



Taxation and General LL.M. Programs

MASTER OF LAWS (TAXATION AND GENERAL)

SMU Dedman School of Law, founded in 1925, is located on a magnificent tree-lined campus, ten minutes from downtown Dallas, Texas, and situated in a beautiful residential community. Dallas is an expanding global center, ranking fifth in the country in corporate headquarters of Fortune 500 companies. It is also a great place to study law and live, with a strong legal community and one of the most vibrant cosmopolitan cities in the world.

The graduate programs at SMU Dedman School of Law were established in 1949. Graduates of the law school now occupy prominent positions in government, legal practice, business, the judiciary, and legal education around the world.

The primary goals of the graduate degree programs are intended to enhance careers in the private practice of law, in teaching, and in public service by providing the opportunity for graduate level education and training. The programs are designed to increase the student's understanding of legal theory and policies, broaden the student's legal horizons, and encourage development of legal research and writing skills.

MASTER OF LAWS (TAXATION)

The law school has a long tradition of strength in the area of federal taxation. The graduate taxation program, for full-time or part-time students, is a comprehensive, advanced degree program designed for attorneys intending to specialize in tax practice. It focuses not only on technical mastery of the tax

laws but also on wider issues of tax and fiscal policy. Most of the courses in the curriculum provide survey level instruction in subjects typically not addressed in J.D. level tax courses. In addition, advanced courses develop in depth, practice oriented expertise.

Courses are taught by the law school's faculty and by adjunct professors and lecturers who are experienced, practicing tax specialists in Dallas area law firms and corporate law departments. To accommodate employed students, many tax courses are offered in the early morning, the late afternoon, and during the evening.

MASTER OF LAWS (GENERAL)

The general LL.M. program offers law graduates an opportunity to broaden their backgrounds in certain specialized areas of law by enrolling in advanced courses and seminars and by engaging in specialized research. Although the School of Law awards no specific subject designated LL.M. degrees under this program, most students seeking this degree concentrate in areas such as corporate and commercial law, international law, intellectual property law, legal practice and procedure, natural resources law, or property law.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to this program is by selection. An applicant for admission to the LL.M. degree program must hold a J.D. degree from an ABA accredited law school. Students may attend either full- or part-time, but admission for the full-time program is effective for the fall term only.

FULL-TIME 2025-2026 LL.M. TUITION, FEES, AND ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Tuition Fees Living	\$60,844
Fees	\$7,842
Estimated Expenses	
Living Expenses	\$21,674
Health Insurance	\$4,260
Total	\$94,620*

*NOTE: If you are bringing family to the United States, you are required to provide additional funds to cover estimated living expenses for dependents.

• 1 Dependent	\$9,000
• 2 Dependents	\$13,500
• 3 Dependents	\$18,000
• 4 Dependents	\$22,000

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

We have a number of Dean's Scholarships for LL.M. students. There is not a separate application for this LL.M. scholarship. Your application for LL.M. admission serves as your scholarship application.

The SMU financial aid office is available to assist U.S. students in obtaining student loans. For more information on financial aid for law students, please go to:

smu.edu/enrollmentservices/FinancialAid/TypesofAid/GraduateFinancialAid



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