

# LLM IN CYBER, INTELLIGENCE, AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

**Banner Code:** LW-LLM-CINS

Website: [https://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/llm/llm\\_cins/](https://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/llm/llm_cins/)

The Master of Laws (LLM) Degree in Cyber, Intelligence & National Security Law provides students with in-depth study of cyber, intelligence, and national security issues, both established and developing, from the country's leading experts. Students will emerge as experts in navigating the existing and emerging policy, legal, and constitutional issues that are specific to cyber, intelligence, and national security law. The program will prepare graduates to work for government agencies, law firms, businesses, and public interest and policy organizations that are addressing the issues created by an increasingly connected and data-focused world.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Information regarding admission to the LLM program can be found at <https://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/llm/>.

### Policies

Students who have completed their JD degree at a United States law school will receive a waiver of the required course LAW 093 Intro to US Law. Therefore, students who have received a JD from a United States law school must complete 24 credit hours to receive the LLM degree. Students who have not completed a JD at a US law school must complete the 2-credit required LAW 093, and therefore must complete 26-credit hours to receive the LLM degree.

Students may attend the LLM program full-time or part-time. Courses are offered in the evening to accommodate working professionals.

Students may be able to complete the program in one academic year, though most will take a year and a half to two years to do so. Full-time students typically take 12-15 credit hours per semester; part-time students typically take 8-12 credit hours. For the purposes of the F-1 and J-1 visas, 10 or more credit hours are required to meet the full-time requirement of the visa.

All students must finish the degree requirements within five years of matriculation and be enrolled in at least two courses each semester, unless granted a waiver or leave of absence. In order to remain in the LLM program, students must present a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.33 on a 4.33 scale at the end of each spring semester.

The 24-26 credits making up the LLM in Cyber, Intelligence & National Security Law are not designed to prepare or qualify students who are not graduates of a US law school to engage in the practice of law in the United States or to qualify them to take a bar examination in the United States. Additional coursework is possible for those trying to qualify to sit for a bar examination. For more details, see Bar Examination for Foreign-Trained Attorneys ([https://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/llm/bar\\_foreign\\_trained/](https://www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/llm/bar_foreign_trained/)).

Once a student is admitted to the LLM program, they can develop a personalized plan of courses based on their time-frame for finishing the

LLM Degree by contacting **Charles Lemley, Director, Graduate Student Academic Affairs** at [clemley@gmu.edu](mailto:clemley@gmu.edu).

## Requirements

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Total credits: 24-26

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Students must take 12-14 credit hours of required courses:		
LAW 093	Intro to US Law <sup>1</sup>	12-14
LAW 416	Cybersecurity Law Seminar	
LAW 108	Economics for Lawyers	
LAW 426	Homeland Sec Law Sem	
LAW 492	Intelligence Law Seminar	
LAW 384	National Security Law	

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Only required for students entering the program with an international law degree.

#### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		
LAW 493	Computer Crime Seminar	12
LAW 654	Counterterrorism Law Seminar	
LAW 148	Covert Action Clandestine and Special Operations Law	
LAW 497	Emerging Lw of Internet Sem	
LAW 746	Energy Law	
LAW 149	Ethical Issues in National Security Lawyering	
LAW 642	European Union Law Seminar	
LAW 426	Homeland Sec Law Sem	
LAW 235	Immigration Law	
LAW 422	Immigration Policy Seminar	
LAW 022	Interbranch Conflicts in National Security: War, Intelligence, and Negotiations	
LAW 248	International Law	
LAW 253	Intl Trade Law Regulat	
LAW 211	Law of Armed Conflict and Military Operational Law	
LAW 243	Priv Info Security	
LAW 419	Prosecuting Terrorism Seminar	
LAW 313	Refugee Asylum Law	
LAW 641	Surveillance Law Seminar	

Total Credits 12