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Thomas Jefferson School of Law International Tax & Financial Services
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Introduction

Acquire legal significance.

The high profile aspect of international tax and finance demands superior legal competence in addition to proven skills in wealth management and other areas. With the LL.M. (Master of Laws) and J.S.M. (Master of Science of Law) degrees, you will be equipped with the knowledge and competence to meet the challenges of this constantly evolving world and will be professionally qualified as a well-rounded legal financial specialist.

LL.M. and J.S.M. Programs

Thomas Jefferson School of Law offers LL.M. (Master of Laws) and J.S.M. (Master of Science of Law) programs that develop students' expertise in international law. These programs reflect Thomas Jefferson's focus on globalization and its effect on both traditional areas of international law practice and emerging fields.

International Tax & Financial Services

We offer the LL.M. and J.S.M. degrees through the Walter H. and Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Law Program in International Tax and Financial Services. Established in 1998, the program offers graduate law degrees and certifications through a completely online course of study. The programs' more than 30 courses are taught by an international faculty, whose scholarly publications and years of practical experience have made them widely recognized leaders in their areas of expertise.

LL.M. - Master of Laws

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree is awarded to holders of a J.D., LL.B., and the foreign functional equivalent as determined by the Registrar, who successfully complete the program requirements, including 24 credit hours.

The degree states: Master of Laws.

J.S.M. - Master of Science of Law

The Master of Science of Law (J.S.M.) is awarded to all others who successfully complete the program requirements, including 24 credit hours.

The degree states: Master of Science of Law.



Dean's Message

As Dean and President of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, I welcome you to the Master of Laws (LL.M) and the Master of Science of the Law (J.S.M) programs. Through interdisciplinary academic training and practical application of skills, students acquire the legal education necessary to succeed as leaders in a global environment.

Thomas Jefferson takes pride in its long-standing tradition of providing a personal educational experience, with opportunities for close work with faculty members and other students in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. We are also working on outreach efforts to connect graduates back to the School and to build relationships with other constituencies.

I hope the information you get here encourages you to learn more about what makes TJSL a unique learning experience. If you choose to pursue your graduate studies in law with us, I look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Rudy Hasl

Dean and President

The mission of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law is to provide an outstanding legal education for a nationally based, diverse student body in a collegial and supportive environment with attention to newly emerging areas of law, particularly those related to technological development, globalization and the quest for social justice.





Director's Message

Congratulations on your decision to pursue an online Master's degree with Thomas Jefferson School of Law. The Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Master of Science of Law (J.S.M.) programs have a rich history of preparing and further enhancing the legal skills of professionals in International Tax & Financial Services. In addition to developing your expertise in international law, these programs reflect our focus on globalization and its effect on both traditional areas of international law practice and emerging fields.

We offer the LL.M. and J.S.M. degrees through the Walter H. and Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Law Program in International Tax and Financial Services.

Our respected, international faculty consists of leaders, widely recognized leaders in their areas of expertise. Faculty and staff work to provide students convenient access to online classes, seminars, guest speakers, internships, management studies and more. The program embraces the use of technologies that allow faculty to deliver a high quality educational experience while working with students who have many demands on their schedules.

Our School of Law is fully approved by the American Bar Association (ABA), and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

I welcome your inquiry about TJSL's online LL.M. and J.S.M. programs and offer my assistance in your decision making process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes as you embark on an exciting future,

Director's name

Director

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

—Thomas Jefferson, July 4, 1776



Thomas Jefferson

Lawyer, President, Statesman, Diplomat, Educator, 1743 - 1826

The man from whom the Thomas Jefferson School of Law takes its name and who inspires its mission is one of the towering figures of modern history. As a member of the Continental Congress, Jefferson was the principal drafter of the Declaration of Independence. As President, Jefferson effected the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States and laid the course for what he envisioned as an Empire of Liberty, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. In retirement, he founded and designed the campus for the University of Virginia. It was his instruction that the law curriculum there should prepare law students for a profession as defenders of liberty.

Jefferson's legacy, however, extends far beyond his impressive list of accomplishments. His specific place in history rests upon his unique gift as an eloquent expositor of America's cherished principles of freedom and equality. Abraham Lincoln based his political philosophy on the principles of Jefferson. A century later, Martin Luther King, Jr., referred to Jefferson's majestic words in his famous letter from the Birmingham jail.

