

# SPACE, CYBER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW, LLM

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Since 2008, Nebraska Law has been the only law college in the nation to offer an LL.M. degree in space, cyber, and telecommunications law. Graduates of the one-year program have gone on to careers working for private companies like SpaceX; for civilian agencies like the State Department and NASA Jet Propulsion Lab; for military operations such as the U.S. Cyber Command and Space Operations at Vandenberg Air Force Base; as well as for think tanks, consultants and law firms.

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## Academic Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits is required to complete the LL.M program. All of these credits must be taken subsequent to receipt of the student's first law degree and must be obtained at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Admissions Committee will exercise a strong preference for students who intend to enroll on a full-time basis.

To complete the LL.M. degree, students must also meet the following requirements:

- Complete an introductory course in American law (for students with foreign law degrees only)(this is a zero credit course).
- Complete (or be excused from) the required courses.
- Complete a program of study approved by the Director of the program.
- Complete a research paper of publishable quality.
- Attain a weighted average grade of no less than 6.0 for all courses taken at the Law College.

Required courses for the program are:

LAW 640	International Law	3
LAW 748	Space Law	2
LAW 747	National Security Space Law	1
LAW 726	Platforms: Networks and Infrastructure	3
LAW 756	International Cyber Security: Mischief, Crime and Warfare	3
LAW 778	Researching Space Law	1
LAW 795	LL.M. Research Independent Study	3

Students who have taken comparable courses at other institutions as part of their basic law training may be excused from required courses at the discretion of the Directors of the program. A student who is not required to complete one or more of the required courses must still complete a minimum of 24 hours of course work to complete the LL.M. program.

The remainder of the course work for the LL.M. degree will be determined in consultation with a faculty advisor, and approved by the Directors. Up to six credits of this additional course work may be courses taken outside of the Law College (but still at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln), subject to the approval and grade requirements of Faculty Rule 2.4.2.

The LL.M. degree requires completion of a research paper of publishable quality. This would normally be completed in conjunction with the

thesis/independent study required course, but could also be completed as part of the requirements of a seminar taken at the Law College.

## Admissions

**Application Requirements:** We require a personal statement, all undergraduate and law college transcripts, the LSAC application questionnaire, 2-3 letters of recommendation, and a resume.

**International Applicants:** TOEFL score of 100 (on the internet based test) is required by foreign applicants from non English speaking countries. Foreign applicants must use apply online and use the LSAC credential assembly service.

**Deadlines:** We accept applications at all times. Semester start times are based on our rolling admissions and the requested semester start. Please

contact the Executive Director, Elsbeth Magilton (<http://law.unl.edu/elsbeth-magilton/>) with questions on start dates. International students, please note while sometimes it may be possible, we can never guarantee a fall semester start date for applications received after March 31 or a spring semester start date for applications received after September 15.

Apply by creating an account at LSAC.org (<http://law.unl.edu/LSAC.org>) and selecting the application for the correct program.

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