

The LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law

The University of Arkansas School of Law



The LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Arkansas has been a worldwide leader in agricultural and food law education for well over thirty years. Our 300+ alumni serve as leaders throughout the world and as mentors to our students.

When our Program was created in 1980, we helped to lead the effort to recognize Agricultural Law as a specialized discipline. In 2004, we offered the first Food Law & Policy class, again helping to advance a new discipline. In 2016, we were proud founding sponsors of the Academy of Food Law & Policy.

We offer a full range of specialized courses in agricultural and food law studies, with each course designed specifically for our LL.M. students. Courses are offered on a regular semester basis or condensed to allow for more concentrated study. Externships and practicums provide experiential opportunities.

Since 2009, we have offered distance enrollment, again pioneering a new initiative in legal education. Our distance students participate through live-stream video-conference, tune in to recorded lectures, and undertake guided online study, all at low in-state tuition rates. Many of our part-time distance students are experienced attorneys who work full time, helping to make the LL.M. classroom a truly professional environment.

Twenty-four credits are required for the LL.M degree, allowing full-time students to graduate in two semesters. Part-time students can take as many courses as they wish, with up to four years to complete the degree. Students only pay for the courses they take, when they take them. We strive to train the agricultural and food law leaders of the future.

From food safety to nutrition labeling, from farm programs to direct marketing, we explore issues from all sides - considering the farmer, processor, retailer, and the consumer as well as the workers all along the food chain. We promote an integrated, comprehensive study of some of the most important issues facing our world today.

Recognizing the importance of food security and the challenge of sustainability in the face of climate change, we address agricultural resilience, food justice, and food-related public health issues with a systemic focus.

Now, more than ever, agricultural and food law expertise is needed for innovation and for guidance.

Our program provides an opportunity to explore and debate critical policy issues while also developing the practical legal skills needed for those involved in our food system, from “farm to fork.”



Our classes

We offer a minimum of 24 credits of specialized courses in agricultural and food law each year from our extensive list of approved courses.

- Introduction to the Law of Food & Agriculture
 - Food Law & Policy
 - Agriculture & the Environment
- Human Rights & Corporate Social Responsibility in the Food Sector
- Intellectual Property and Food Law
- Agricultural Policy & the Federal Budget
 - The Right to Food
 - Regulated Markets in Agriculture
- Agricultural Cooperatives & Local Food Systems
- Federal Regulation of Food Labeling
- Federal Regulation of Food Safety
 - Land Tenure and Sustainability
 - Food Safety Litigation
- Food Justice Law & Policy
- Federal Nutrition Law & Policy
- Environmental Regulation of Agriculture
 - Urban Agriculture Law & Policy
 - Agricultural Labor Law
 - Farmed Animal Welfare Law
- Farm Programs & Crop Insurance
 - Agricultural Biotechnology
- Legal Issues: Indigenous Food & Agriculture
 - Agricultural Perspectives
- Introduction to Agricultural Taxation
- Issues in International Food & Agriculture
- Specialized Legal Writing: Agric. & Food Law
 - Agricultural & Food Law Practicum
 - Food Law Corporate Externship

LL.M. students are offered opportunities for professional networking with our alumni, with the career path of each student integrated into his or her individualized course of study.



Our students

Recent law graduates and experienced attorneys can apply for admission to our LL.M. Program as degree candidates.

Attorneys and law professors can apply to take our courses for non-degree credit, often receiving CLE credit for participation.

Law students and graduate students can apply to take individual courses for transfer credit back to their degree programs, subject to their department's requirements and our space limitations.

Distance students are eligible for in-state tuition. On campus students are eligible for graduate assistantships.

For more information or to apply, visit our website law.uark.edu/llm

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