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law stands as a perpetual tribute to the man long hailed as the "genius of liberty." We honor his love of learning, his passionate advocacy of liberty and equality, and his belief in the law as an instrument of our deepest values.

Thomas Jefferson University

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is inspired by the mission and ideals of its namesake, a towering figure in American history who gave voice to the principles of liberty and equality this nation holds dear. Thomas Jefferson was founded in 1969 as the San Diego campus of the Western State University College of Law, a privately owned institution in Orange County, California.

The School of Law was born in late 1995 when the law school became independent and was granted provisional American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation in August 1996. In January of 2011, the law school will be moving to a brand-new, state-of-the-art high-rise campus in the East Village area of Downtown San Diego. The contemporary-looking structure will feature several outdoor terraces and walls of windows through which passersby can see into the law school while those inside can observe the activity of the East Village.

Thomas Jefferson has evolved into a private, non-profit institution that has distinguished itself as an innovative, cutting-edge law school, devoted to the individual needs and success of the student. The law school has a world-class faculty; its professors have been trained at the top law schools; more than half of them graduating from the nation's top five law schools, and three-quarters of them from top 10 law schools. Our faculty is prolific in its publication of important scholarly works, including more than 500 scholarly articles and books collectively.

Thomas Jefferson has three Centers for Academic Excellence: The Center for Global Legal Studies, The Center for Law, Technology, and Communications, and The Center for Law and Social Justice. All three centers have achieved prominence in their fields through expanded course offerings and timely speaker programs. The law school has also achieved prominence in many legal areas such as intellectual property, international investment law, computer & internet law, to name a few

The future of Thomas Jefferson School of Law will be defined by the continuing innovation and excellence of its faculty, alumni and students, as we continue to give a solid, practice-oriented, legal education which also offers opportunities to shape the rapidly-evolving new issues which will define the practice of law in the years to come.

Overview - Get on top of international finance

Knowledge is power.

Gain a thorough understanding of all areas of law, critical to success in today's international finance and tax environment. The TJSL LL.M. and J.S.M. online degrees uniquely prepare you to face and overcome challenges. You will acquire a thorough, in-depth understanding of legal skills and technicalities required to gain the knowledge edge in your career.

Become well rounded in the field of law.

The TJSL LL.M. and J.S.M. degrees are accredited, acknowledged and highly regarded by global institutions and government bodies everywhere. With a careful selection of courses, your degree gives you a firm foundation in all matters of law and the opportunity to expand your horizons. Your full, comprehensive knowledge of law will allow you to be in control of the changing landscape in E-Commerce, Wealth Management, Finance and International Tax and progress to the next level in your chosen career and field.

Learn with a distinguished set of peers from around the nation.

While you will learn from experience alumni, our virtual classroom setting is the ideal place for you to interact with successful, high-achieving peers - from around the globe. By learning together and from each other, the online forum becomes more dynamic than a traditional classroom and provides you a fresh perspective each day.

Practical knowledge you can apply right now.

By enabling you to develop expertise in a wide range of subjects related to law, the LL.M. and J.S.M. degrees provide you with a strong foundation to excel in other areas of your life. Your advanced qualification will give you a secure platform to achieve your goals in a range of legal and professional environments.

7 Concentrations. Customized course combinations.

The rigorous, challenging and rewarding learning schedule includes 7 concentrations namely, International Financial Services, Anti-Money Laundering & Compliance, Wealth Management, E-commerce/Intellectual Property, United States Taxation, Trusts/ Company Administration & Compliance, and Bankruptcy & Restructuring, with the option to make your own course selections from an approved list.

Robust online Library

Stand out from peers with full access and training on all the industry tax and financial services databases, not just Westlaw and Lexis - CCH, Checkpoint, IBFD, Tax Analysts, BNA, Westlaw Business, Westlaw China, Complanet, and Butterworths, amongst the others. Graduates obtain technology confidence with tax planning and compliance software from providers such as Orbitax, CCH compliance, Compliance Resource Network, and tax risk management enterprise systems e.g. Vertex.

Databases: Proprietary and Aggregators

Lexis-Nexis Westlaw Checkpoint Commercial Laws of the World
World Tax Executive Sweet & Maxwell CCH BNA BNA International
Butterworths IBFD Tax Analysts Quick Law Lois Law
Matthew Bender Oceana Foreign Law Publishers IBLS CompliNet

Why a LL.M. and J.S.M. Degree?

