

Juris Doctor Degree (J.D.)

Valparaiso Law's Juris Doctorate (J.D.) program and dual degree programs are open to international students. [Learn more...](#)

Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.)

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) is designed primarily for international students who have a law degree and wish to enhance their understanding of the American Legal System. Students in the LL.M. program take classes with students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (J.D.) program, and are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities with J.D. students.

LL.M. students must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0/4.0 or better. Students complete the program as a full-time student in one to one and one-half years. International students with a F-1 or J-1 visa must attend the university as full-time students. The full-time course load for LL.M. students is 8 credit hours.

The LL.M. program allows students to choose their own area of concentration. With the assistance and approval of the Program Director, students will develop a specific area of study that coincides with their individual needs and interests. The only required course is Law 700 - Introduction to American Law and Legal Education.

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)

The S.J.D., open only to international students, is a doctorate-level academic degree in law. International students interested in the S.J.D. program at Valparaiso Law should contact [Mark Adams](#), Associate Dean for Academics at Mark.Adams@valpo.edu for more information.