Information for International Applicants – LL.M

Southern Illinois University School of Law has both a full-time and a part-time Master of Laws (LL.M) program with admission for international students always in the Fall semester to allow students to take LAW 498 and/or LAW 499.

Students interested in applying as an international student must:

• complete an LL.M application.
• apply for the Conditional Admit LLM Program for International Students
  [http://law.siu.edu/academics/degree-programs/llm-program/conditional-admit.html]; OR
  have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. To be considered for admission, applicants must have a minimum score of 600 (paper based test), 250 (computer based test) or 100 (internet based test) on the TOEFL or 7 on the IELTS. Applicants will need to retake either the TOEFL or the IELTS if the minimum score is not earned. The TOEFL or IELTS requirement may be waived if the applicant has obtained either an undergraduate or graduate degree in North America.
• have submitted all foreign transcripts to LSAC which are processed through the LL.M Credential Assembly.

All international applicants should know that they are generally ineligible for educational expense loans available to United States citizens. Therefore, they must be prepared to provide the financial resources for all educational and personal expenses for the duration of the program.

Applicants who hold an equivalent law degree from a school located in a non-English speaking, non-common law country may be admitted only upon showing a proficiency in English. This is achieved by either enrolling in the Conditional Admit LLM Program for International Students
  [http://law.siu.edu/academics/degree-programs/llm-program/conditional-admit.html] OR by taking either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Foreign trained lawyers who apply to the LL.M. program are also required to register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). LSAC collects and authenticates the applicant’s transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores, and transmits the evaluation of those documents to the School of Law.

Admitted international students who need an I-20 form to enter the U.S. should contact Michelle Neill at the Center for International Students and Scholars. Michelle can be reached at mneill@siu.edu or 618.453.5774.

All of the following documents must be received in order to provide a complete international application.

• Application and Application fee
• Personal Statement and Resume
• CAS Report (will be sent from LSAC)
  a. Foreign transcripts sent directly to LSAC from all institutions
  b. Two letters of recommendation sent directly to LSAC
  c. TOEFL or IELTS score sent directly to LSAC

• Explanation and Documentation for Character & Fitness section of application, if applicable

Address to send supplemental documents: Southern Illinois University School of Law
  Office of Admissions – LL.M Program
  1150 Douglas Drive, Mail Code 6804
  Carbondale, IL 62901

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