Positive results: Today's competitive global environment is all about results. Gaining your degree helps you stay one step ahead and on top of the changing legal landscape.

Enhanced earning potential: Your legal competence enhances your financial prospects, in your profession, legal career, business or network - the training is practical and immediately applicable in a real world setting.

Stability: Not only will your new skills place you in high demand professionally, you would enjoy greater job security than your peers who may lack a degree. Your newly acquired skills make you well rounded and attractive in a broader range of fields.

Future opportunity: The J.S.M. and LL.M degrees will open the doors to new initiatives, collaborations and opportunities. You will now network and collaborate with high-leveled professionals in the corporate ladder and in business world.

Expand your horizons: The specialized degree sets you up for an upper management position. By acquiring the degree, you are reinforcing your commitment to be well rounded and take on additional responsibility.

Shift gears: If your career isn't moving at the pace you wish to, the degree will help you make the shift to a more dynamic career path and the one you aspire for.

You're now in control: Finally, it's all about being on top of developments. You can be the creator of circumstances, not a creature of circumstances.

“My decision to attend Thomas Jefferson School of Law was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I listened to my heart because I felt TJSL embraces its students warmly and gives the individual attention that I needed most. I had fun learning valuable legal skills from professors I respect; and maximized my potential in a small classroom setting. I maintain close contacts with some professors to this day. TJSL trained me to be a good person before I could be a good lawyer.”

— Joanna Tsai '02

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Accreditation

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is one of the most respected in the country and our programmes among the most highly sought after. Our dedication to high standards, as well as commitment to continuous improvement is reflected in our accreditation from a wide range of leading legal organizations and professional bodies.



ABA Institution

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a private, independent nonprofit law school, fully approved by the American Bar Association (ABA), and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Other Accreditations

The program is accredited by the American Academy of Financial Management™ (AAFM). Graduates of specific concentrations will be eligible for accreditation, without further course work and examination, board certification or professional certifications depending on courses completed. AAFM is a professional association member of The AACSB International and ACBSP Accreditation Agencies with which it has a global cross recognition agreement.

- Chartered Compliance Analyst (CCA)
- Chartered Wealth Manager (CWM)
- Certified Risk Analyst (CRA)
- Chartered Trust and Estate Planner (CTEP)
- Certified International Tax Analyst (CITA)
- Chartered Asset Protection Analyst (CAPA)
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Consultant (CAMC)

The e-commerce part of the LL.M. program courses are recognized by the International Institute of Certified E-Commerce Consultants (ICECC). Graduates of the E-commerce concentration may waive* into, without further course work, the professional certifications related to their coursework.

* Certifying boards and professional associations generally require an extensive application process. Please contact them directly regarding requirements and procedure

Tuition and Financial Aid

Investing In Education

There are many payment plans available for Thomas Jefferson School of Law graduate students. Please contact an Admissions Advisor to discuss any questions you may have regarding payment, financial aid information, or scholarship opportunities. Thomas Jefferson School of Law reserves the right to revise the schedule of tuition and fees without notice. The costs provided by the Admissions Department are for the current academic year and may change for future academic years.

Your education costs will differ depending on:

- your eligibility for employer reimbursement
- the materials/software required

Program costs are calculated by credit hour. For the most up-to-date tuition and fees, please contact an Admissions Advisor.

Employer-Sponsored Tuition Assistance

Many organizations offer tuition assistance to employees and, in some cases, cover 100% of tuition costs. Programs and policies vary among employers. Consult your personnel office to learn more about tuition assistance at your organization.

Finance Options

How to pay for your education is always an important consideration. You can choose from a variety of private loans and you are encouraged to do your research and choose the best option for you. An Admissions Advisor can assist you in exploring alternative financing options.

Tuition and Financial Aid Questions

If you have any questions regarding tuition and financial aid, please contact an Admissions Advisor.

Program Summary

The Program for the LL.M. (Master of Laws) and J.S.M. (Master of Science of Law) is now in its 12th successful year under the same leadership. The curriculum consists of 34 courses of three credits each, and the LL.M./J.S.M. require 24 credits (i.e. eight courses) to graduate.

