

International Students

Those who have completed undergraduate education outside the United States

If you would like to practice law **in the United States** after graduation, then you must apply for the JD program. To apply you must submit the following:

- LSAT score
- TOEFL score (Test of English as a Foreign Language), if required by specific school
- Transcripts from all non-US/Canadian institutions. These transcripts will be authenticated and evaluated by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. There is no extra fee for this outside of the LSAC/CAS processing fee.

If you plan on practicing law in a country **outside the United States** and would like to become familiar with the United States legal system you may be interested in an LLM program. An LLM is a Master's of Law in comparative law and takes one year to complete. Completion of the LLM degree does not qualify you to take the bar exam or practice law in most states, including Utah. It is designed for students who are committed to practicing law in a country other than the United States. You do not need to take the LSAT, but you do need:

- Bachelor's of Law from a country other than the United States
- Certification or eligibility to practice law in that country
- TOEFL score, if English is not the primary language of your native country

Those who have completed undergraduate education in the United States

If you wish to attend a law school in the United States, the law school application process is the same as it is for US applicants. According to the Utah State Bar, as long as international students are legally residing in the States (i.e. has proper documentation, visa, etc.), then they may sit for the bar and practice in Utah. As for other states, students must contact the specific state bar and see what their requirements are for international students interested in practicing there.

Financial aid for international students

The US government requires all American law schools to verify that international students can provide evidence of financial support necessary to complete the JD or LLM program. You may provide evidence of financial support in one or more of the following ways:

- Proof of necessary cash from personal savings (submit a recent official bank statement)
- Contract of support from parents or a sponsor* who will pay educational expenses (submit Form I-2 and attach a recent bank statement or tax return)
- Proof of a grant or funding from your government or another agency (enclose an official letter verifying the amount and the length of time of the award)
- Proof of a scholarship or assistantship from a department at the law school you will be attending

International students are **not** eligible for US government aid (such as Federal Stafford Loans). For more information on loans for international students, contact the law schools you are applying to.

International students are eligible for any scholarships, assistantships, and internships that may be awarded through the law school.

* Applicants who need to apply for a visa must fill out Form I-1 and Form I-2 if they have a sponsor. A sponsor is a US citizen with sufficient financial resources to cover the student's expenses. The amount pledged by the sponsor should not exceed 30 percent of their total income. All sponsors must sign and date the Form I-2 Contract of Support. The applicant will then have their finances verified to receive the I-20 form. Applicants that cannot obtain an I-20 because they cannot prove they have the finances necessary to complete the degree are not eligible for admission.