

MASTER OF LAWS  
Corporate Law  
& Finance

Widener Law Welcomes  
International Law School Graduates



Widener University School of Law  
MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) IN CORPORATE LAW & FINANCE

Our Program for International  
Students

The Widener Master of Laws in Corporate Law and Finance attracts students from around the world. In recent years, we have had students from Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America, as well as the United States and Canada. These students have brought a tremendous range of knowledge to our program that has greatly enriched the educational experience. Widener happily welcomes foreign-trained lawyers to its community and encourages them to apply.

Widener has a curriculum designed to meet the needs of our foreign students. This curriculum is available for foreign students and American residents who received their legal training abroad. This includes "Introduction to United States Law and Legal Institutions" which provides students with a basic background on the United States legal system, legal research and writing, and other topics to enhance students' performance in their other courses. We recognize that our international students come to Widener with a variety of backgrounds, goals and degrees. We advise students to create a curriculum

tailored to individual needs, while requiring courses designed to ensure basic knowledge of U.S. corporate law and finance. Academic support can also be arranged through the Director of the LL.M. Programs.

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Governor of the State of Delaware, Jack Markell, has stated:

*"Delaware is internationally recognized as a leading jurisdiction for corporate law. Today almost two-thirds of the Fortune 500 and most of the publicly traded companies in the U.S. call Delaware their legal home. Delaware business entity law is used by companies around the world to structure their complex business transactions and acquisitions. Our State's courts and legal community are at the center of the global corporate world. Widener is an important partner in Delaware's success. If you are interested in learning about corporate law, Widener is an excellent choice."*

## Study Corporate Law in America's "Corporate Capital"



### Support Services

Widener University maintains an Office of International Student Services staffed by professional counselors and graduate interns to provide a full range of support services for international students. Assistance is available through this office for such matters as immigration, financial processing, health requirements, and administration of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). While in residence, an international student may continue to look to this office for advice and help with regard to driver's license, social security numbers, housing, and filing for allowable employment.

### Bar Admission

International students are permitted to enroll in courses beyond the 24 hours required for the LL.M. degree in preparation for a state bar examination. Although the LL.M. program is not designed to serve as a bar preparation course, some graduates do take a state bar examination. Each of the 50 states in the United States has a Board of Law Examiners, which sets the requirements for bar admission in that state. Students should contact the appropriate state's Board of Law Examiners directly to obtain specific bar admission information. For more information about state bar exams, please refer to the National Conference of Bar Examiners' website: [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).

### Curriculum

#### 1. Required Courses for International Students

- Business Organizations (4 credits)
- Colloquium (2 credits) or Seminar: Advanced Corporations (2 credits)
- Business Principles (2 credits)
- Securities Regulation (3 credits)
- Introduction to United States Law and Legal Institutions (3 credits)

#### 2. Electives

In addition, Master of Laws students may choose any upper level courses in the law school catalog. The one limitation is that twenty of the twenty-four credits needed for graduation must be in business related areas. A representative list of potential courses appears below. (Not all courses are offered every year, and the names and credit allocations of courses may change.)

- Advanced Corporation Law (2 credits)
- Government Contracts (2 credits)
- Advanced Income Tax (2 credits)
- Insurance (2 credits)
- Antitrust (3 credits)
- International Business Transactions (3 credits)
- Banking Law (2 credits)
- International Environmental Law (3 credits)
- Complex Litigation (3 credits)
- International Law (3 credits)
- Consumer Law (2 credits)
- Labor Law (3 credits)
- Copyright Law (3 credits)
- Legislation (3 credits)
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy (3 credits)
- Mutual Funds (3 credits)
- Employment Discrimination Law (3 credits)
- Patent Law (2 credits)
- Environmental Law (3 credits)
- Payment Systems (3 credits)
- ERISA, Pensions and Deferred Products Liability (2 credits)
- Compensation (3 credits)
- Sale and Leases (3 credits)
- Estate Planning (2 credits)
- Secured Transactions (3 credits)
- Federal Estate and Gift Taxation (3 credits)
- Seminar: Advanced Business Enterprises (2 credits)
- Federal Income Tax (3 credits)
- Seminar: Advanced Corporations (2 credits)
- Seminar: Advanced Insurance Law (2 credits)
- Seminar: Alternative Dispute Resolution (2 credits)
- Seminar: Consumer Bankruptcy (2 credits)
- Seminar: Current Issues in Labor Law (2 credits)
- Seminar: Food and Drug (2 credits)
- Seminar: Securities Litigation (2 credits)
- Seminar: Tax Research and Policy (2 credits)
- Tax Practice and Procedure (2 credits)
- Trademarks and Unfair Trade Practices (3 credits)
- White Collar Crime (3 credits)
- Workers' Compensation (2 credits)



## Applications, Tuition, and Scholarships

Applicants for admission must complete the application form and enclose a personal statement, resume, and the application fee. Applicants must request each college or university attended (undergraduate and graduate) to send to the Graduate Programs Office an official transcript detailing the academic record of the applicant, including degrees earned and dates awarded. Two letters of recommendation are required, and should be provided with the application or sent directly to the Graduate Programs Office. Check or money order should be made payable to Widener University.

### Scholarships

The International Leader Scholarship is available based on academic merit and financial need.

Fulbright scholarships are available for qualifying students.

Foreign law graduates seeking admission are also required to submit an official report of their score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Widener's Institution Code is 2642. Additional information regarding the requirements for foreign applicants may be obtained by contacting the Director of LL.M. Programs. International law graduates will also be expected to provide verification of financial responsibility prior to the issuance of appropriate documentation to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

More information regarding immigration matters may be obtained by contacting the University's Director of Multicultural and International Student Services at (610) 499-4498; One University Place, Chester, PA 19013, U.S.

Applications from Foreign Law School Graduates received by the Graduate Programs Office on or before May 1 for the fall semester will be given first priority for admission. The application and all materials become the property of the Law School and are not returnable.

## How To Apply

You will be considered for admission when the Graduate Programs Office receives all of the following:

- Completed application form
- Official law school transcript
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation
- \$60.00 non-refundable application fee, payable to Widener University
- TOEFL score (if native language is not English)

Non U.S. citizens need to provide the following additional data:

- Affidavit of support
- Official current bank statement showing sufficient resources to cover tuition and living expenses

## Deadlines

Application materials from U.S. students must be received by **July 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Fall semester and **December 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Spring semester.

## Mail the above application materials to:

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