MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for admission, an applicant must hold an academic degree in law from a foreign law school or a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from a U.S. law school. Applicants with an academic degree other than law who are licensed to practice in a jurisdiction outside of the United States are also eligible to apply.

To be admitted, all non-native English speakers must have a TOEFL score of at least 90 OR an IELTS score of at least 7.0, in addition to meeting other admission requirements.

The MSU College of Law strongly recommends that you use the Law School Admissions Council LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (LLM-CAS) to submit your official transcripts and other documentation. To register, visit www.lsac.org.

The Legal English for Academic Preparation (LEAP)
The MSU College of Law will consider applicants for conditional admission to the LL.M. program if they meet all requirements for admission except for the required level of English proficiency. To be considered for admission to the LEAP Program, a student must submit a TOEFL or IELTS English test score and provide all necessary LL.M. application documentation. The LEAP Program should take a student between 1-3 years to complete, depending upon their English proficiency level when they begin the program.

The LEAP Program has two parts: Part I is basic and intermediate English as a Second Language (ESL) Instruction, and Part II, the Law Institute, includes specifically-designed course work to prepare students for the LL.M. program. Examples of Law Institute course work include Civil Litigation for Foreign Lawyers, Legal English, Reading Comprehension for Foreign Lawyers, and Oral Advocacy. Students are placed into the appropriate part of the LEAP Program after taking the Michigan State University English Language Test, or MSUELT. Students who test at or below Level 3 on the test will enroll in LEAP Part I, while students who test at Level 4 will join LEAP Part II, or the Law Institute.

Students in the LEAP Program are expected to maintain the same academic and conduct standards as students in the LL.M. and J.D. programs at the Law College. Students who do not maintain these standards will not be allowed to continue in the LEAP program or move to the LL.M. program. The same plagiarism and other conduct codes apply to LEAP students as to other law students.

All applicants to the LEAP Program will be required to do an informal interview in person, via skype or by phone.

Moving from LEAP into the LL.M. Program
Admission to the Law College does not become final until a LEAP student successfully completes all levels of the LEAP Program, pursuant to Law College academic and other standards. To start the LL.M. program, students must score above Level 4. Students who fail to reach this minimum standard will not be permitted to start the LL.M. program until this level is reached.
1. Please indicate the program for which you are applying:
   o LL.M. in the American Legal System (Referred to as the “LL.M. for Foreign-Educated Lawyers”)
   o LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Communications Law

2. Please indicate the semester for which you are applying:
   o Fall 2012 (August)
     International applicants – April 1 application deadline
     U.S. citizens or permanent residents – June 1 application deadline
   o Spring 2013 (January)
     International applicants – October 1, 2012 application deadline
     U.S. citizens or permanent residents – November 15, 2012 application deadline

3. Are you registered for the Law School Admissions Council LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (LLM-CAS)?
   o Yes
   o No

4. After your application is complete and the documents have been reviewed, MSU Law staff may request a skype, personal or telephone interview with you.

   Please write legibly so that our information about you is accurate.

5. Name (please write your name as listed on your passport):
   Family Name (s) _____________________________
   Given Name(s) _____________________________

6. Date of birth (please use the following format: month/date/year): _____________________________
   Gender: Male ______ Female ______

7. Social Security Number (if applicable): _____________________________

8. Current Address (for mailing purposes – please notify us if your address changes):
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

9. Permanent Non-U.S. Address (international students only):
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

10. Email Address (this will be our primary method of contacting you):
    __________________________________________________________________________________

11. Phone number (home): __________________________
    Phone number (cell): __________________________

12. SKYPE ID: __________________________

13. Country/Countries of Citizenship: ____________________________________________________

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14. Native Language(s): ____________________________________________________________

15. Immigration Status: If you are not a U.S. citizen and you are currently in the United States, what is your immigration status? Please attach photocopies of your visa documents.
   F-1 ___    J-1 ___    Permanent Resident ___    Other (please specify): __________________________

16. Are you eligible to practice law?   If so, in which jurisdiction? __________________________
   o Yes
   o No

17. Educational institution from which you received or from which you will receive your first law degree:
   ____________________________________________________________
   Name of university/law school/City/Country/Year of graduation

18. Educational institution from which you received or from which you will receive any other degree:
   ____________________________________________________________
   Name of university/law school/City/Country/Year of graduation

