WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL  
U.S. LEGAL STUDIES LL.M. PROGRAM

**General Requirements:**
Students admitted to the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program are required to successfully complete 24 credit hours to receive the degree. Introduction to the American Legal System is a required course.

**Eligible Courses:**
LL.M. candidates may enroll in any course offered in the regular J.D. curriculum. Limited enrollment courses are open to U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. candidates only if space is available after all J.D. program students have the opportunity to enroll. The Dean or a faculty member appointed by the Dean will provide academic advice and will approve the LL.M. schedules.

**Completion of Program:**
Students may pursue the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program on either a full-time or a part-time basis. On a full-time basis, students are expected to complete the program in one academic year (two full-time semesters). On a part-time basis, students will be allowed to take up to five years to complete the degree.

**Grading:**
U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. candidates are graded as follows: [Revisions to LL.M. grades approved through 2004/2005 academic year]

- Honors - equivalent of an 85.0 numerical grade or better
- Pass - equivalent of between 65.0 and 84.0
- Fail - equivalent of between 55.0 and 64.0

An LL.M. student is required to receive a Pass or Honors grade in order to count a course toward the required 24 credits to graduate. Faculty will grade LL.M. student exams separately from J.D. student exams.

**Academic Probation and Disqualification**
U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. candidates who receive one Failing grade in any semester in residence, whether full-time or part-time, will be placed on academic probation. A full-time student on academic probation will be required to complete a 12-unit semester with no failing grades to return to good academic standing. A part-time student on academic probation will be required to complete a six-unit semester with no failing grades to return to good academic standing. A student on academic probation who does not return to good academic standing in the next semester will be academically disqualified and dismissed from the program. If an LL.M. student receives more than one Failing grade in any semester in residence, whether full or part-time, the student will be academically disqualified and dismissed from the program. A student disqualified from the LL.M. program will be allowed to appeal for reinstatement to the
Exams
Students enrolled in the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program will receive time-and-a-half to complete their exams. In addition, students whose native language is not English and who received their undergraduate degree at a university in which classes are conducted in a language other than English shall be permitted to use an approved Foreign Language-English Dictionary during exams. LL.M. students must seek approval of their dictionary from the Associate Dean of Student Services. In addition, they must see Teri Jablonski, the Student Services Coordinator, to arrange for exam accommodations.

Tuition and Fees:
Tuition for the U.S. Legal Studies LL.M. program is charged at the prevailing per unit rate.

Bar Admissions
For those LL.M. students wishing to gain admission to the State Bar of California, requirements for attorneys admitted in jurisdictions outside of the United States and for foreign educated law students may be obtained on the State Bar of California website at www.calbar.ca.gov or in the Registrar’s Office. Bar application forms for registering as a law student, determination of moral character, and the general bar exam are also available on the State Bar of California website. Information regarding bar admissions requirements for other states is available on the American Bar Association (ABA) website, www.abanet.org/legaled, or in the Registrar’s Office.