Learn U.S. and International Law, and earn Masters Degrees from USEK and Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis



Overview about USEK Faculty of Law *A Commitment to Distinction*

Since its foundation, the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) has sought to contribute to the welfare of the human being through education, research, and publications in all fields of science and knowledge. A pioneer in the field of law, among other fields, USEK launches a new educational program today, true to its tradition of excellence and its commitment to serving the students and the labor market. The University is strengthening its law school and diversifying its degree opportunities via an initiative with the prestigious Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, U.S.A.

Overview about Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Educating leaders for over 100 years

Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is an ABA accredited Law School and one of the oldest, one of the largest, and one of the most international of all the American Law Schools. Founded in 1894, the School has educated legal professionals for Indiana, the United States, and the World, with a focus on practical skills built on solid theoretical foundations. More than half of all attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals in Indiana are graduates of McKinney, including the current governor and three of the five Supreme Court justices. Since launching its Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Doctoral (S.J.D.) Programs, the School has also built a large international alumni base. In 2007, it was chosen by USAID for the implementation of an experimental program in Egypt, and delivered its Master of Laws in International and Comparative law on site at the universities of Alexandria and Cairo from 2008 to 2013. McKinney has a number of partnerships with leading law schools around the world and hosts many international scholars, students, and events, on its campus every year. Students taking the master program are able to specialize in American Law for Foreign Lawyers, International and Comparative Law, International Human Rights Law, Health Law and Bioethics, Intellectual Property Law, as well as Corporate and Commercial Law. To find out more about studying at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law please visit http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/index.html.



The Program:

Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and USEK Faculty of Law are proud to announce an enrollment agreement that allows students to pursue their studies in U.S. and International Law

Students enrolling in this program have a unique opportunity to participate in a year-long Master program, one semester taken at the USEK campus in Kaslik, Lebanon, covering 12 credits, followed by one semester at Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, USA. Successful participants, after completing 24-credit hours, will be awarded the Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Indiana University, as well as the Master degree from USEK.

The Program at USEK Faculty of Law will be open to Lebanese and other legal professionals, as well as recent graduates of law, with good knowledge of English. All candidates have to apply to both law schools and meet all admission formalities and criteria of each school.

Academic Program Overview

The specialized course of study in International and Comparative Law will be offered with an emphasis on corporate, business, and trade law. It provides intensive academic training in the regulation of US and global business activity. Students take all their classes with international professors, including some of the US leading experts in financial, corporate and transactional law.

The structure of the academic program ensures access to a broad and balanced curriculum and an exceptionally rich array of courses in international business and trade law, various American law courses including bankruptcy, securities regulation, as well as numerous specialized seminars. Students are afforded a unique opportunity to earn a Master in Law from USEK and an American Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Now accepting applications for Fall 2015. Apply early, places are limited!



The USEK Degree Requirements

As an LL.M. student, you must satisfactorily complete 24-credit hours in a minimum of twelve and no more than eighteen months (22-credit hours of academic coursework, and a research component, as well as the Master's thesis worth of 2 credits).

The McKinney Degree Requirements

- Area-specific coursework with a wide range of elective options including;
- A research component and Master's thesis;
- Advanced English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction at 50% cost, if needed.

The McKinney Master of Laws (LL.M.) is internationally recognized and enables graduates, for example, to apply for the bar exam in jurisdictions like New York or California and/or to pursue further studies at the doctoral level anywhere in the world.

Logistics

- 12-credit hours are offered at USEK Faculty of Law Kaslik, and 12-credit hours are offered at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, USA.
- At USEK, classes are generally held Monday through Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., thus, professionals can continue in their jobs and study in the evening.
- At USEK, classes are two or three weeks in length. At McKinney, classes are typically stretched out over a 15 week semester and each class meets once or twice a week during the day or in the evening.
- Attendance is required in all classes and student performance will be evaluated in one or more quizzes during the course, a final exam, and/or a final paper. Each student will work with an academic advisor at USEK and another at McKinney to determine a personalized curriculum that best meets his or her needs and interests. Administrative services at both partner universities will provide support with visa applications, housing in USA, etc.



Eligibility Requirements for the Academic Program

To gain admission to the Academic Program, students must demonstrate academic achievement, professional accomplishment, and English language competency. In addition, students must satisfy one of the following education requirements:

- Hold a first degree in law from a recognized educational institution;
- Have a score of at least 575 on the paper-based TOEFL, a score of at least 230 on the computer-based TOEFL, a score of at least 89 on the IBT TOEFL, or a score of at least 6.5 on the academic IELTS for applicants for whom English is a second language (qualifying language scores must be less than two years old).

A successful applicant must demonstrate:

- 1. Academic achievement, documented with official academic transcripts, diplomas and/or graduation certificates;
- 2. Professional accomplishment, where applicable;
- 3. Two reference letters substantiating academic and/or professional accomplishments;
- 4. English language competency.

Information About Selection

Admission by USEK and by McKinney will be made on the basis of a student's average in law, taking into account the general quality of the application, any special skills or experiences of the candidate, and the proficiency in English.

Ready to get started?

Learn more about the LL.M. program
USEK at http://www.usek.edu.lb/Law/LLM,
and about McKinney at http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/degrees/llm/index.html

Curriculum

Required Courses (6 credits required)

- English for Academic Purposes (0 credits)
- Contract Law for LL.M. Students (2 credits)
- Legal Writing for LL.M. Students (1 credit)
- Legal Research for LL.M. Students (1 credit)
- LL.M. Thesis Organization (Workshop, 0 credits)
- LL.M. Thesis (2 credits)

International and Comparative Law Courses (18 credits required)

- Bankruptcy Law (3 credits)
- Closely Held Business Organizations (3 credits)
- Comparative Competition Law (3 credits)
- European Union Law: Foundations (3 credits)
- European Union Law: Doing Business in and with the Internal Market (3 credits)
- International Business Transactions (3 credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (2 or 3 credits)
- International Intellectual Property (2 or 3 credits)
- International Tax (2 credits)
- Introduction to the American Legal System (2 credits)
- Oil & Gas Law (2 credits)
- Professional Responsibility (2 credits)
- Publicly Traded Corporations (2 credits)
- International Securities Regulation (3 credits)
- World Trade Organization Law (3 credits)
- Mergers and Acquisitions (3 credits)
- Contracts and Sales (I) and (II) (6 credits)

Other course options may be added and not all courses will be available during every semester.

Please visit our Course Descriptions for additional information on: http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/degrees/courses/index.html

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