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COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, BUSINESS & POLICY 2026-2027

Total Required Units for Graduation: Minimum 35 units/Maximum 45 units

Minimum and Maximum Units per Quarter: Minimum 9/Maximum 14 per quarter

IELBP Mandatory Courses

Candidates for the LL.M. in International Economic Law, Business & Policy must successfully complete each of the following courses:

- Introduction to American Law – 3 units* (early September, pre-Fall quarter)
- Professional Responsibility – 3 units* (early September, pre-Fall quarter)
- IELBP LL.M. Colloquium – 4 units (2 units each: Fall and Spring quarter)

** The 6 units for Introduction to American Law and Professional Responsibility count towards your total unit minimum/maximum, but are not counted as part of the Fall Quarter unit distribution.*

Strongly encouraged, but optional (required for taking the New York Bar**)

- Advanced Legal Writing – 3 units (Fall, Winter, or Spring)

One advanced Legal Writing course (any SLS course with a "ALW") is required for the New York Bar, but IELBP LL.M. students can opt out with the permission of the Teaching Fellow.

IELBP LL.M. Core Distribution Requirements

Each IELBP LL.M. student must successfully complete four (4) courses adding up to at least nine (9) units from the following choices, depending on offerings and availability. Please note the 2026-2027 course offerings are still subject to revision and some courses may be unavailable.

Each student will meet with the IELBP LL.M. Teaching Fellow to identify optimal course selections for each quarter. In preparation, please consult the course descriptions listed at https://law.stanford.edu/courses/.

- Antitrust
- Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Law, Economics, Business, and Policy
- Blockchain Governance
- Business, Social Responsibility, and Human Rights
- Conflict of Laws

- European Union Law
- Global Litigation
- Governing Artificial Intelligence
- Immigration Law
- International Business Negotiation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Investment Law
- International Law
- International Trade
- Negotiation
- Transnational Intellectual Property Law

Some of the courses listed above in the Core Distribution Requirements list may have prerequisites or are subject to limited enrollment, requiring you to lottery for the class or otherwise obtain the instructor's consent. LL.M. students will receive further information about SLS lottery and consent information from the Admissions and/or the Registrar's Office.

Related SLS Classes

All IELBP LL.M. students will have the opportunity to take additional courses of interest offered by SLS. Those LL.M. students considering taking the California or New York State Bar should note specific requirements for applying to the bar in those jurisdictions.

**For those taking the Bar Exam, the Associate Dean of Students will confirm New York or California bar course requirements for the 2026-2027 academic year. The Associate Dean will send a communication to all LL.M. students before they leave their home countries about information that might be useful for them to know in advance.

The SLS Website provides Bar Exam information for foreign students who obtain an LL.M. in the United States, available through this link.

Classes Outside the Law School

You are welcome to take non-law classes, e.g., those offered by the Graduate School of Business (GSB) and other schools and departments (Economics, Political Science etc.). You may count a maximum of 9 quarter units of non-law classes towards your LL.M. degree. Note the SLS Student Handbook rules regarding "Cross Registration in Other Schools and Departments of the University."

For those taking the Bar Exam, you must confirm with the Associate Dean of Students the maximum number of non-law classes allowed by the bar examiners.

To take non-law classes for law credit, you must have approval from the IELBP Teaching Fellow and the Registrar's Office. You can find SLS Approved Non-Law Courses at

https://law.stanford.edu/nl-course. If the course you are interested in is not listed as an approved non-law course, you must submit a petition to the Petitions Committee (via the Registrar's Office) to take the course. You can find physical copies of this petition in the Registrar's Office and digital copies on the Registrar's website.

You can find descriptions and schedules for all Stanford classes at http://explorecourses.stanford.edu and you may browse syllabi for many of those courses at http://syllabus.stanford.edu. Please refer to individual course descriptions for more information on prerequisites, suggested background prior to enrolling, and enrollment restrictions. Please note that individual departments and schools set their own requirements for cross-registration, but your Teaching Fellow can advise you on how to pursue these offerings.

Note these requirements are subject to revision. Confirmed guidance respecting course selection is distributed to students at the start of the academic year.