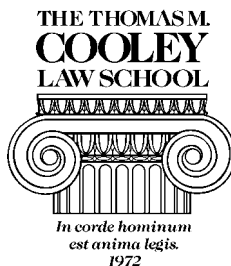


# Master of Laws



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## Cooley Law School at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

Located in Oakland County, in the heart of international business, industry, and technology, The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Master of Laws Program offers its students a graduate law program designed to provide the substantive knowledge and practical skills needed to excel in their chosen legal specialty. Like Cooley Law School's Juris Doctor program, courses are offered three times a year, in September, January, and May, although admission to the program occurs in September and January.

## Part- or full-time study on the weekends

The Cooley Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program offers courses on the weekends in order to work around the schedules of busy professionals who want to advance their career and their earning potential.\* The LL.M. can be earned in one calendar year as a full-time student; or for those students who may already have careers, a part-time schedule may be a better option.\*\* Students can take up to five years to complete the academic requirements needed for the LL.M. degree, 26 credits with an overall cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 or "B."\*\*\*



"It is exciting to be involved with Cooley's two new LL.M. degree programs. I sincerely hope that you can join us as a student. My LL.M. changed and sharpened the focus of my career and provided a network of friends and associates around the world. With an innovative curriculum and scheduling, and driven by a full-time and adjunct faculty with exemplary qualifications, a Cooley LL.M. can do the same for you."

**Professor William Weiner, Associate Dean for International, Graduate, and Extended Programs**

\*Completion of the LL.M. degree does not qualify a graduate student to apply for permission to take the bar examination in every state. Each state applies its own criteria for allowing applicants to take the bar examination and for admitting attorneys to practice law. Lawyers from other countries seeking to practice law in the United States should obtain information regarding the requirements for admission to the bar in the state in which they wish to practice. Information regarding certification for bar examinations is in The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Student Policy Manual.

\*\*Students enrolled in the graduate program cannot register for more than 14 credits during a term. A graduate student is considered full-time when he or she is enrolled in six credit hours or more, half-time with three credit hours, and part-time with two credit hours.

\*\*\*Students must successfully complete the required courses and a sufficient number of elective courses to earn 26 credits. An overall cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 or "B" on the total hours taken and completed must be achieved and course credit is not given for a grade below a "C."

The mission of The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Graduate Program is to provide an innovative education that combines theory and practice, with an emphasis on professionalism and ethics, while enhancing the individual's area of specialty and benefiting the professional community at large.



# intellectual property

A Thomas M. Cooley Master of Laws Degree in Intellectual Property prepares practitioners to start a career as an intellectual property attorney, or to focus an existing practice on IP law. The program is designed both for attorneys with a scientific or engineering background seeking to gain the skills necessary to succeed on the Patent Office Registration Examination, and for attorneys with non-technical backgrounds seeking to become proficient in copyright, trademark, licensing, and e-commerce issues. Through an experienced faculty and innovative, practical instruction, the program provides a sound foundation in intellectual property law while exploring the latest emerging developments of technology law.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### Required courses

Copyright Law (3)  
Patent Law (3)  
Trademark & Unfair Competition (3)  
Licensing of Intellectual Property (3)

### Electives

Advanced Copyright Law (2)  
Advanced Patent Law (2)  
Advanced Trademark & Unfair Competition (2)  
Antitrust Law (2)  
Business Franchises (2)  
Computer Law (2)  
Directed Study (up to 2)  
E-Commerce Law (2)  
Entertainment & Media Law (2)  
Externship (up to 4)  
International Intellectual Property Law (2)  
Master's Thesis/Research Project (2)  
Patent Litigation (2)  
Patent Office Practice I (2)  
Patent Office Practice II (2)  
Privacy & Rights of Publicity (2)  
Sports Law (2)  
Trade Secrets (2)

"Technology and proprietary know-how are the new currency in today's information-based economy. Emerging technology companies in diverse fields, ranging from genetic engineering to integrated manufacturing, rely on patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets to execute their plans for success. During its 2002 fiscal year alone, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office received over 330,000 applications for patents. The Internet continues to greatly expand the publication of digital information, spawning an array of new privacy and legal issues. As a result of these and other developments, the demand for timely and experienced intellectual property advice among technology companies, research institutions, and individual innovators has never been greater."

**Professor  
David Berry,  
Cooley Law  
School Master of  
Laws Program**





# taxation

The Thomas M. Cooley Master of Laws Degree in Taxation is designed to teach students both the current state of the law as well as how to tackle issues that they may face in an ever-changing field. The curriculum offers exposure to all different facets of tax practice through its diverse selection of course offerings. The Cooley graduate tax faculty is composed of both full-time and adjunct professors, and the graduate tax program provides students with a mix of the theoretical and practical, allowing them to become well-rounded tax professionals.

## TAXATION

### Required courses

- Corporate Taxation (3)
- Income Taxation (3)
- Master's Thesis/Research Project (2)
- Partnership Taxation (3)
- Tax Practice & Procedure (3)

### Electives

- Advanced Corporate Taxation (2)
- Advanced Income Taxation (2)
- Advanced International Taxation (2)
- Business Planning (2)
- Deferred Compensation (2)
- Directed Study (up to 2)
- Estate & Gift Taxation (2)
- Estate Planning (2)
- Externship (up to 4)
- International Taxation (2)
- State & Local Tax (2)
- Tax Accounting (2)
- Tax Exempt Organizations (2)
- Taxation of Intellectual Property (2)
- Taxation of Real Estate (2)



"The term 'tax simplification' is used around Washington as the cure for all our economic ills. However, it is quite clear that our nation's politicians will never stop using the Internal Revenue Code as a mechanism for instituting social and economic policy. In fact, each change to the tax code made over the last couple of years, while championed as 'simplification,' makes it even harder for individuals and businesses to navigate their way through the maze of tax rules and regulations by which they are governed. And, no one has reason to believe that additional 'reforms' are not just around the corner. With the tax law in a state of constant flux, it is more important for a practitioner to learn to think like a tax lawyer than to know just the current law." **Professor Stuart Lazar, Cooley Law School Master of Laws Program**

# admission

Admission to Cooley's LL.M. Program will be based on, among other things,

- An earned J.D. (or LL.B.) degree from a law school that is approved by the American Bar Association – or – be admitted to practice law in one or more states or territories of the United States and have graduated from a law school in the United States determined by Cooley Law School to be reputable or qualified
- Law school grades – applicants who did not graduate in the top half of their law school class will be asked to demonstrate academic capability not reflected in their law school performance
- Undergraduate major and academic performance
- A writing sample
- A written personal statement
- Letter of recommendation

## Foreign Students

In special cases, the Associate Dean for International, Graduate, and Extended Programs may admit an applicant to the LL.M. degree program who has earned a J.D. or LL.B. degree from a law school in a common law-based country, or an equivalent degree from a law school in a non-common law-based country, at which the applicant has compiled a distinguished academic record or has clearly demonstrated by experience, academic performance, or other qualifications the ability to perform well in the LL.M. program.<sup>1</sup>

# how to apply

To apply, please visit the Cooley Law School Web site at [www.cooley.edu](http://www.cooley.edu), or you can contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@cooley.edu](mailto:admissions@cooley.edu) or by telephone at (517) 371-5140 ext. 2244.

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<sup>1</sup>The ability to demonstrate proficiency in speaking and writing English is required of applicants who are not native English speakers. The Law School may establish one or more methods to determine the requisite proficiency.



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