

# SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

## LL.M. in ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW

Drawing on the resources and activities of the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute, Southwestern established the first Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Entertainment and Media Law in the country. This exciting program features a **dynamic, cutting-edge curriculum** taught by **nationally recognized legal scholars and leading practitioners** – experts in entertainment, media, sports, intellectual property, and art law. With **full-time, part-time and online options available**, the program is designed to prepare the next generation of effective and talented entertainment, media and intellectual property lawyers.



### A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

Southwestern offers an extremely broad range of 40+ **specialized entertainment and media law courses and seminars**, with new offerings being introduced every year.

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar	International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar	International and Comparative Media Law
Advertising Law Practice	International Art Law
California Defamation, Privacy and Publicity Seminar	International Entertainment Law
Comparative Electronic Commerce Law and Regulations	International Internet Law
Comparative Information Privacy Law and Regulations	International Sports Law
Copyright Law	Internet and E-Commerce Law
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity	IP Licensing: Law and Practice
Drafting and Negotiating Technology Agreements	Mass Media Law
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Law Agreements	Media Coverage Law and Public Policy
Drafting Information Technology Agreements	Media Litigation
Entertainment and Sports Industries Tax Seminar	Motion Picture Production Law
Entertainment Industry Labor and Employment Law	Museum and Art Law Seminar
Entertainment Law	Music Industry Contracts
Entertainment Law Capstone	The Music Publishing Industry
Entertainment Law Seminar	Patent Prosecution and Drafting
Entertainment Practicum	Patent Law
Financing and Distributing Independent Films	Representing Journalists
First Amendment Seminar	Sports Law
Historic Preservation Law	Telecommunications Law and Policy
Information Privacy Law	Television Production Law
Intellectual Property Law	Trademark Law
International and Comparative Copyright Law	Video Game Law

A unique **entertainment practicum** and more than 50 **externship placements** with studios, guilds, agencies and related companies are also offered to provide students with valuable hands-on experience and networking opportunities.

**Please note:** Not all courses are offered every year. Some courses are offered only through Southwestern's Summer Abroad programs. Course descriptions are available online at [www.swlaw.edu/academics/course\\_listings](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/course_listings).

### NEW ONLINE OPTION BEGINNING FALL 2010

Lawyers around the world will now be able to take advantage of Southwestern's highly regarded LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law with the program's new online option in association with Kaplan Legal Education. The first courses offered in Fall 2010 include Copyright Law and Entertainment Law with Professor Robert Lind, Internet and E-Commerce Law with Professor Michael Scott, and Theater Law with Professor Gordon Firemark. The online Entertainment and Media Law LL.M. will also feature specialized courses such as Adult Entertainment Law, Motion Picture Production Law, Entertainment Forensic Accounting, Fashion Law and more. Additional future courses may include Entertainment Industry Tax Law, Drafting Video Game Agreements, Financing and Distributing Independent Films, Information Privacy Law, International and Comparative Media Law, International Copyright Law, Music Publishing Industry Law, and Television Production Law. For more information, visit [www.swlaw.edu/academics/llm](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/llm).

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the LL.M. degree in Entertainment and Media Law, students must have earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) or equivalent degree and complete a minimum of 24 additional credit hours; 18 credit hours must be in courses within the entertainment and media law curriculum,\* and 18 credit hours must be earned at Southwestern. Graduate students are free to elect up to 6 credits from any other courses offered by Southwestern. Students may also earn such credits by enrolling in Southwestern's summer abroad programs in Argentina, England, Mexico or Canada. Courses taken for credit toward a J.D. degree will not be counted toward the LL.M. degree.

Students may attend on either a full-time (usually completed in one year) or part-time (usually completed in two years) basis. Students enrolled in the LL.M. program must attain a cumulative grade point average of 2.33 to earn the LL.M. degree. A graduate student who earns 24 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater, but less than 2.33, will be awarded a Certificate of Completion and may be eligible to take certain state bar examinations, and, if successful, be admitted to practice.

*\*Copyright Law must have been completed within 3 years of entering the program or during the first semester of the program.*

**Note:** Requirements for the online option may differ.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

This LL.M. program is a highly selective and rigorous course of study designed to immerse graduate students in entertainment, media, intellectual property, sports, and art law. Admission is based on the applicant's potential for distinguished performance in and contribution to the program, academic record, the institution awarding the baccalaureate and law degrees, professional experience and accomplishments, recommendations, areas of interest, diversity, and geographic factors. Generally, successful applicants will have graduated within the top quarter of their law school class and performed at an honors level during their last two years of baccalaureate work.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for admission to the LL.M. program, prospective students must submit the following materials to the Biederman Institute: **Application for Admission, Application Fee, Personal Statement, Letters of Recommendation** (minimum of two), **Current Resume/Curriculum Vitae** and **Official Transcripts**. Foreign applicants or applicants who completed their undergraduate and/or legal degrees at institutions outside the United States or Canada must fulfill additional requirements. For detailed application information, visit [www.swlaw.edu/studentervices/llmadmin](http://www.swlaw.edu/studentervices/llmadmin).

## TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

**Tuition (per unit):** \$1,297

**Annual Student Services Fee:** \$200

**Note:** Tuition and fees reflect figures for the 2010-2011 academic year only and are subject to change. Students enrolled in the LL.M. program may be eligible for federal financial aid programs and private student loans. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/studentervices/finaid](http://www.swlaw.edu/studentervices/finaid) for more information.



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