

# M.Jur. in International and Comparative Business Law

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Stetson Law's **Master of Jurisprudence in International and Comparative Business Law** is an intensive program designed for non-lawyer students and working professionals who wish to gain legal literacy, advance their careers, and address law-related matters related to their field. This residency program is located in beautiful Tampa Bay, Florida, on Stetson University College of Law's Gulfport campus.

## The Master of Jurisprudence at a Glance

In just one year, this comprehensive program will provide students with an understanding of international business law and how various entities and factors influence the decisions of successful businesses in the global marketplace, setting graduates up with the knowledge and skills needed to advance their business career.

## Open Doors With an Advanced Degree

- Meet the demand of today's businesses and solve tomorrow's legal business challenges.
- Build a basic understanding of the legal system and how it impacts the successful operation of a business.
- Learn to analyze, research, and communicate legal issues to business colleagues and your legal team.
- Make better business decisions informed by your knowledge of the law.

## International and Comparative Business Law Program Highlights

- Two semester, 24-credit program
- Part time option available for qualified students
- In-demand areas of study such as legal compliance and contract law
- GRE not required with appropriate work experience

An understanding of the law deeply benefits non-lawyers in the business world. Experienced business professionals and recent graduates grow successful careers from the foundation of the specialized curriculum, expert faculty, and extensive resources available only at Stetson.

- Meet the growing demand for business professionals with advanced legal literacy.
- Gain a competitive edge for career advancement and job placement.
- Build an understanding of the U.S. legal system.
- Pursue more interesting cross-border assignments or expand your clientele outside the U.S.
- Increase conversational and legal English proficiency for non-native English speakers.

- Get access to the Stetson Law alumni network, connecting with professionals who assist students and fellow graduates with career placement.

The fields of law and business are linked in everyday transactions. A basic understanding of international law will better prepare you for today's global market challenges.

## Curriculum

### Required Courses

**LAW 3935. UNITED STATES LEGAL SYSTEMS. 3 Credits.**

**LAW 3937. U.S. LGL RESEARCH & WRITING. 3 Credits.**

U.S. Legal Research and Writing is a one-semester, three-credit course. This course is required for any student enrolled in the International LLM program, unless the student has a JD from an ABA accredited law school or a law degree from a common law jurisdiction. USLRW is a skills course. Students study the approaches to legal research in the U.S., using both print and electronic sources, with an emphasis on Westlaw, Lexis, and free internet research. Students also write at least four documents, of varying length, to demonstrate their acquisition of the skills required to engage in substantive legal analysis in the U.S. Students write objective predictive memoranda, persuasive arguments, and client advice or demand letters. A final project requires students to research, write, and engage in oral arguments in a moot appellate court setting. Fundamental concepts of professional responsibility are emphasized in every aspect of the course.

**LAW 3583. INTERNATIONAL LAW. 2 to 3 Credits.**

This course provides an introduction to the system of norms, rules, institutions and procedures that regulates interaction among states, and between states and individuals. Three fundamental areas will be explored (1) the source and nature of international legal rules, (2) the associated international legal processes, and (3) the relationship of these international rules and processes to individuals, organizations, and states. (r).

**LAW 3585. INT'L LITIGATION & ARBITRATION. 2 to 3 Credits.**

A study of the various modes of dispute resolution involving international transactions or foreign parties. This course will cover jurisdictional issues in U.S. and foreign courts, the various international arbitration programs, forum selection, provisional remedies, international discovery procedures, enforcement of foreign court judgments and arbitration awards. (r).

**LAW 3573. INT'L BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. 3 Credits.**

This course will consider selected problems in international trade, surveying some of the many issues encountered in private international transactions and emphasizing the options available to counsel engaged in the "preventive" practice of law. As such, the primary focus will be on recognizing and anticipating potential problems, and choosing the most appropriate form or structure for the business from among a range of equally viable or legally correct approaches, in order to manage the increased risk inherent in international transactions. Three major areas will be explored (1) the sale of goods across national borders, primarily through "letter of credit" transactions, (2) establishing foreign means of production or distribution through "licensing" or "franchising" operations, and (3) direct investment in foreign means of production or distribution "onshore" in another country. (r).

**The successful completion of an Externship.**

## **Elective Courses**

- Copyright Law
- Drafting Business Entity and Transactional Documents
- Entertainment Law
- European Union Business Law
- International Banking and Finance
- International Business and Transborder Crime Seminar
- International Intellectual Property
- International Joint Ventures
- International Sales and Arbitration
- International Taxation
- International Trade Regulation
- Patent Law
- Sports Law