

I ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission will be based on clear evidence that an applicant can complete the required coursework.

The Graduate Programs Admissions Office will notify applicants admitted to FPLC Graduate Programs, in writing.

A. DEGREE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

A. 1. All LLM applicants must have completed a JD, LL.B., or a recognized equivalent law degree prior to matriculation in the LLM program.

A.2. All Master applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

A.3. All Diploma applicants may be accepted for enrollment based on experience in the workplace.

B. PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY

All international applicants are required to submit a current proof of English language ability. FPLC accepts the *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (TOEFL) score or an *International English Language Testing System* (IELTS) score. FPLC requires TOEFL scores of 213 (computer), 550 (paper), 80 (iBT) or IELTS scores of 6.0 for the Intellectual Property and Commerce and Technology degree programs. FPLC requires TOEFL scores of 250 (computer), 600 (paper), 100 (iBT) or scores of 6.5 for the International Criminal Law and Justice program. FPLC will not accept scores from examinations taken more than two years prior to application to the program. Native-born residents of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland and English-speaking Canada, are exempt from this requirement. Foreign-born applicants, who have received their undergraduate degree from a school where the medium language of instruction is English, may have the TOEFL/IELTS examination requirement waived with permission of the Director of Graduate Programs. The applicant's transcripts must clearly indicate that the medium language of instruction is English. An applicant may also submit a letter from an official school administrator stating that the instruction language of the school is English. Only these three forms of proof are accepted.

Note: Students with a TOEFL/IELTS score on file with the Registrar may be eligible for extra time on examinations. Please refer to FPLC Academic Rules and Regulations rule III.F. (9).

C. DEFERRED ADMISSION

Occasionally, once a student has been notified in writing of admission and has made the non-refundable deposit required to confirm acceptance, a situation may arise that requires a delay in matriculation. Graduate Programs will consider a student's request to defer admission to the following semester or to the same term (spring/fall) the following year. The request must be made in writing. If Graduate Programs approves the deferment, the student will be required to submit a nonrefundable deferment deposit within 30 days. The deferment deposit, along with the seat deposit, will be credited toward the student's first year tuition. An admitted student can only defer admission one time.

Note: The tuition noted on the student's original Letter of Admission is valid for that term only. Any deferred applicant who later matriculates is subject to the tuition of the academic year they enroll. Likewise, any FPLC financial assistance awarded is only good for the term accepted. Deferred applicants will need to apply for new financial assistance. Financial Assistance requests must be received prior to 1 April for programs beginning in the fall semester and 1 September for programs beginning in the spring semester.

II DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR LLM CANDIDATES

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

To be recommended for the LLM degree all candidates must successfully complete a minimum number of credits, complete the required coursework, meet the school residency requirement, maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA), fulfill all financial obligations to FPLC and comply with FPLC's Conduct Code.

A. NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIREMENT

A.1. Those LLM candidates who hold a Juris Doctor degree from a North American law school in which the medium language of instruction was English must complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits from a selection of required, core and elective curriculum.

A.2. Those LLM candidates who hold a Juris Doctor degree from a North American law school in which the medium language of instruction was a language other than English must complete the thirty (30) credit program. This requirement may be waived with the permission of the Associate Dean.

A.3. All other LLM candidates who do not hold a Juris Doctor degree, must successfully complete a minimum of thirty(30) credits from a selection of required, core and elective curriculum.

A.4. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS

A.4.1 LLM candidates may not enroll in more than seventeen (17) credits per regular academic semester.

A.4.2. The maximum number of credits a LLM candidate may attempt, as part of their tuition is thirty-six (36). Additional credits may be taken at the current per/credit rate if the candidate desires. The only exception to this rule is listed under the ACADEMIC STANDING RULES.

B. COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT

LLM candidates must complete a variety of courses from a selection of required, core and elective curriculum.

