.edu.