TRIAL ADVOCACY, APPELLATE ADVOCACY, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (LLM)

Crafting an opening statement. Studying the evidence. Delivering oral arguments. Perfecting these skills (and many more) can transform an attorney into a great advocate. The Masters of Laws (LLM) in Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution degree program is designed for practicing attorneys refocusing their careers toward litigation or dispute resolution as well as recent graduates who wish to sharpen the skills developed in a JD or equivalent degree program.

Your coursework combines lectures, faculty demonstrations, and student presentations. And you’ll gain invaluable experience through simulated depositions, jury trials, oral arguments, arbitrations, and mediations. All three areas of dispute resolution will be covered.

Curriculum

Beginning each fall, you can complete the program in just one year on a full-time basis or in two years on a part-time basis. Courses are offered exclusively on campus.

Courses

You must complete a total of 24 credits hours. The list of elective courses is updated frequently. Consult the current schedule of courses for most current course offerings.

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Degree Requirements

To earn an LLM in Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution, you must complete 24 credits of course work. Visit our Registrar (https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/registrar/) for a complete list of degree requirements, academic calendars, and registration process. You may access full course descriptions through our student information system (https://locus.luc.edu/psp/cs92prd/?cmd=login) through guest access.
Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

You will be able to:

• Try a complex case before a court of law in a bench trial and jury trial setting;
• Engage in critical case analysis that leads to the development of a persuasive theory of the case;
• Conduct challenging witness examinations that adhere to the rules of evidence for direct and cross examination of lay and expert witnesses;
• Develop a communication style that results in the delivery of persuasive opening statements and closing arguments;
• Lay the foundation for admissibility for all forms of evidence, including electronic, and make and respond to evidentiary objections;
• Analyze and compose a substantial written work of advocacy, including motions, briefs, position papers and research papers in a complex litigation, appellate setting;
• Draft, present, and defend a persuasive written advocacy document in the context of complex litigation at the appellate court setting;
• Build upon the fundamentals of mediation, negotiation, arbitration and other dispute resolution venues and assess the dispute resolution process appropriate to the situation; and
• Assist clients in achieving goals in any dispute resolution setting by analyzing party interests and crafting and designing creative solutions in a mediation or settlement negotiation or employ oral and written advocacy skills in an arbitration setting.