The LL.M. is awarded to holders of a J.D. and its equivalent, and the J.S.M. is awarded to holders of accounting, finance, economic and other business degrees. The highly innovative program has been the first to obtain articulation with several professional associations.

This Program employs the four-pillar business strategy employed by upper tier institutions in order to distinguish ourselves – (I) best-of-class leader pedagogically, (II) leveraging our faculty's innovativeness, (III) correlating curriculum to career service placement, and (IV) engaging with our industry leading alumni.

Sterling Credentials

The International Tax & Financial Services program was the pioneer 12 years ago for online interactive classes and best-in-industry accredited training. Ten years of success with our hundreds of students ranging in age, residents in over 80 countries, is proof that highly interactive accredited training can be engaged online. Our current students include managers at firms, banks, governments, and multinational companies: Deputy Trade Counsel -Tyco; Head of Compliance (North America) - HSBC; Chair of Faculty - Rochester Institute of Technology; Compliance – Citigroup; Revenue Authority, Nigeria; the IRS; Partner, Duane Morris; Manager, KPMG; Boeing, and so on.

Global Alumni

Our Alumni team is a cohesive network of faculty and alumni that reside globally (Asia, Africa, Europe, North & South America, the Caribbean), and approach learning from the working realities of our professional lives, from Senior Manager presentation deadlines, to family vacation commitments.

Initially, I was slightly apprehensive about studying over the internet. However, this soon dissipated and I found the whole experience both fascinating and rewarding. It really has added value. The program's coverage, both in breadth and depth, was very good and there was ample opportunity to exchange views with others, present ideas and ask questions.

We even did group collaborative assignments, which was a great challenge and an excellent learning experience. A very commendable aspect of the program is the networking amongst students and alumni.

— Ben Holt,

Director Compliance, Barclays Capital



7 Course Concentrations

Concentration of courses lead to Diplomas of Expertise that allow students to obtain a 12 credit expertise goal without pursuing the full 24 credits (which includes completing the Thesis) - matching an employers needs with a tailored curriculum evidenced by a Diploma of Expertise. This is particularly important for employer tuition-reimbursement programs.

The program has 7 Concentrations based upon its 46 courses. Each Concentration has its own mix of a four required course curriculum to achieve the certification. Diplomas will be evidenced by a document suitable for framing as well as an accompanying law school transcript.

- (1) International Financial Services
- (2) Anti-Money Laundering & Compliance
- (3) Wealth Management & Private Banking
- (4) E-commerce / Intellectual Property
- (5) United States Taxation
- (6) Trusts/Company Administration & Compliance
- (7) Bankruptcy

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate with the LL.M. or J.S.M., a student must successfully complete 24 credits while officially enrolled as

a degree-seeking candidate, which includes one required course of 3 credits - (Thesis II) of at least 12,500 words with a minimum of 10 unique sources footnoted.

The candidate must have obtained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 over the 24 credits in order to be eligible to graduate. If a candidate does not have a 2.0 grade point average, the candidate may continue to take courses up to 36 credits to achieve the minimum grade point average.

The remaining 21 credits (7 courses normally) may flexibly be organized over time and curriculum to best meet the candidate's employment needs.

Choosing Amongst 46 Courses

Each of the 46 courses is offered annually subject to sufficient enrollment of at least 5 students. If that's not achieved, then the course is offered the following year.

Typically, a Masters level student requires eight courses to graduate, including Thesis 2 (Dissertation). Thus, many students face the challenge of choosing seven from among the remaining forty-five courses. Many students look to one of the seven "concentrations" to help guide this decision. Others look toward professional associations and their requirements.

The program has two full time dedicated staff to this program to assist in structuring these academic decisions in relation to each student's employment goals. Also, the program has a continually running online course open to all students called "Career Services" which brings in recruitment experts and employers to address these questions.

