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The Master of Laws (LL.M.) admits students into two named options:

- Course-Based (http://guide.wisc.edu/law/law-school-wide/law-llm/law-course-based-llm/)

**REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Laws requires 24 credits of completed coursework.

**NAMED OPTIONS**

Select a named option for required coursework.

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Understand the institutions and chief participants in the American legal system.
2. Understand the government structure and protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution.
3. Know how to analyze and apply common law and statutory rules to resolve legal issues.
4. Know how to research American primary and secondary legal sources; and write a legal memorandum.
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