

Application Procedure

For International Students Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law University of Arkansas School of Law

While applicants to the Graduate Program in Agricultural Law are generally admitted only after they have received a J.D. or other basic law degree from a law school in the United States, we will also consider applicants who have received their basic legal training outside the United States. Applicants to the Program are asked to show a demonstrated interest in American agriculture.

In some cases, we may require that an international student enroll in an approved orientation program on the American legal system prior to beginning graduate law classes.

While many domestic LL.M. candidates complete their degree requirements in two semesters, international students may find it necessary to spend three semesters in residence to complete the 24- credit course requirement for receiving the LL.M. degree.

International applicants to the Graduate Program in Agricultural Law must submit the following:

(1) Each applicant must prepare and submit a statement indicating why he or she is interested in studying agricultural and food law in the United States, describing ways in which past education and experience have prepared the applicant for advanced agricultural law studies, and describing the type of position the applicant hopes to assume upon completion of these studies.

(2) A current resume or curricular vitae.

(3) A completed Application for Admission for International Students.

(4) Evidence of receipt of the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree, the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, or a comparable degree from an accredited law school or law department.

(5) For applicants whose first language is not English, proficiency is imperative. An official [TOEFL](#) score (550 or better on the paper-based exam, 213 on the computer test, or 79 on the internet-based test), or an official [IELTS](#) score of 6.5 or higher are minimum requirements. Additional evidence of language proficiency may be required.

(6) Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, even if a degree was not received. Transcripts must be sent from the institution directly to the Director of the Graduate Program, and must bear the official seal of the institution, be signed by the Registrar or his delegate, and be notarized or authenticated by a local office. An English translation must be appended and similarly sealed, signed and notarized or authenticated. Transcripts not received directly from a college or university cannot be accepted. Transcripts should explain the school's grading system and indicate academic standing in some manner, preferably by class rank or designation of honors achieved. Law transcripts should indicate each subject taken and the academic marks received in each subject.

(7) Two letters of recommendation must be sent directly from those who write them to the Director of the Graduate Program. It is recommended that at least one letter be from a member of the applicant's law faculty and that at least one be from a judge or practicing lawyer. The application form requires the names of two additional references.

(8) A completed University of [Arkansas Supplemental and Financial Information](#) form. Each applicant must provide evidence of available financial support in the form of specific documentation of funds available for transfer to the United States to cover each year of study at the University of Arkansas.

International students admitted to the Graduate Program in Agricultural Law will enter the United States on either an F-1 Student Visa or a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. The U.S. Immigration Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) will be forwarded to the student as soon as the completed and signed University of Arkansas Supplemental and Financial Information form is returned to our office by the student. Before departure for the United States, the student must present the I-20 Form and a valid passport to a U.S. consulate abroad in order to obtain a Student Visa (F-1). If a sponsor or government requests J-1 status for the student, and has not made special arrangements for the visa, we will issue an IAP-66 form requesting a Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visit or (J-1) status.

Admission decisions are based upon a variety of factors, including the applicant's academic record, professional experience, English language proficiency, a demonstrated interest in the legal problems of agriculture and related career plans. Intensive English language studies are offered by the Spring International Language Center located on campus at the University of Arkansas. No financial assistance is available to fund English language studies.

The University of Arkansas is committed to the policy of providing educational opportunities to all qualified students regardless of their economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, sex, creed, veteran's status, age, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or national origin.

Application for Admission

For International Students
Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law
University of Arkansas School of Law

Personal Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

COUNTRY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

FIRST LANGUAGE _____

IF NOT ENGLISH, MOST RECENT TOEFL SCORE

DATE _____ SCORE _____

MODE OF PARTICIPATION:
FACE TO FACE ONLINE
FULL TIME PART TIME

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:
BEGINNING: FALL 20__

U.S. CITIZEN:
 YES NO

RESIDENT ALIEN:
 YES NO
IF YES, SUBMIT COPY OF
RESIDENT ALIEN CARD

NON-RESIDENT ALIEN:
 YES NO
VISA TYPE: _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

Educational Information

List all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools attended. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

| SCHOOL | MAJOR | DATES ATTENDED | DATE OF DEGREE |
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Provide law school class rank or percentile upon graduation _____

List all scholastic, academic or professional awards. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Professional Experience

List your last four positions of employment, including present employment.

| EMPLOYER | DATES OF EMPLOYMENT | POSITION/DUTIES |
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List your membership in any professional organizations.

List publications including books, law review articles, journal articles, monographs, government publications, research reports, etc. authored or co-authored by you. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

References

1. NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

2. NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PROVIDE THE NAMES OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL PROVIDE A LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION FOR YOU:

1. NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

2. NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

Additional Required Information

Are you licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction?

YES NO

If yes, state the jurisdiction and year of admission.

Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary proceedings as a member of the bar of any court or jurisdiction?

YES NO

Have you ever been subjected to academic disciplinary proceedings as a student in any college or university?

YES NO

Have you ever been formally charged or convicted in any court proceeding of a criminal nature?

YES NO

Have you ever been charged with fraud, formally or informally, in any civil proceeding?

YES NO

If your answer to any of the above questions is "Yes", attach a statement giving full details, including: dates; the institution, jurisdiction or court; the facts; the disposition of the matter; and citation to any court records.

Verification of Application

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is complete and accurate.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Submit this application and supporting documentation to:

LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law
University of Arkansas School of Law
Robert A. Leflar Law Center
Fayetteville, AR 72701-1201
E-MAIL: sschneid@uark.edu

By submitting this application in electronic form, the applicant attests to the accuracy of the information provided.

For Statistical Purposes Only:

Please indicate if you are:
Hispanic or Latino

Yes No

Please select one or more of the following, as applicable:

American Indian OR Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White/Caucasian

Sex:

Male Female

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