The Program curriculum consists of the following 46 courses, each worth 3 credits:

1. Thesis I International Research & Writing
2. Thesis II Dissertation
3. Introduction to International Tax Planning
4. Tax Treaties
5. Offshore Financial Services
6. International Anti-Avoidance Legislation & Jurisprudence
7. International Transfer Pricing
8. Advanced International Tax Planning
9. European Union Taxation
10. China Tax & Investment Law
11. Trusts & Company Law, Administration and Compliance
12. International Estate Planning
13. Private Banking and Wealth Management
14. Advanced Wealth Management
15. Investment Management & Compliance
16. Financial Instruments a Survey
17. Equity Instruments
18. Debt Instruments
19. Derivative Instruments
20. Project Management
21. Anti Money-Laundering & Compliance I (Int. AML)
22. Anti Money-Laundering & Compliance II (Int. Comp.)
23. Anti Money-Laundering & Compliance III(US AML and Comp.)
24. Financial Crimes & Security
25. Cyber Crime and Techno Torts
26. Privacy Law
27. Online Contracting
28. Introduction to E-commerce Law
29. Global e-Commerce Law & Taxation
30. Law and Tax of Intellectual Property
31. Introduction to Income Tax (US)
32. Advanced Income Tax (US)
33. Civil Tax Procedure (US)
34. Corporation Tax (US)
35. Partnership Taxation (US)
36. Estate & Gift (US)
37. US International Tax
38. Consumer Bankruptcy
39. Business Bankruptcy
40. Bankruptcy Procedure
41. Bankruptcy Taxation
42. Bankruptcy Accounting and Financial Reporting
43. International and Comparative Bankruptcy
44. Consumer Financial Services
45. Loan Workouts, Collections, and Foreclosure
46. Secured Transactions



"The LLM program .. offers superior education in a forum that is most accommodating for the student, facilitated by excellent professors that are working professionals in their field. Enrolling ... was one of the best investments I've made for myself."

— Nasrat Hakim

Alpharma Pharmaceutical Inc

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Curriculum

Professional Designation and Certification eligibility requires (I) a graduate level education, (II) passing the examinations of specialized courses within a particular field, (III) a minimum professional experience level, (IV) abiding by a code of ethics, and (V) an obligation to annually obtain a minimum amount of hours of continuing education.

Within the Master (of Science) of Laws curriculum, listed below are the courses eligible for articulation for the requirements of criterion (II) "passing the examinations of specialized courses within a particular field".
to family vacation commitments.

- Chartered Wealth Manager™ CWM™ Board Certification
- Chartered Portfolio Manager CPM™ Board Designation
- Certified International Tax Analyst™ CITA™
- Chartered Asset Manager™ CAM™ Board Certification
- Certified Transfer Pricing Specialist™ CTS™ Board Certification
- Chartered Trust and Estate Planner Designation™ CTEP™
- Chartered Compliance Analyst™ CCA™
- Certified Anti Money Laundering Consultant™ CAMC™
- Certified Risk Analyst™ CRA™ Certified in Risk Management
- Master Financial Manager™ MFM™ Certified in Corporate Finance
- Certified E-Commerce Specialist™ CEST™
- Chartered Market Analyst™ CMA™

Alumni - Surge ahead with fellow students

Thomas Jefferson Alumni are everywhere in the U.S.

Thomas Jefferson's nearly 6,000 graduates live and work both nationally and internationally. While most choose to work in California, there are alumni in every one of the 50 states and in several foreign countries.

Our graduates use their legal education in both the private and public sectors. They are at leading law firms and corporations. They are judges, elected officials and sole practitioners. They continue to use the quality legal education they received at Thomas Jefferson School of Law to provide outstanding legal services and to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors and the law school's Alumni Relations and Development staff work closely with alumni, faculty, staff and our community of friends to provide additional learning opportunities and support. Students can choose to take advantage of many options that will enrich their law school experience and assist them after graduation.

Additional Alumni Opportunities

Thomas Jefferson Alumni Association

The 5,500+ member alumni association is described on the website http://www.tjssl.edu/alumni_association. The alumni association and students, resident nationally and globally, maintain an active virtual community to be found at - <http://alumni.tjssl.edu/home/index.asp>.

You will be registered in the virtual community during your first semester of enrollment.

The Alumni Fellows Program

The intention is that each new student in the program be mutually matched with an Alumnus for networking purposes, potentially academically, professionally, and socially. Alumni and students should communicate through Facebook.com Walter H. & Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Program Alumni & Friends to preserve privacy of contact information.

Thesis Fellow: By example, certain alumni have interests in assisting students develop and structure a Thesis on a particular topic. The student naturally undertakes all the research and work, but with the guidance of the Thesis Fellow who may make general comments before the Thesis is submitted for final grading.

