



SMU | DEDMAN
SCHOOL OF LAW

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The goal of our admissions process is to identify applicants who will flourish in law school and who will gain a distinct lifelong advantage by having attained a Dedman law degree. The application process is our opportunity to look at you as a whole person. We want to know about you and your accomplishments.

Throughout the admissions process, the Admissions Office will make every effort to give you prompt and individualized attention. Every application is read in its entirety; no decisions are made on the “numbers” alone. When evaluating an application, we look for well-rounded students who have proven evidence of academic success and who will enrich our overall educational community.

Our application process is designed to provide you with greater control over the completion of your application. By including most required documents with your application, you can help ensure that nothing is misfiled or delayed in the mail. If any of your recommenders prefers to mail his or her letter directly to the Office of Admissions, please follow up with your recommender(s) to confirm that he or she has mailed the letter in a timely fashion.

LL.M. Instructions

LL.M. Application Requirements

Applicants to the LL.M. programs must submit the following:

- (1) completed application,
- (2) personal statement,
- (3) résumé,
- (4) two letters of recommendation,
- (5) \$75 (U.S. dollars) nonrefundable application fee made payable to SMU Dedman School of Law, which will be waived for international students who so request, and
- (6) certified undergraduate and law school transcripts. Transcripts must be mailed directly to the SMU Dedman School of Law Office of Graduate Legal Studies from your schools.

International Applicants

Applicants for whom English is not the primary language must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Information is available regarding the two tests from www.ets.org or www.IELTS.org. SMU's institution code for the TOEFL is 6660, department code 03. There is no institution code for the IELTS. The TOEFL or IELTS score must be reported to SMU directly.

LL.M. Application Deadlines

Applications for LL.M. programs are processed on a continuous basis. It is in your best interest to submit your application as early as possible. Applicants for Fall (August)

entry must be postmarked by April 1. All supporting documentation must be received by April 15. Applications for Spring (January) entry must be postmarked by October 1. All supporting documentation must be received by October 15. Late applications will be accepted on a case-by-case available basis. Applications will be reviewed upon completion, and decisions will be made shortly thereafter.

LL.M. Scholarships

SMU will award a limited number of partial scholarships to LL.M. candidates. We do not have a separate application for LL.M. scholarships. Your application for admission serves as your scholarship application.

LL.M. Tuition Fees, and Estimated Expenses

Please refer to our website (www.law.smu.edu), click on Prospective Students, then LL.M. Programs, then select the program for which you are applying to view the tuition, fees, and estimated expenses or contact the Office of Graduate Legal Studies with any questions.

For More Information

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