B.1. REQUIRED COURSES

Unless already taken in a Juris Doctor program or otherwise waived for cause, all LLM candidates must complete the following required curriculum:

- IP0055 **Graduate Programs Contracts (required for IP and CT)**
- IP0094 **Graduate Programs Skills 1 (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
- IP0092 **Graduate Programs Litigation Analysis (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
- IP0139 **Introduction to American Legal Systems (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
(required for International candidates only)
- CR0005 **Criminal Law (required for ICLJ)**
- CR0006 **Criminal Procedure (required for ICLJ)**
- GP0024 **Evidence (required for ICLJ)**
- CR0015 **Advanced Topics in ICLJ (required for ICLJ)**

B.2. CORE COURSES

B.2.1. All LLM-IP candidates must complete a minimum of three (3) courses and a minimum of seven (7) credits from the following core curriculum:

A candidate can only count either PPI or PPII as one of the three (3) core courses.

- IP0012 **Copyright Law OR US Copyright Law**
- IP0108 **Copyright Licensing or**
- IP0013 **Managing Knowledge Assets in the University**

IP0045 **Fundamentals of Intellectual Property**
IP0050 **Technology Licensing**
IP0111 **Non-profit Technology Transfer**
IP0066 **Patent Law OR US Patent Law**
IP0061 **Patent Practice and Procedure I OR Patent Practice and Procedure II**
IP0077 **Trademarks and Deceptive Practices (Trademark Law) OR US Trademark Law**

B.2.2. All LLM-CT candidates must complete a series of courses in five (5) core component areas: Intellectual Property, Transactions, Information Age Commercial Law, International Perspective and Regulation/Tax. Please see the LLM-CT program plan for specific courses that meet core component requirements.

B.2.3. All LLM-ICLJ candidates can complete their program requirements by taking a selection of courses from either the core course list or by the elective course list.

Core Courses

CL0024 **Advanced Criminal Practice Clinic**
Advanced Topics in International Criminal Law (seminar)
CR0012 **Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice Death Penalty**
CR0007 **Criminal Procedure II**
CR0014 **Cybercrime**
GP0025 **Expert Witness and Scientific Evidence**
GP0068 **Genetics and the Legal System**
International and Comparative Criminal Procedure (under development)
IP0041 **International Human Rights Law**
CR0016 **Legal Responses to Terrorism**
GP0081 **Military Criminal Law**
GP0092 **National Security Law**
IP0070 **Public International Law**
CR0013 **White Collar and Corporate Crime Seminar**

B.3. ELECTIVE COURSES

B.3.1. LLM candidates can complete their program requirements by taking a selection of courses from either the core course list, program approved elective course list or by electing courses made available under rule, OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS. Again, please refer to the program plan for a complete listing of available elective courses.

B. 4. OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

B.4.1. THIRTY (30) CREDIT PROGRAM LLM-IP candidates may elect up to three (3) upper-level law courses during their program. LLM-CT and LLM-ICLJ candidates may elect up to two (2) upper-level law courses during their program. Course approval is subject to the permission of the relevant program Chair. LLM candidates may not enroll in any first year Juris Doctor required courses.

B.4.2. TWENTY-FOUR (24) CREDIT PROGRAM LLM candidates may elect up to three (3) upper-level law credits during their program. Course approval is subject to the permission of the Chair. LLM candidates may not enroll in any first year Juris Doctor required courses, which are not a part of the REQUIRED curriculum for their program.

B.4.3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SUMMER INSTITUTE (IPSI) LLM candidates may take up to six (6) Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI) credits as part of their tuition. (Clinics conducted in the summer time are not considered part of the Intellectual Property Summer Institute.) LLM candidates who elect to take IPSI credits as part of their academic program will not be awarded their degree until all course work is

complete.

C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

C.1. All LLM candidates must complete two semesters of full-time enrollment (12 credits minimum each) at FPLC, or an approved equivalent enrollment in a part-time FPLC program.

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENT

D.1. LLM candidates in the 30 credit degree program must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or higher to be granted the LLM degree.

D.2. LLM candidates in the 24 credit degree program must have a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or higher to be granted the LLM degree.

E. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

E.1. All candidates must satisfy outstanding financial obligations to FPLC. Any candidate who has not paid outstanding tuition at the end of any given semester may not register for the next semester or go on an externship. A business office hold will be placed on their record. Any candidate with a business office hold on their account will not be allowed to receive official grades or transcripts and they will not be eligible to graduate.