Academic: An alumnus and student can use "skype.com" or other means of communication, such as email, to discuss such issues as suggested course selection, certain professor scuttlebutt, career choices, study groups, and thesis topics.

Professional: Alumni may assist student with career choices, career planning, and practical issues such as developing the curriculum vitae for particular types of employers.

Social: Students and alumni within regional areas, or attending the same events, may be in contact to organize morning coffees and after-work drinks.

Law School networking: Thomas Jefferson School of Law has also established a new network on www.Facebook.com. You will need a tj@tj.edu email to join which will be provided to you before classes begin.

The Program has successfully run for 11 years. It has been supported by several significant underpinnings. Success in the future depends upon active alumni support and the program maintaining a cutting-edge, best-of-class, status amongst employers.

Faculty - A distinguished panel of respected leaders

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to have an experienced, caring and diverse faculty. The credentials of our faculty are first-rate. Our professors have structured business transactions at both the international and the domestic levels and litigated before the World Court at The Hague, the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state trial and appellate courts. Their clients have ranged from the largest multinational corporations to the most needy members of our society and virtually every type of client in between. Our faculty also have testified before Congress and the California legislature, have appeared as experts on national and local television news and radio broadcasts and have served as legal consultants to our government, the United Nations and several foreign governments.

Faculty Profiles

Professor William H. Byrnes, IV, Associate Dean to Thomas Jefferson School of Law, pioneered distributive legal education in the US and abroad. Before Thomas Jefferson, Prof. Byrnes received tenure and full professor status from St. Thomas University School of Law (Miami) in 2005. Since 1996 he has been a Visiting Professor of the International Tax masters program at Witwatersrand University in South Africa, and prior was a lecturer at Rand Afrikaans University for International Tax. Prior to his tenured academic career, Prof. Byrnes was an associate director, international tax, at Coopers and Lybrand, currently PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He is also a licensed attorney.

Professor Byrnes has been employed as a consultant to a number of foreign governments on their fiscal policy, including South Africa, Botswana, The United Kingdom, The British Virgin Islands, etc. He is the primary author and team leader of the UK commissioned Report on the Economic, Socio-Economic, and Regulatory Impact of the Tax Savings Directive and EU Code of Conduct on Business Taxation upon Selected Offshore Financial Centers as well as a Competitiveness Report for Selected Offshore Financial Centers. In addition he has co-authored and edited several books on international financial systems and has published law review articles.

In 1996 with EuroMoney-Institutional Investor, he created and taught in-house banking and stock exchange training programs internationally – Hong Kong and London among others, and has chaired, as well as presented at, many corporate and private banking conferences globally. Professor Byrnes also created and taught the STEP international tax planning training program globally to hundreds of STEP members.

[Hannah Bible Esq.](#), has worked as an advisor to the Asian-African legal Consultative Organization at the United Nations speaking in the General Assembly, scripting legal language for various UN resolutions, and acting as a general advisor within the 6th committee on various legal matters and the 3rd committee regarding economic/ financial issues. Additionally, she has acted as a legal adviser to The World Conservation Union, Pax Romana, and other Intergovernmental organizations within the UN system. As a faculty member of the Walter H. & Dorothy B. International Tax & Financial Services Graduate Program of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law (San Diego), Ms. Bible teaches the law of international trusts & business organizations as well as United States income tax. Ms. Bible is currently a member of the tax section of the Florida Bar.

[Marshall J. Langer, Esq.](#) is one of the top five known authors and speakers in the field of international financial services. For nearly a decade he served as a Diplomat for Trade and Investment for the Government of Grenada. He has previously served as President of the Greater Miami Tax Institute and Vice President of the U.S.A. Branch of the International Fiscal Association (IFA). He has also served on the Executive Council of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law and is currently on the advisory committees of the International Tax Planning Association (ITPA) and the American Tax Institute in Europe. In his nearly sixty year career, Mr. Langer has been one of the most prolific global speakers in the field.

