Program Change Request

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### Catalog Pages Using this Program

- Master of Laws in Intellectual Property

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### Academic level

Graduate

### Effective Term

2019-2020

### Department

School of Law

### College

School of Law

### Program type

Degree

### Degree designation

ML - Master of Laws

### With a major in

Intellectual Property(INPR)

### Catalog Program Title

Master of Laws in Intellectual Property

### CIP and Fund code

22021200

### Rationale for Proposal

**Rationale for Comprehensive Exam Waiver**

LLM and MJur programs do not typically have any standard foundational curriculum that would warrant a comprehensive examination. Students will take different courses depending on their academic goals and background under the guidance of an academic advisor.

**Rationale for Advisory Committee Waiver**

LLM and MJur students will not be completing a thesis requirement suited to the guidance of an advisory committee. Any projects that a student undertakes will be in the context of classes under the supervision of individual faculty.

### Program hours

24

### Is this program eligible for financial aid?

Yes

### Will program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes?

No

### Program delivery mode

On-campus

### Approval Path

1. 03/09/18 2:12 pm
   - Sandra Williams (sandra-williams): Approved for Curricular Services Review
2. 03/09/18 2:13 pm
   - Ruth Smith (ruthsmith): Approved for SL Committee Preparer
3. 03/23/18 3:39 pm
   - Cynthia Alkon (calkon): Approved for SL College Dean
4. 05/03/18 3:33 pm
   - LaRhesa Johnson (lrjohnson): Approved for GC Chair

### History

1. Apr 21, 2017 by Angela Allensworth (arankin)
2. Apr 21, 2017 by Angela Allensworth (arankin)
3. Sep 11, 2017 by Angela Allensworth (arankin)
4. Mar 4, 2018 by Angela Allensworth (arankin)
On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Transfer of Credit

Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses

Credit Requirement

Degree Plan

Program Requirements

Student's Advisory Committee

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On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs
Some departments may have more restrictive requirements for transfer work. If otherwise acceptable, certain courses may be used toward meeting credit-hour requirements for the master's degree under the following limitations.

The maximum number of credit hours which may be considered for transfer credit is the greater of 12 hours or one-third (1/3) of the total hours of a degree plan. The following restrictions apply:

Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution, or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater will be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the student was in degree-seeking status at Texas A&M University, or the student was in degree-seeking status at the institution at which the courses were taken; and if the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution.

Courses previously used for another degree are not acceptable for degree plan credit.

The maximum number of credit hours taken in post-baccalaureate non-degree (G6) classification at Texas A&M University which may be considered for application to the degree plan is 12.

A zero credit 684 and 685 course is only allowed for non-thesis master’s students. Other courses, including 691 research hours, are not eligible for zero credit.

Not more than 12 hours may be used in any combination of the following categories:

- Not more than 8 hours in the combination of 691 (research), 684 (Professional Internship) or SOPH 680 may be used.
- Not more than 8 hours of 685 (Directed Studies) may be used.
- Not more than 3 hours of 690 (Theory of Research) may be used.
- Not more than 3 hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research) may be used.

A maximum of 2 hours of Seminar (681).

A maximum of 9 hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300-400-level).

For graduate courses of three weeks’ duration or less, taken at other institutions, up to 1 hour of credit may be obtained for each five-day week of coursework. Each week of coursework must include at least 15 contact hours.

Continuing education courses may not be used for graduate credit.

Extension courses are not acceptable for credit.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student's advisory committee and approved by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Non-Thesis Option

Thesis Option

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

A final comprehensive examination. An acceptable thesis is not required for the Master of Laws in Intellectual Property program.

The finished work must reflect a comprehensive understanding of the pertinent literature and express in clear English, the problem(s) for study, the method, significance and results of the student's original research. Guidelines for the preparation of the thesis are available in the Thesis Manual, which is available online at the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies website. After successful defense (or exemption) and approval by the student’s advisory committee and the head of the student’s major department (or chair of the interdisciplinary faculty, if appropriate), the student must submit his/her thesis in electronic format as a single PDF file. The PDF file must be uploaded to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies website. Additionally, a signed paper approval form with original signatures must be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. The PDF file and the signed approval form are required by the deadline. Deadline dates for submitting the thesis are announced each semester or summer term in the "Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Calendar." These dates also can be accessed via the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies website. Each student who submits a document for review is assessed a one-time thesis/dissertation processing fee through Student Business Services. This processing fee is for the thesis/dissertation services provided. After commencement, theses and dissertations are digitally stored and made available through the Texas A&M Libraries. A thesis that is deemed unacceptable by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies because of excessive corrections will be returned to the student's department head (or chair of the interdisciplinary faculty, if applicable). The manuscript must be resubmitted as a new document, and the entire review process must begin again. All original submissions must be met during the resubmittal process to graduate that semester. Thesis Proposal.