19. Please describe the traditional legal education in your country and the grading scale used in your law school.

20. Educational institution(s) at which you received English language training if you are not a native speaker:
   ____________________________________________________________
   Name of school(s)/City/Country/Year of graduation

21. Have you ever applied to or attended the MSU College of Law or Michigan State University before? This includes English language study at the Michigan State University English Language Center or any other non-degree program.
   Yes _____    No _____
   If yes, to which program did you apply? ______________________________________________________
   If yes, what year(s) did you apply? __________________________   MSU PID if known ______________________
   If yes, did you apply under your current name? Yes _____    No _____
   If no, under what name did you apply previously? ________________________________________________
21. **English Proficiency** (please indicate your scores for all English tests taken)

Official test scores must be submitted by your testing institution to MSU Law, institution code 1168). MSU Law requires a 90 on the TOEFL for regular admission, and a 7.0 on the IELTS. Students who are not native English speakers must submit an English proficiency test score or request a waiver of this requirement. Students who submit a score lower than 90 on the TOEFL or 7.0 on the IELTS may be considered for admission to our Legal English for Academic Preparation Program as a pre-requisite for admission to the LL.M. program.

TOEFL IBT _____ TOEFL PBT _____ IELTS _____ OTHER (please note which test) _______________________

22. If you have not yet taken an English proficiency test, or have recently taken a test, please list the date(s) of that test:

TOEFL IBT _____ TOEFL PBT _____ IELTS _____ OTHER (please note which test) _______________________

23. Have you ever been suspended, expelled or disciplined in any other way by an educational institution for fraud, immorality, or other dishonorable or improper conduct? Are there currently any such proceedings pending against you? *If yes, please list the dates and details here. Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

24. If you are currently practicing, have you ever been disciplined for any reason by the board of law examiners, legal authorities, or other licensing authorities? *If yes, please list the dates and details here. Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

25. Have you ever been denied a license to practice law? *If yes, please list the dates and details here. Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

26. Have you ever been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a criminal offense in the United States or in any other country? *If yes, please list the dates and details here. Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

27. If you feel that your academic performance in your first law degree does not adequately show your academic abilities, please attach explaining this. *This statement should be no more than one page, double-spaced, 12-point font.*

28. How did you learn about our LL.M. program?

29. Please submit separately a personal statement that describes:

1) Why you wish to attend MSU Law’s LL.M. program;
2) What benefits you believe you personally can bring to MSU Law and to the LL.M. program; and
3) How MSU Law’s LL.M. will help you meet your professional goals.

*The personal statement should be no more than 2 pages, 12-point font, double-spaced. The statement MUST be written by the applicant. If it is discovered that the applicant did not write the personal statement submitted with their application, any admission offer will be retracted.*
In compliance with federal mandates and Michigan State University practices, the College of Law seeks to identify the ethnic/racial background of all law school applicants. Self-identification is entirely voluntary. Failure to respond to optional questions will not prejudice consideration of your application.

30. Are you Hispanic or Latino/a?
   o Yes
   o No

31. Please select one or more choices from the list below that best represent your racial/ethnic identity.
   o American Indian or Alaskan Native Tribe or Nation (please list Tribal ID or Role # _____________)
   o Asian
   o Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
   o Black/African-American
   o White
   o Other (please list: ________________________________________________________________)

Certification

I certify to that the information herein is complete and accurate. I understand that enrollment in an LL.M. program requires that I have submitted, by the established deadlines, the required supporting documentation and tuition payment. I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in my application is complete and accurate and that I will notify the Law College of subsequent changes to my matriculation. I agree that, if admitted, I will abide by the rules and regulations of MSU College of Law.

I also understand that, if my admission is conditioned upon me attaining the English language proficiency required by Michigan State University College of Law for matriculation into the LL.M. program, I will not be allowed to start the LL.M. program until I have attained that proficiency, as evidenced on the TOEFL, IELTS or MSU English Language Test.

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Signature of Applicant/Date

THIS APPLICATION IS ONLY VALID WHEN SIGNED PERSONALLY BY THE APPLICANT.

Michigan State University and the Michigan State University College of Law do not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, or national or ethnic origin in its programs. This policy is enforced by federal law under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 23 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Office of Graduate and International Programs  OR email to llm@law.msu.edu
230 Law College Building
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI, USA 48824

(all documents must also be mailed)

Your application fee of $100 may be paid online at http://www.law.msu.edu/admissions/deposit-llm/. You may also send a check or money order, payable in U.S. funds at a U.S. bank, with your application.