James Lavorgna is the President & CEO of Forsyth Wealth Management, Inc., a Registered Investment Adviser and Business Services International, Inc., an international tax and wealth management advisory company. Business Services International, Inc. also provides wealth management instructional courses for the American Academy of Financial Management and the Royal Society of Fellows. He was a thesis promoter and teaches international tax credits as an adjunct professor for St. Thomas University School of Law Masters of Laws Graduate International Taxation program. He now teaches as an adjunct professor for the Diamond Graduate International Tax Program at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Others on the Panel*:

J. Richard Duke, Principal, Duke Law Firm, P. C., Birmingham, Alabama

Prof. Larry C. Fedro Esq., Executive Director of the St. Thomas University School of Law Tax Clinic

Fred Ongcapin is an Adjudications Officer (Policy) for the Policy and Regulation Management Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Dr. Thomas A. Gionis, a United States Fulbright Scholar in Law,

James Lavorgna is the President & CEO of Forsyth Wealth Management, Inc.,

*Learn more about our entire faculty at: www.tjssl.edu/faculty

“During my employment with the United States Department of Justice, Treasury and presently the United States Department of Homeland Security the hard work for the LL.M in International Tax provided me with exceptional knowledge foundation. The knowledge foundation assisted in complex investigations that addressed international money laundering, banking fraud and national security matters.”

— Enzo Cannizzo

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Special Agent



Admissions

To help you with your application, we have outlined the admission requirements and the application process below.

Professional Experience Requirements

- A current resume of professional experience
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement: how the program will benefit your career and how the program will benefit from your admission

LL.M

Academic Requirements

- Applicants should have earned a Juris Doctorate (J.D.), Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), or an equivalent legal degree from a law school in the United States or from an accredited foreign University
- Official transcripts for each institution attended, whether or not a degree was conferred
- Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized equivalency service. Non-native speakers of English must submit their TOEFL scores

J.S.M.

Academic Requirements

- An undergraduate bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or the equivalent , generally in accountancy, business, finance, or economics
- Official transcripts for each institution attended, whether or not a degree was conferred
- Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized equivalency service. Non-native speakers of English must submit their TOEFL scores

To begin the application process, please contact an Admissions Advisor.

About Online Education

Your degree - on your terms

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's management programs are delivered online to accommodate the diverse needs of working professionals like yourself. Online education is flexible, interactive, and preferred by the countless students who find they work best outside of the conventional school framework. With online education, you have the freedom to access course content, post discussions, and brainstorm with peers whenever it is most convenient for you, from wherever you feel most comfortable. The quality of education you receive online from Thomas Jefferson School of Law is equal to that of our programs on campus with the added bonus of individualized attention from your small group instructor as well as your professors. And lessons are always current and easily applicable to real-world business situations.

Benefits of Online Learning

This program utilizes the highest level of online learning technology available today. This stimulating online program is structured around four learning environments: Internet, Home, Small Groups, and Work.

Internet

[Accommodates your demanding work and home life](#)

The program's online learning portal is the center of the learning experience. It is here where you will access course information, communicate with your instructor and fellow learners, take quizzes, post assignments, and view grades, all from the convenience of your home or office. This highly interactive educational website uses the highest quality multi-media to make your learning experience as engaging as it is effective. The online learning portal provides a framework for the highest quality of communication and interaction among yourself, your instructor, and your fellow learners.

Home

Learning that fits your lifestyle

For your convenience, all printed materials and textbooks for the program are delivered to your home prior to the beginning of each course. Resources such as the online library and access to current course materials are available from your desktop 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year long. To ensure that you remain completely up-to-date, course schedules are also made available online.

Small Groups

Your Small Group Instructor will successfully guide you through the program

You will be part of a small group of approximately 20 other professionals. This allows you to be part of an online learning community of peers that provides support, challenges your knowledge, and encourages debate. The result of this opportunity allows you to add fellow students to your network.

Work

Practical knowledge for your future

The JSM and LLM programs blend professional experience with scholarly achievement to give you the knowledge and skills to set you apart. Your workplace will provide you with a source of research, case studies, and policy analysis. The solid legal background along with your specialization and the international financial skills you will learn are essentials to compete in today's complex global environment.

