

# Master of Laws (LL.M)

Sir Thomas More Building



**Strathmore University**

**Law School**



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### Course Description

The Master of Laws at Strathmore Law School is an 18-month programme designed for experienced lawyers and legal practitioners who wish to expand their knowledge and expertise without interrupting their careers. The SLS LL.M offers the students first-rate increased understanding of local, regional and international legal principles. Students may enroll for a general LL.M or may choose to major in one of the **five thematic areas** of law offered, namely, **Intellectual Property Law, International Criminal Law, International Financial Law and Regulation and International Energy Law and Policy.**

Through lectures taught predominantly by international faculty members, case studies depicting actual problem cases in industry, research and through group work amongst academic peers, the programme will aim to provide students with the theoretical and practical building blocks and conceptual tools necessary for the more advanced tasks they will be called upon to tackle throughout the course.

### Programme Objectives

The learning outcomes of the Master of Laws programme are to:

1. Critically assess and provide modern, innovative and adequate legal training to confront complex situations in their line of work at individual, institutional, national and regional level.
2. Acquire advanced specialist knowledge in emerging areas of the law with an in-depth knowledge guided by the specific choices the candidates may make during their progression within the LL.M programme.
3. Conduct independent academic research in the legal field and to make a contribution to the development of the law that is relevant to society.
4. Independently engage in academic discourse with peers from a diversity of legal backgrounds.

## Admission Requirements

- Holders of First Class or Upper Second Class honors degree in Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from recognized universities.
- Holders of other related qualifications from recognized universities, considered by the Academic Council as equivalent to a First Class or Upper Second Class honors degree in Bachelor of Laws (LL. B); or
- Holders of Lower Second Class degree in Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) plus postgraduate diplomas or certificates, or with at least three years relevant academic or professional experience.
- Holders of a qualification equivalent to a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree or any similar degree in the legal field, issued by a recognized university. These may be admitted to the Master's degree only under exceptional circumstances. The conditions under which they may be admitted will be determined by the School Board, Board of Graduate Studies and approved by the Academic Council.

Note: Applicants with academic qualifications from foreign jurisdictions (outside Kenya) will be required to provide a letter of recognition & equation of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE).

## Participants Mix

Applicants include experienced lawyers, in-house counsel, judges, government officials, legal practitioners, policy makers and law school graduates, with a minimum of two years' working experience. Admission is highly competitive and based on an all-inclusive assessment of the submitted application including prior academic performance, recommendations, and work experience.

## Mode of Delivery

The LL.M will be offered on Modular basis, which involves participants attending classes for two weeks full-time after every quarter, over an eighteen-month period.

In line with the needs of the students as experienced lawyers and legal practitioners, the primary focus of delivery is participant-centered learning. This type of learning is particularly suitable to this audience in that it has its core ingredient in the combined experience of student participants.





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