E.2. Full-time LLM candidates are expected to complete their program within one year of enrollment (one fall, one spring, and one summer semester). Any full-time candidate who continues their studies beyond the one year of enrollment parameters will be charged additional tuition. Courses taken after the first full year of enrollment will be charged at the current per credit rate, with no tuition waiver. The only exceptions to this policy are for (1) those candidates who attend the summer session immediately preceding their one year program; the first and second summer, to a combined total of six credits will be considered as part of their one year of enrollment for tuition purposes, and (2) those candidates under the jurisdiction of the Academic Standing Committee as discussed in rule VI.F

Note: FPLC tuition is established annually based on an academic year that runs from the beginning of the Fall Semester to the end of the Summer Semester. Candidates starting their program in spring, may be subject to a tuition increase during the Fall Semester.

E.3. Part-time LLM candidates are charged tuition on a per credit basis. The cost-per-credit rate is set annually and is effective for the full academic year. Part-time candidates are not eligible for financial assistance through the Graduate Programs Office.

III DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER CANDIDATES

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

To be recommended for the Master degree all candidates must successfully complete a minimum number of credits, complete the required coursework, meet the school residency requirement, maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA), fulfill all financial obligations to FPLC and comply with FPLC's Conduct Code.

A. NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIREMENT

A.1. All Master candidates must complete a minimum of thirty (30) credits from a selection of required, core and elective curriculum.

A.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS

A.2.1 Master candidates may not enroll in more than seventeen (17) credits per regular academic semester.

A.2.2. The maximum number of credits a Master candidate may attempt, as part of their tuition is thirty-six (36). Additional credits may be taken at the current per/credit rate if the candidate desires. The only exception to this rule is listed under the ACADEMIC STANDING RULES.

B. COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT

Master candidates must complete a variety of courses from a selection of required, core and elective curriculum.

B.1. REQUIRED COURSES

Unless already taken in a Juris Doctor program or otherwise waived for cause, all Master candidates must complete the following required curriculum:

- IP0055 **Graduate Programs Contracts (required for IP and CT)**
- IP0094 **Graduate Programs Skills 1 (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
- IP0092 **Graduate Programs Litigation Analysis (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
- IP0139 **Introduction to American Legal Systems (required for IP, CT and ICLJ)**
- CR0005 **Criminal Law (required for ICLJ)**
- CR0006 **Criminal Procedure (required for ICLJ)**
- GP0024 **Evidence (required for ICLJ)**
- CR0015 **Advanced Topics in ICLJ (required for ICLJ)**

B.2. CORE COURSES

B.2.1. All Master-IP candidates must complete a minimum of three (3) courses and a minimum of seven (7) credits from the following core curriculum:

A candidate can only count either PPI or PPII as one of the three (3) core courses.

- IP0012 **Copyright Law OR US Copyright Law**
- IP0108 **Copyright Licensing or**
- IP0013 **Managing Knowledge Assets in the University**
- IP0045 **Fundamentals of Intellectual Property**
- IP0050 **Technology Licensing**
- IP0111 **Non-profit Technology Transfer**
- IP0066 **Patent Law OR US Patent Law**
- IP0061 **Patent Practice and Procedure I OR Patent Practice and Procedure II**
- IP0077 **Trademarks and Deceptive Practices (Trademark Law) OR US Trademark Law**

B.2.2. All Master-CT candidates must complete a series of courses in five (5) core component areas: Intellectual Property, Transactions, Information Age Commercial Law, International Perspective and Regulation/Tax. Please see the LLM-CT program plan for specific courses that meet core component requirements.

B.2.3. All Master-ICLJ candidates can complete their program requirements by taking a selection of courses from either the core course list or by the elective course list.

Core Courses

- CL0024 **Advanced Criminal Practice Clinic**
 - Advanced Topics in International Criminal Law (seminar)**
- CR0012 **Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice Death Penalty**
- CR0007 **Criminal Procedure II**
- CR0014 **Cybercrime**
- GP0025 **Expert Witness and Scientific Evidence**

GP0068 **Genetics and the Legal System**

International and Comparative Criminal Procedure (under development)

IP0041 **International Human Rights Law**

CR0016 **Legal Responses to Terrorism**

GP0081 **Military Criminal Law**

GP0092 **National Security Law**

IP0070 **Public International Law**

CR0013 **White Collar and Corporate Crime Seminar**

B.3. ELECTIVE COURSES

B.3.1. Master candidates can complete their program requirements by taking a selection of courses from either the core course list, program approved elective course list or by electing courses made available under rule, OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS. Again, please refer to the program plan for a complete listing of available elective courses.