Help Desk Support

Everyone needs a little help sometimes, and we are here to give it

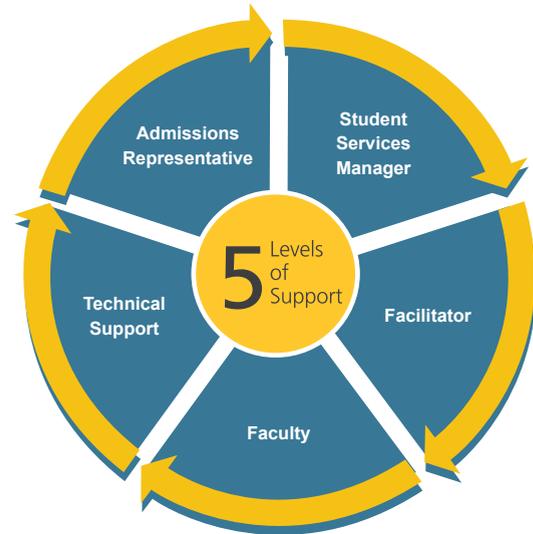
We have built these master's degree programs around your lifestyle and learning needs. Since many of our students work off-hours, our technical support desk is always ready to give you computer and software help. No matter what your technical question or level of computer skill, you can talk to a live technical support specialist anytime, day or night.

Five Levels of Support

Helping our online GIST students is the goal of each member of USC. We are here to help you every step of the way with your own dedicated team consisting of:

1. **Admissions Representative:**
guides you through the application process.
2. **Student Services Manager:**
communicates with the university on your behalf.
3. **Facilitator:**
helps you with matters involving course content and requirements.
4. **Faculty:**
experienced, highly regarded faculty develops relevant curriculum.
5. **Technical Support:**
provides consistent, helpful, LIVE support
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

This program has been structured for those seeking both challenging graduate studies and the tools needed by management professionals. Integral to this degree is the online collaboration among you, your small group and instructor, and the outstanding Thomas Jefferson School of Law faculty members from the privacy and convenience of your home or office.



FAQ's

Will the Master of Science of the Law (JSM) in International Taxation and Financial Services train me to be a lawyer?

No, if you want to become a lawyer, the JSM Program is not for you. The JSM provides new skills and knowledge to enhance your existing ones rather than to prepare you for a new career as a lawyer. It was not designed to permit you to take the bar exam.

Will the JSM in International Taxation and Financial Services degree help me get into law school?

No, the JSM is not intended to prepare students for the JD degree, however, students who successfully complete courses in the JSM program will have a better understanding of law than people who have not.

Is this online degree any different from the one that is earned on-campus at Thomas Jefferson School of Law?

No, you will receive an official Thomas Jefferson School of Law diploma. Our online master's degrees carry the same excellence as those earned in a traditional classroom setting.

How are the programs accredited?

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a private, independent nonprofit law school, fully approved by the American Bar Association (ABA), and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). See the accreditation page for more details.

How long is the program?

The coursework can be completed in 16 months depending on the start date. You can start the program three times per year - Spring, Summer, or Fall. Your Admissions Advisor will assist you with the enrollment calendar and highlight the unique benefits of each start date.

How many credits and courses do I take each semester?

You will enroll in two consecutive ten-week, three-credit courses each semester for a total of six credits per semester.

How many credits and courses do I need to graduate?

In order to graduate you must successfully complete 24 credits while officially enrolled as a degree seeking candidate, which includes two required courses (Thesis I and Thesis II) and six

other courses (each worth three credits each). You must obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 over the 24 credits in order to be eligible to graduate. If you do not have a 2.5 grade point average, you may continue to take courses up to 36 credits to achieve the minimum grade point average.

Do you accept transfer credits or grant credits based on work experience and certifications?

You may apply up to 8 credits maximum from another ABA post-graduate legal education program (e.g. an LL.M., J.S.M., or similar degree). The application to transfer credits may only be made after matriculation into the program. The application to transfer courses must be based upon an official copy of the transcripts, explaining how the courses to be transferred in are identical to the courses at Thomas Jefferson. No course with less than a B (3.0 / 80%) grade will be considered for transfer.

How much does the program cost?

Please refer to the tuition and fees supplement for the most current information, or speak to an Admissions Advisor.

When do I start the program?

There are three start dates available each year. An Admissions Advisor will be able to explain the benefits of various start dates and help you select the one that works best for you.

How much time is required for this program?

This program is designed for the working professional who must balance the demands of work, home, and study. On average, most students spend about 15 to 20 hours each week studying, participating in the online class discussions, and collaborating on discussion boards, as well as working on team projects and preparing individual assignments.

Who do I talk to if I have more questions or if I want to apply?

Please contact an Admissions Advisor. They will be able to answer your questions.



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