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs:

For the thesis option Master of Laws degree, the student must prepare a thesis proposal for approval by the advisory committee and the head of the major department or chair of the interdisciplinary faculty, if applicable. This proposal must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies at least 20 working days prior to the submission of the request for the final examination. Compliance issues must be addressed if a graduate student is performing research involving human subjects, animals, infectious biohazards, and recombinant DNA. A student involved in these types of research should check with the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety at (979) 458-1467 to address questions about all research compliance responsibilities. Additional information can also be obtained on the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety website. Final Examination/Thesis Defense.

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs:

A student must pass a final examination by date announced each semester or summer term in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Calendar. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified in writing of any cancellation. To be eligible to take the final examination, a student's GPR must be at least 3.00 for courses on the degree plan and for all courses completed at Texas A&M which are eligible to be applied to a graduate degree, and there must be no unabsolved grades of D, F or U for any course listed on the degree plan. To achieve a deficient grade, the student must repeat the course at Texas A&M University and achieve a grade of C or better. All coursework on the degree plan must be completed with the exception of those hours for which the student is registered. For thesis option students, an approved thesis proposal must be on file in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies according to published deadlines prior to the final examination or submission of the request for exemption from the final examination. A request to hold and announce the final examination must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies at least 10 working days in advance of the scheduled date for the examination. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified in writing of any cancellations. A student may be given only one opportunity to repeat the final examination for the master's degree and that must be within a time period that does not extend beyond the end of the next regular semester (summer terms are excluded). For thesis option students, the final examination covers the thesis and all work taken on the degree plan and at the option of the committee may be written or oral or both. The final examination may not be administered before the thesis is available to all members of the student's advisory committee in substantially final form, and all members have had adequate time to review the document. The examination is conducted by the student's advisory committee as approved and on record with the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. A thesis option student must be registered in the University in the semester or summer term in which the final examination is taken. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified of any changes in the above procedures by the student's advisor. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified of any changes in the above procedures by the student's advisor. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified of any changes in the above procedures by the student's advisor. The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies must be notified of any changes in the above procedures by the student's advisor.
For information on applying for your degree, please visit the On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs. No specific language requirement exists for the Master of Laws degree.

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

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Residence

On-Campus Degree Program

In partial fulfillment of the residence requirement for the degree of Master of Laws, the student must complete 9 resident credit hours during one regular semester or one 10-week summer semester in resident study at Texas A&M University. Upon recommendation of the student’s advisory committee, department head or Chair of the Interdisciplinary Program, if appropriate, and with approval of the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, a student may be granted exemption from this requirement. Such a petition, however, must be approved prior to the student’s registration for the final 9 credit hours of required coursework.

Students who are employed full-time while completing their degree may fulfill total residence requirements by completion of less-than-full time course loads each semester. In order to be considered for this, the student is required to submit a Petition for Waivers and Exceptions along with verification of his/her employment to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

See Residence Requirements.

Distance Education Degree Program

The distance education modality does not have any residence requirement.

Continuous Registration

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

A student in the thesis option of the Master of Laws program who has completed all coursework on his/her degree plan other than 5V98, 5V99, and 691 (research) is required to be in continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been completed. See Continuous Registration Requirements.

Time Limit

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

All degree requirements must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until seven years after the end of the semester in which it is taken. Graduate credit for coursework which is more than seven calendar years old at the time of the final examination (oral or written) may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

A student who has chosen the thesis option must have the final corrected version of the thesis cleared by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies no later than one year after the final examination, or approval of a petition for exemption from the final exam, or within the seven-year time limit, whichever occurs first. Failure to do so will result in the degree not being awarded.

Foreign Languages

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Application for Degree

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation section.

Additional information

Editorial updated by OGAPS.

3.4.18—DE and standard language updates saved as requested by OGAPS.

Required Proposal Forms

Reviewer Comments

Sandra Williams (sandra-williams) (03/09/18 2:12 pm): OGAPS: please review to make sure updates to the catalog program requirements/additional requirements meet your standard language requirements for graduate programs.

Russell Ramirez (ramirez) (03/26/18 3:24 pm): OGAPS will make any necessary language updates.
Russell Ramirez (rramirez) (03/26/18 4:10 pm): Is the program no longer offering the thesis option?
Ruth Smith (ruthsmith) (04/24/18 10:55 am): No, we will not be offering a thesis option for this program. Do we need to pull the thesis language?
Russell Ramirez (rramirez) (05/03/18 2:35 pm): No students have been accepted to the Thesis program.
LaRhesa Johnson (ljohnson) (05/03/18 3:33 pm): Removed thesis language from program requirements tab.