

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND
TRADE LAW, UIC JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL, CHICAGO

Action: Establish the Master of Laws in International Business and Trade Law, UIC John Marshall Law School

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and UIC John Marshall Law School recommends the establishment of the Master of Laws in International Business and Trade Law.

The Master of Laws (LLM) in International Business and Trade Law provides attorneys with a solid foundation in the rules, regulations, and legal approaches underlying international business and trade law. The LLM degree builds on the general legal education provided by the Juris Doctor (JD) degree, and gives students the opportunity to study within a specialized field in much greater depth. Applicants must have a JD from an accredited institution in the United States or an equivalent degree from an institution outside the U.S.

The degree has two tracks: international business law and international trade law. Candidates must complete a total of 30 hours, including required and elective courses, in one of the two tracks. Students must maintain an overall grade point average

of 2.50/4.00. The degree can be completed full- or part-time. Students will normally take a combination of traditional face-to-face and online classes. In Fall 2019, an estimated 10 students (new and continuing) will be enrolled.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.