

# PRE-LL.M. ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Penn State Law's Pre-LL.M. One-Year Certificate Program for foreign-trained lawyers is designed exclusively for international attorneys. The rigorous one-year certificate program is intended for pre-LL.M. studies, with the opportunity to apply to the Penn State Law LL.M. Program or any other LL.M. program in the United States. The certificate program will assist students in developing reading comprehension skills, case briefing skills, legal analysis, and synthesis skills in the U.S. common law system, increased proficiency in legal English, basic research and citation skills and exam-writing skills.

## Curriculum

Students will be required to complete all certificate courses. The certificate program has an established curriculum; there are no elective courses.

In the fall semester, students will enroll in:

- Pre-Writing Process for Lawyers (3 credits)
- Criminal Law (3 credits, course will be taken as audit)
- U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Law (3 credits)
- An English as Second Language course (3 credits)

In the spring semester, students will enroll in:

- U.S. Common Law Analysis and Skills (3 credits)
- Constitutional Law **or** Criminal Procedure (3 credits, course will be taken as audit)
- U.S. Common Law Methods for Constitutional Law **or** U.S. Common Law Methods for Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- An English as Second Language course (3 credits)

## Admissions

Students seeking admission to the certificate program must meet all of Penn State Law's LL.M. admission standards, except the language proficiency. Students with a 78 TOEFL or 5.5 IELTS score will be considered for admission into the certificate program. The application deadline is June 1. No more than 10 students will be accepted for admission into the program. Applications received after June 1 will only be considered in the event of seat availability.

MORE INFORMATION (<https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/academics/two-year-llm-programcertificate>)