Admissions Regulations for the Executive LL.M. Programs

The admissions regulations outlined below have been adopted by the faculty for purposes of admission to the Executive LL.M. programs at UConn Law. Executive LL.M. applicants may discuss any questions concerning these rules with the Director of Graduate Admissions, the Director of Graduate and Exchange Programs or the Director of the Executive LL.M. program, as applicable.

Programs Currently Available
Executive LL.M. in U.S. Law in Seoul, Korea
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1 ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Type of Degree Required for Admission

To apply for admission to the Executive LL.M. Program at UConn Law, applicants are required to hold or expect to receive a degree from a recognized law faculty outside the United States before matriculating in the LL.M. program. The Executive LL.M. in U.S. Law accepts solely candidates with a first degree in law from a recognized faculty outside the United States who are jointly enrolled at the Hallym Institute of Graduate Studies in the Master of Law Program (“HUGS ML Program”). Students enrolled in the HUGS ML Program without a first degree in law must have completed at least 1 semester in the HUGS ML Program and one semester of the 1st degree in law prior to applying to UConn School of Law.

The admissions committee considers the applicant's academic performance, intellectual curiosity and professional experience. Admission is selective and limited to those who demonstrate academic excellence.

1.2 Language Proficiency:

Applicants with a TOEFL IBT® score of 90, a TOEFL IPT score of 577, a PTE score of 65, an IELTS score of 7.0, or Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) of C1 meet the admission requirement without the need to further demonstrate their proficiency.

Applicants with a TOEFL IBT® score of 80-89, a TOEFL IPT score of 550-576, a PTE score of 60-64, an IELTS score of 6.5, or a CAE of B1 should further substantiate proficiency in English through additional evidence of English language skills, including, but not limited to, a strong writing sample in conjunction with an interview with an admissions representative, conducted in-person, by phone, or online (using Skype or similar service).

Applicants with a TOEFL IBT® score of less than 80, a TOEFL IPT score of less than 550, a PTE of less than 60 or an IELTS score of less than 6.0 may be considered for conditional admission. The applicant may be exempt from submitting a TOEFL IBT®, PTE, IELTS or CAE score if the applicant:

- Has successfully been a non-degree student at UConn School of Law and seeks advanced standing in an LLM or Executive LLM program;
- Has completed a TOEIC with scores of no less than 140 in Speaking, 150 in Writing, 385 in Reading or 400 in Listening and completed an interview with a UConn Law admissions officer;
- Earned a law degree from a recognized institution of higher learning at which the primary language of instruction was English;
- Earned a prior academic degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States;
- Has resided and worked speaking English in an English-speaking country for not less than two years prior to the date of application; or
- The applicant’s native language is English.

Please note: Any international applicant claiming exemption from the TOEFL IBT®/PTE/IELTS/CAE requirement must submit a written request with his or her application for admission that includes an explanation of the applicant’s proficiency in English along with original documentation supporting the requested exemption on the basis of one or more of the above categories. Exemptions are not automatic and require the approval of the Admissions Committee.

In all instances, regardless of TOEFL IBT®, PTE, IELTS or CAE score or requested exemption, the Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny an application and to require a writing sample and an online, phone, or in-person interview as a condition for consideration of any application.
1.3 **Conditional Admission for purposes of Language Deficiency**

Applicants interested in conditional admission based on the failure to meet the language proficiency standards may request to be conditionally admitted at the time of application.

An applicant, who meets the admission standards in all aspects except the language requirement, will be notified by the Director of Graduate Admissions that a conditional admission can be offered. Upon receipt of the applicant’s $500 seat deposit, the Director of Graduate Admissions will send the applicant a conditional admission letter. The seat deposit will be credited against the first semester’s tuition so long as the applicant is able to meet the language proficiency standard and matriculate within two semesters. Extensions may be granted upon request. The applicant is expected to inform the Director of Graduate Admissions as to the expected timeline for language training and which language program the student will attend.

Once the applicant, who holds a letter of conditional admission, submits proof of language proficiency to the Director of Graduate Admissions, a standard letter of admission will be granted so long as there are no material changes in the original application.

2 **APPLICATIONS PROCESS**

2.1 **Application Deadlines**

Students may apply to the Executive LL.M. program for admission in the fall semester only. Deadline for applications will be August 1 each year.

2.2 **Application Procedure**

Applicants are required to follow the procedure as outlined on the Executive LLM website.

2.3 **Application procedure for current non-degree UConn Law students**

For students who have successfully completed or are in the process of successfully completing 12 credits of non-degree coursework, the application procedure has two differences:

1) Only one reference is needed, but it must be from a UConn Law professor; and
2) A UConn Law transcript must be submitted with the application

During the application process the graduate admissions committee will determine whether any advanced standing credits can be awarded towards the subsequent LL.M. degree.

3 **ADMISSIONS DECISIONS**

3.1 **Timeline for Decisions**

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis. It is our policy to send a final decision within two weeks of receiving a completed application.

3.2 **Acceptance Procedures at UConn Law**

Once a student is notified of acceptance, the letter of admission sets forth the criteria for acceptance and the deadline for the $500 seat deposit.
3.3 **Request for Deferral of Admissions**

Students who defer the start of admission will lose the seat deposit.

3.4 **Advanced Standing for any credits**

1) **Non-degree to LL.M. Transfer Program:** Applicants who have successfully completed non-degree credits at UConn School of Law may transfer up to 12 credits. Advanced credit will only be given for grades of a B or higher and such credits must correspond to the requirements of the LL.M. degree program.

2) **Applicants with Prior Relevant Graduate Credit:** Subject to the discretion of the director of the Executive LL.M. program, students may be granted advanced standing of up to 6 credits for other prior relevant graduate-level coursework.

In no instances may any advanced standing exceed 12 credits. Students pursuing the Executive LL.M. would not be permitted to enroll in courses already taken as part of their non-degree any graduate level coursework used for advanced standing in the Executive LLM degree. Any exceptions would be decided by the petitions committee.

4 **AMENDMENT OR REVISIONS OF THE ADMISSIONS REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE LL.M. PROGRAMS**

The faculty of the School of Law authorizes the International and Graduate Programs Committee, in consultation with the Educational Policy Committee, to adopt reasonable amendments or revisions to these Regulations as circumstances warrant.

The International and Graduate Programs Committee shall report any such revisions to amendment to the full faculty at the next subsequent faculty meeting.

Notwithstanding this authorization, the faculty of the School of Law retains full authority to revise, amend, replace or rescind these Regulations.

All requirements for each of the LL.M. degree programs are subject to change at any time by the faculty or its designated agent. To the extent any such change contemplates an increase in the number of semester hours required to obtain an LL.M. degree, such change will not apply to LL.M. candidates enrolled at the time of such change and who remain in continuous attendance thereafter. Students who are not in continuous attendance or who transfer from another law school are subject to the requirements in effect at the time of their re-entrance or admission.