B. 4. OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

B.4.1. Master candidates may not enroll in courses other than the approved courses, without permission of the Chair of the program and the Associate Dean.

B.4.2. FPLC may, at its discretion, create special courses for Master candidates not enrolled either previously or simultaneously in a Juris Doctor program, open only to such candidates.

B.4.3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SUMMER INSTITUTE (IPSI) Master candidates may take up to six (6) Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI) credits as part of their tuition. (Clinics conducted in the summer time are not considered part of the Intellectual Property Summer Institute.) Master candidates who elect to take IPSI credits as part of their academic program will not be awarded their degree until all course work is complete.

C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

C.1. All Master candidates must complete two semesters of full-time enrollment (12 credits minimum each) at FPLC, or an approved equivalent enrollment in a part-time FPLC program.

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENT

D.1. Master candidates must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or higher to be granted the Master degree.

E. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

E.1. All candidates must satisfy outstanding financial obligations to FPLC. Any candidate who has not paid outstanding tuition at the end of any given semester may not register for the next semester or go on an externship. A business office hold will be placed on their record. Any candidate with a business office hold on their account will not be allowed to receive official grades or transcripts and they will not be eligible to graduate.

E.2. Full-time Master candidates are expected to complete their program within one year of enrollment (one fall, one spring, and one summer semester). Any full-time candidate who continues their studies beyond the one year of enrollment parameters will be charged additional tuition. Courses taken after the first full year of enrollment will be charged at the current per credit rate, with no tuition waiver. The only exceptions to this policy are for (1) those candidates who attend the summer session immediately preceding their one year program; the first and second summer, to a combined total of six credits will be considered as part of their one year of enrollment for tuition purposes, and (2) those candidates under the jurisdiction of the Academic

Standing Committee as discussed in rule VI.F.

Note: FPLC tuition is established annually based on an academic year that runs from the beginning of the Fall Semester to the end of the Summer Semester. Candidates starting their program in spring, may be subject to a tuition increase during the Fall Semester.

E.3. Part-time Master candidates are charged tuition on a per credit basis. The cost-per-credit rate is set annually and is effective for the full academic year. Part-time candidates are not eligible for financial assistance through the Graduate Programs Office.

IV DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT DEGREE CANDIDATES

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

The FPLC Joint Degree program allows FPLC candidates to complete both a Juris Doctor and a Master of Laws or an interdisciplinary Master degree in the period they have committed to the Juris Doctor program.

Candidates can apply for joint degree status at the beginning of the second semester of the first JD year, but may not be formally enrolled in either the Joint Degree program until completion of the first year of JD study.

Joint degree candidates are required to submit a shortened application and pay a small processing fee.

Application forms are available online and in the Graduate Programs Office. **Applications for joint degree status will not be accepted after the first day of classes in the JD applicant's sixth semester.**

A. NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIREMENT

A.1 The LLM for joint degree candidates is a 24 credit degree and the Master is a 30 credit degree. To be awarded either degree, candidates must complete 15 credits over and above the minimum JD degree credit requirements (currently 85), and meet Rule II requirements. Nine (9) JD credits will "double" count toward both the JD and the LLM degree, and fifteen (15) credits will double count toward the Master degree.

A.2 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS

A.2.1 Joint degree candidates may not enroll in more than seventeen (17) credits per regular academic semester.

B. COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT

B.1. Joint degree candidates must meet Rule II (LLM) or Rule III (Master) requirements for required courses, core courses and elective curriculum.

B.2. OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Joint degree candidates may take up to six (6) Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI) credits as part of their tuition. (Clinics conducted in the summer time are not considered part of the Intellectual Property Summer Institute.)

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENT

To graduate with the LLM, Joint Degree candidates must complete their 24 credit program of study with an overall GPA of 3.0. In order to qualify for the program of study 18 credits must be taken for a letter grade. The GPA shall be computed based upon 24 credits earned in core courses and approved electives required for the program of study. Joint Degree candidates who do not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement will be offered the option of being awarded the Master degree.

