

Curriculum and Syllabus

LL.M — Master of Laws

Degree awarded	Master of Laws (LL.M)
Program length	4 semesters
Credits	120 ECTS-equivalent credits
Language	English
Mode of study	Fully online, asynchronous study with scheduled tutorial consultations
Document	Full course-by-course syllabus

WHAT THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS

- Every semester with its credit load and thematic focus
- Course-by-course syllabus with code, credits and workload hours
- Course summaries and the learning outcomes of each module
- The assessment formula applied to each individual course
- Credit distribution table across the whole degree

A specialised master of laws in medical and health care law, comparative in method and practical in output.

Credit distribution

Semester	Thematic focus	Credits
Semester 1 — Foundations of medical law	Doctrine and comparative method	30
Semester 2 — Liability, regulation and data	The core practice areas	30
Semester 3 — Advanced and elective study	Specialisation and litigation practice	30
Semester 4 — Master's thesis	Independent legal research	30
Total		120

Semester 1 — Foundations of medical law

Doctrine and comparative method · 30 credits

LLM-101 — Comparative Medical Law

9 credits · 225 hours total workload

Sources and structures of medical law in the United States and Europe, licensure, scope of practice, professional discipline and the constitutional or charter background.

Course learning outcomes

- Locate the governing rule for a clinical activity across two legal systems
- Explain the allocation of competence between federal and state or union and member-state levels
- Write a comparative note on a defined regulatory divergence

Assessment: Comparative memorandum (100%)

LLM-102 — Patient Rights and Informed Consent

7 credits · 175 hours total workload

Autonomy, capacity, substituted decision-making, minors, refusal of treatment, emergency exceptions and the documentary requirements of valid consent.

Course learning outcomes

- Assess capacity and identify the correct decision-maker on given facts
- Draft a consent instrument for a high-risk intervention
- Advise on refusal-of-treatment scenarios including minors

Assessment: Two advisory opinions (100%)

LLM-103 — Legal Research Methods

7 credits · 175 hours total workload

Doctrinal research technique, statutory interpretation, case analysis, comparative method and empirical approaches to legal questions.

Course learning outcomes

- Construct a complete authority chain for a legal proposition
- Apply canons of statutory interpretation to a contested provision
- Design a small empirical study of legal practice

Assessment: Research portfolio (100%)

LLM-104 — Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

7 credits · 175 hours total workload

Duties to client and tribunal, conflicts, privilege in institutional settings, internal investigations and the ethics of advising regulated clients.

Course learning outcomes

- Identify and resolve a conflict of interest in an institutional engagement
- Preserve privilege during an internal investigation
- Advise on the ethical limits of aggressive regulatory positioning

Assessment: Ethics casework (100%)

Semester 2 — Liability, regulation and data

The core practice areas · 30 credits

LLM-201 — Provider Liability and Medical Negligence

9 credits · 225 hours total workload

Duty and standard of care, causation, expert evidence, damages, institutional and vicarious liability, and settlement strategy.

Course learning outcomes

- Construct and rebut a negligence claim on documented facts
- Instruct and test expert evidence effectively
- Quantify damages and advise on settlement ranges

Assessment: Full case file with opinion (100%)

LLM-202 — Health Care Regulation and Compliance Programmes

8 credits · 200 hours total workload

Licensure and certification, fraud and abuse rules, anti-kickback and self-referral prohibitions, corporate integrity obligations and enforcement practice.

Course learning outcomes

- Screen a commercial arrangement for fraud and abuse exposure
- Build a compliance programme mapped to statutory duties
- Manage a regulator interaction from first contact to resolution

Assessment: Compliance programme and screening memo (100%)

LLM-203 — Health Data Protection under HIPAA and GDPR

8 credits · 200 hours total workload

Comparative treatment of health data, lawful bases and permitted uses, research exemptions, security rules, transfers, breach duties and enforcement.

Course learning outcomes

- Advise on secondary use of clinical data for research under both regimes
- Negotiate data-processing and business-associate terms
- Run a dual-regime breach assessment against statutory deadlines

Assessment: Advisory opinion (60%) and contract redline (40%)

LLM-204 — Contract and Commercial Law for Health Institutions

5 credits · 125 hours total workload

Payer agreements, supplier and outsourcing contracts, clinical trial agreements, licensing and the allocation of regulatory risk in commercial terms.

Course learning outcomes

- Redline a payer or supplier agreement to a defined risk appetite
- Draft indemnity and limitation clauses that survive scrutiny
- Allocate regulatory change risk between contracting parties

Assessment: Drafting portfolio (100%)

Semester 3 — Advanced and elective study

Specialisation and litigation practice · 30 credits

LLM-301 — Pharmaceutical, Device and Life-Sciences Regulation

8 credits · 200 hours total workload

Market authorisation, clinical trials, pharmacovigilance, device classification, promotional rules and post-market obligations.

Course learning outcomes

- Map an authorisation pathway for a product across two jurisdictions
- Advise on the boundary between scientific exchange and promotion
- Design a post-market surveillance compliance response

Assessment: Regulatory strategy paper (100%)

LLM-302 — Dispute Resolution and Health Care Litigation

7 credits · 175 hours total workload

Pre-action conduct, evidence in clinical disputes, arbitration in provider contracts, class actions and regulatory appeals.

Course learning outcomes

- Plan a litigation strategy including cost and reputational analysis
- Prepare a witness statement from clinical records
- Advise on the enforceability of an arbitration clause

Assessment: Litigation plan and drafted pleading (100%)

LLM-303 — Elective: Bioethics and Emerging Technologies

8 credits · 200 hours total workload

Genomics, assisted reproduction, end-of-life decisions, artificial intelligence in diagnosis and the regulation of clinical algorithms.

Course learning outcomes

- Analyse an emerging technology against existing legal categories
- Draft institutional policy where legislation has not yet arrived
- Advise an ethics committee on a contested intervention

Assessment: Policy paper (100%)

LLM-304 — Thesis Preparation Seminar

7 credits · 175 hours total workload

Topic definition, research design, source strategy and defence preparation, delivered as a supervised writing seminar.

Course learning outcomes

- Produce an approved thesis proposal with a full source plan
- Complete a substantive literature chapter
- Present and defend a research design before peers

Assessment: Proposal and literature chapter (100%)

Semester 4 — Master's thesis

Independent legal research · 30 credits

LLM-400 — Master's Thesis and Defence

30 credits · 750 hours total workload

A 15,000–20,000 word doctrinal, comparative or empirical thesis on an approved question of medical or health care law.

Course learning outcomes

- Frame a contested legal question with precision
- Marshal authority and counter-authority fairly
- Defend a normative conclusion under examination

Assessment: Thesis (80%) and oral defence (20%)