

Taft Law School

Application for Admission The Master of Laws Program (with a concentration in American Jurisprudence)

Individuals interested in determining their eligibility for enrollment in the Masters of Laws Program (with a concentration in American Jurisprudence) offered by Taft Law School may do so by completing the following form.

The application is presented in an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) writable format. You can complete the application by simply answering the questions on the form. (The line will automatically adjust to the length of your answer.)

Completing this form does not guarantee you admission to the Program and does not obligate you to enroll should you be accepted for admission. All information you provide will be utilized for the sole purpose of determining your eligibility for admission to the Masters of Laws Program (with a concentration in American Jurisprudence). It will not be disclosed to any other party for any other purpose.

This program is subject to enrollment capacity limitations. If you are accepted for admission to the Program, to guarantee your enrollment, you will need to pay an "Enrollment Commitment Fee" in the amount of \$100.00. This Enrollment Commitment Fee guarantees an approved applicant's admission to the Program at anytime within the next two trimesters and locks in tuition at current levels during this period of time.

At the end of the form, you will be asked to provide credit card information for the purpose of charging the application fee of \$75.00.

SECTION I PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. What is your Name? (First, Middle, Last)			
2. What is your primary E-Mail address?			
3. Do you have a secondary E-Mail address? If so, list it here:			
4. What is your Mailing Address?	Street		
	City		
	State, Province or Region		
	Zip/Address Code		
	Country		
5. If your Residence Address is different from your Mailing Address above, complete the following:			
	Street		
	City		
	State, Province or Region		
	Zip/Address Code		
	Country		
6. Do you intend to reside in the United States during your term of Enrollment?			
Yes or No (Please note that the school cannot approve I-20 Forms)			

7. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Telephone (Include the Area Code and, if outside the United States, the Country Code)

8. What is your Primary Telephone Number?

9. If you have a Secondary Telephone Number or Cell Number, enter it here:

10. If you have a FAX Number, enter it here:

11. What is your date of birth? (Month, Day, Year)

12. Where were you born? (City, State, Province, or Region)

13. What is your Gender? (Male or Female)

14. Have you ever been known by a different name? If so, please list the names here:

15. Do you have regular Internet access and basic E-Mail skills?

16. Do you have basic skills in Microsoft Windows?

17. Do you have basic skills in Microsoft Word?

SECTION II YOUR PREVIOUS EDUCATION

A. General Information

1. Have you ever earned a degree from an institution where English was the principal language of instruction?

2. Is your native language anything other than English?

3. Have you taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language examination?

If yes, please enter your score:

B. Education Background (Other Than Previous Law Study)

Please list all degrees you have earned other than law degrees.

4.1 Name of School #1

Degree Earned

Date Degree Was Conferred (Month and Year)

4.2 Name of School #2

Degree Earned

Date Degree Was Conferred (Month and Year)

4.3 Name of School #3

Degree Earned

Date Degree Was Conferred (Month and Year)

C. Education Background (Previous Law Study)

5. Have you earned a Juris Doctor Degree or the equivalent?

Note: This is a requirement of admission to the Program - do not submit this Application unless your answer is "Yes".

6. If yes, complete the following:

Name of School

Degree Earned

Date Degree Was Conferred (Month and Year)

7. Have you acquired substantive knowledge of American Law through your employment of life experiences? ☐
(Current knowledge of American Law is not required.)

8. Please mark any subjects below which you have studied or have some knowledge of American Law:

Legal Research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Law of Torts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal Law/Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wills & Trusts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constitutional Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real Property Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Organizations (Corporations, partnerships, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Property Law	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION III YOUR OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY

1. What is your present occupation?

2. Who is your current employer?

Name

Address

If you would like to submit a resume or vita for our consideration, you may attach and email with the Application for Admission. This is optional.

3. Are you licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction? ☐

If yes, name of jurisdiction?

Date Admitted (Month and Year)

4. Please list any other professional licences that you hold:

5. Do you expect that completion of the Program will assist you in your current responsibilities? ☐

6. Do you expect your tuition to be paid or reimbursed in whole or part by your current employer? ☐

7. Do you wish the existence of this application to be confidential from your employer? ☐

SECTION IV APTITUDE FOR NON-CLASSROOM STUDY

Complete the following quiz by selecting one answer to each question. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. The purpose of the quiz is to help us determine if our teaching modality of distance learning through telecommunication courses is a good option for you. *(Type an "X" in the box after your answer.)*

1. Having face-to-face interaction with my instructors and fellow students is:

(a) not particularly important to me.

(b) somewhat important to me.

(c) very important to me.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

2. I believe the study of law through distance education is:

(a) an "easy" way to earn a degree.

(b) an unproven concept.

