



PennState
Dickinson Law



Prepare for a Global Legal Career at
**One of the Nation's
Best Law Schools**



The Master of Laws (LL.M.) program welcomes legal professionals from around the world who come to advance their careers through direct access to world-class litigators and legal scholars. This flexible one-year program offers students the opportunity to choose from a diverse array of courses, enabling concentration in a range of legal disciplines.



Why Choose LL.M. at Penn State Dickinson Law?

- **History & Prestige:** Established in 1834, Dickinson Law is the oldest law school in Pennsylvania and among the most prestigious in the U.S. As part of Penn State, ranked in the top 6% of universities globally (2024 QS World University Rankings), the program combines tradition with modern legal education
- **Best Value:** Recognized as a “Best Value Law School” by preLaw Magazine, the LL.M. program offers excellent return on investment, with high bar pass and employment rates
- **Small Class Sizes:** Enjoy individualized attention and mentorship with an intentionally small cohort size that fosters collaboration and community



Program Overview

To fulfill the LL.M. requirements, students must earn a minimum of 24 credits. This can be completed full-time over one academic year or part-time over three to four semesters. Full-time students are required to enroll in at least 12 credits per semester, with a maximum of 17 credits. Additionally, students may choose to extend their studies into a third semester to participate in an experiential learning program or prepare for a U.S. bar exam.

Starting from the 2025-2026 academic year, Penn State Dickinson Law will offer a unified LL.M. program, providing students the opportunity to study at [either location](#).



Carlisle

- LL.M Legal Research (1 Cr.)
- LL.M. Legal Writing (2 Cr.)
- Intro. to the U.S. Legal System (2 Cr.)
- One course from the following list:
 - Civil Procedure (4 Cr.)
 - Constitutional Law I (3 Cr.)
 - Contracts (4 Cr.)
 - Criminal Law (3 Cr.)
 - Property (4 Cr.)
 - Torts (4 Cr.)
 - Criminal Procedure (3 Cr.)

University Park

- LL.M Legal Analysis Writing and Research
- Intro. to the U.S. Legal System (2 Cr.)

LL.M. students may enroll in an array of courses offered in the law school curriculum. Concentrations require 9 credits of required and elective coursework.

Students in Carlisle can pursue a concentration in the specializations:



Business Law



**Civil Rights, Equal
Protection and Social
Justice**



**Intellectual Property,
Technology and
Privacy**



**Litigation and Dispute
Resolution**

Students at University Park may select among 20+ concentrations.

For a complete list of course offerings, please refer to the Courses section.





Admission Requirements

The LL.M. program at Penn State Dickinson Law is selective, admitting a limited number of qualified students annually. Applicants must have completed or be nearing completion of a first professional law degree, typically a J.D. from a U.S. law school or its equivalent outside of the U.S. Successful candidates often hold a legal license and possess professional legal experience.

English Language Proficiency

For non-native English speakers and those without an English-instruction degree, the following scores are required:

- TOEFL iBT: Minimum 88.
- IELTS: Minimum 6.5
- Duolingo: Minimum 120

Required Documents

Dickinson Law maintains a holistic approach to admission. Applications shall be evaluated with consideration to previous education and legal qualifications, professional experience, community service and personal accomplishments.

Admissibility is determined upon careful review of the following materials:



Application



Official Transcript(s)



Personal Statement



Evidence of English language proficiency



Resume or Curriculum Vita



Letter(s) of Recommendation



Writing Sample (Optional)

Application Deadlines

Penn State Dickinson Law admits students exclusively for the fall semester (August). International students who require a visa for study in the U.S. should apply no later than six months ahead of the anticipated semester start date. Applications are reviewed and admission decisions made on a rolling basis, so early submission is highly recommended. Application review will commence in November. From November, applicants can generally expect notification within one week completing their application.

September 15:

LL.M. application cycle opens for fall semester

June 15:

Completed applications due for fall semester.



Program Fees

The Cost of Attendance estimates expenses for the 9-month academic year.

Expenses (Billed Costs)

Estimated 2025-2026

Tuition*

\$60,052

Fees

\$182

Indirect Expenses (Out-of-Pocket Costs)

Estimated 2025-2026 (Out-of-Pocket Costs)

Books, Materials, Supplies, and Equipment

\$2,050

Housing

\$11,000

Utilities

\$3,150

Food

\$4,500

Transportation

\$3,400

Other miscellaneous expenses

\$2,700

Total Cost of Attendance, Standard

\$87,034

** Qualified LL.M. applicants are considered for merit-based scholarships, which can significantly reduce tuition costs.*





Program Faculty

LL.M. students benefit from a distinguished full-time faculty at Penn State Dickinson Law, complemented by adjunct faculty consisting of practicing attorneys and judges. Faculty members at Dickinson Law bring extensive experience from their years in legal practice and maintain active engagement nationally and internationally through pro bono litigation, mediation, advisory committees, and scholarly pursuits. Explore and learn more about the esteemed Dickinson Law faculty.

LL.M. students at Penn State Dickinson Law have the opportunity to enroll in a diverse array of courses alongside J.D. students, gaining exposure to specialized expertise from all faculty members. Each LL.M. student is assigned an academic advisor who provides guidance throughout their academic journey.

The American Bar Association has granted conditional approval for Penn State Dickinson Law and Penn State Law to reunify and operate as Penn State University's single law school under the name Penn State Dickinson Law with locations in Carlisle and University Park. Danielle M. Conway is the dean of the unified Penn State Dickinson Law, which will enroll a unified class in fall 2025.

**JOIN THE LEGACY.
BUILD YOUR FUTURE.**





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