(c) a viable alternative method to earn an accredited degree, but not an easy way.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

3. I would classify myself as someone who:

- (a) is good at prioritizing tasks and often gets things done ahead of time without being reminded by my instructor. ☐
- (b) is sometimes poor at prioritizing, needs to be reminded of assignments once in a while and often does assignments at the last minute. ☐
- (c) is poor at prioritizing and sometimes forgets to complete assignments if I'm not reminded about them frequently. ☐

4. Classroom discussions are:

- (a) rarely helpful to me. ☐
- (b) sometimes helpful to me. ☐
- (c) almost always helpful to me. ☐

5. When a college professor hands out instructions for an assignment, I prefer:

- (a) figuring out the instructions myself. ☐
- (b) trying to follow the directions on my own, then asking for help as needed. ☐
- (c) having the instructions explained to me. ☐

6. When it comes to assessing my own progress:

- (a) feel as if I can keep tabs on my own progress, even without immediate or frequent feedback from my instructor. ☐
- (b) prefer to receive regular feedback from my instructor, but don't mind if I can't get that feedback immediately after turning in a test or assignment. ☐
- (c) need feedback from my instructor immediately and often. ☐

7. My need to study law through distance education is:

- (a) high - It is my only practical alternative. ☐
- (b) moderate - I could enroll in a part-time traditional law school near my home or business. ☐
- (c) low - I have many options available to me to study American law. ☐

8. Considering my professional and personal schedule, the average amount of time I have to study on a weekly basis is:

- (a) less than 15 hours. ☐
- (b) approximately 16 to 17 hours. ☐
- (c) over 17 hours. ☐

9. When I am asked to use software or technologies that I haven't used before (such as e-mail, chat rooms, electronic classrooms):

- (a) I look forward to learning new skills. ☐
- (b) I feel apprehensive, but try anyway. ☐
- (c) I put it off and try to avoid it. ☐

10. If I had to describe my predominant learning style/preference, I would say it is:

- (a) auditory - I learn best when I can listen to an explanation of a concept. ☐
- (b) visual - I learn best when I can read the course materials or view graphics and other visuals. ☐
- (c) tactile - I learn best by "doing" (for instance conducting your own research). ☐

11. My personal and professional schedule is:

- (a) predictable, I can generally plan, well in advance, blocks of time to devote to my coursework.
- (b) generally predictable, but sometimes last minute meetings or events come up that I cannot reschedule.
- (c) unpredictable, I rarely know when I'm going to have free time that I can set aside for my coursework.

12. My motivation to earn a Master of Laws degree is:

- (a) very high.
- (b) moderate.
- (c) low.

SECTION V OTHER INFORMATION

1. Create a Secret Word:

To help us confirm your identity in electronic and telephonic communications, you need to create a secret word.

Select one of the three questions below:

- A. What is your mother's maiden name?
- B. What is your favorite sports team?
- C. What is your favorite vacation location?
- D. What is your pet's name?

What question did you select? (A, B, C or D) (*Select Only One*)

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What is the answer to the question you selected?

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2. How did you hear about the Master of Laws program?

From a current student

From a graduate of the Program

From an attorney

Wall Street Journal

WWW/Internet Search

Internet Article/Discussion Group/Chat Room

Radio

Through word of mouth

California State Bar

Other (Please specify)

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Law School Application Disclosure Information:

The method of instruction at this law school for professional law degree programs other than for the Juris Doctor - Attorney Track degree is principally by correspondence.

Completion of a professional law degree program at this law school other than for the Juris Doctor - Attorney Track degree does not qualify a student to take the California Bar Examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to practice law in California. It may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction. A student intending to seek admission to practice law should contact the admitting authority in the jurisdictions where the student intends to seek to qualify to sit for the bar examination or for admission to practice for information regarding the legal education requirements in that jurisdiction for admission to the practice of law.

SECTION VI CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Please remember, incomplete applications cannot be processed. Often, an applicant's response to certain questions may lead to additional questions. Therefore, you may be contacted by e-mail or telephone requesting additional information or clarification of certain items before we can make a decision.

By submitting this application, I certify that I have read and fully understood the innovative, alternative concepts of education utilized by the school as set forth in the General Catalog and Catalog Supplements. Further, I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete.

When you are finished completing the application form, print, sign and either scan and email to Admissions@TaftU.edu or mail to the School. If emailing, the subject line of your email should contain LLM Application for Admission.

Credit Card Number: Expiration:

Card Security Code (3 or 4 digit number on back of card):

Applicants are generally informed of the status of their application within 10 business days.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Taft Law School practices a policy of nondiscrimination in employment and admission. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, nondisqualifying handicap, religion, creed, or national or ethnic origin.

***Please review the information you have provided.
Thank you.***