E. JOINT DEGREE TUITION AND FEES

JD candidates who enter the joint degree program will be charged additional tuition to cover the extra credits

required for the second degree. The tuition is equivalent to approximately one semester of FPLC graduate tuition and will be billed by the business office over the semesters remaining in the candidate's JD program. JD candidates who apply for admission to the joint degree program will be charged four semesters of joint degree tuition based on the rate of tuition during the candidate's 2L and 3L years, plus an application fee. **Candidates may withdraw from the joint degree program no later than the first day of classes in the JD's sixth semester but all monies paid towards the joint degree up until the time of withdrawal are non-refundable.**

F. PROGRAM PLANNING

JD candidates should plan their Joint Degree program of study well in advance of enrolling in the program, preferably during the spring semester of the first year of JD study. Candidates are advised to develop a tentative plan and then talk to her/his IP faculty advisor.

V REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

GENERAL REQUIREMENT

To be recommended for the Diploma all candidates must successfully complete a minimum number of credits, complete the required coursework, meet the school residency requirement, maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA), fulfill all financial obligations to FPLC and comply with FPLC's Conduct Code.

A. NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIREMENT

A.1. All Diploma candidates must complete a minimum of fifteen (15) credits from a selection of required and elective curriculum.

B. COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT

B.1. REQUIRED COURSES

All Diploma candidates must complete the following required curriculum:

IP0094 Graduate Programs Skills 1 (required for IP and CT)

IP0139 Introduction to American Legal Systems (required for IP and CT)

IP0080 E-Commerce and the Law (required for CT)

B.2 ELECTIVE COURSES

Diploma candidates can complete their program requirements by electing only approved courses for their program.

B.3. OTHER COURSE OPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI) is not included in the Diploma program.

C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

All Diploma candidates must complete a residency of one semester of full-time enrollment, or equivalent enrollment in a part-time or cooperative degree program.

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENT

Diploma candidates must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or higher to be granted the Diploma.

E. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

E.1. All candidates must satisfy outstanding financial obligations to FPLC. Any candidate who has not paid outstanding tuition at the end of any given semester will have a business office hold placed on his/her record. Any candidate with a business office hold on his/her account will not be allowed to receive official grades or transcripts and they will not be eligible to graduate.

E.2. Tuition waivers are not available for Diploma candidates.

VI LLM, MASTER, JOINT DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAM ACADEMIC INFORMATION

A. EXTERNSHIPS

LLM, Master and Joint Degree candidates may elect to participate in an externship for academic credit. Diploma candidates are not eligible for externships.

A.1. EXTERNSHIP ELIGIBILITY

LLM and Master candidates with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or better at the end of their first semester may be eligible for an externship.

Joint degree candidates must refer to the JD Academic Rules and Regulation (Externship Program) to determine externship eligibility.

A.2 EXTERNSHIP CREDITS

LLM and Master candidates may elect a six (6) week externship at a U.S. law firm, corporate or government office, as part of their regular academic program. The externship may be up to four (4) credits. Candidates electing an externship must accept the administrative rules set up by the Externship Office. Candidates will be awarded a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade based on the supervisor evaluation and the candidate's self-assessment.

Joint degree candidates may count four (4) credits of their JD externship towards their LLM or Master program.

B. INDEPENDENT STUDY

LLM, Master and Joint Degree candidates may elect to enroll in Independent Study credits.

Diploma candidates are not eligible for Independent Study credits.

B.1. INDEPENDENT STUDY ELIGIBILITY

LLM candidates in the 30-credit LLM program and Master candidates may take up to six (6) credits of independent study during their program with the permission of the Chair. Candidates in the 24-credit LLM program may enroll in up to three (3) credits of independent study.

Joint degree candidates must comply with the requirements in the JD Academic Rules and Regulation (Independent Study) in applying any Independent Study credits to their joint degree program.

B. 2. INDEPENDENT STUDY GRADING

Per FPLC Academic Rule VIII, Independent Study courses are only graded

Outstanding/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (O/S/U). Outstanding and Satisfactory grades will not be considered in computing GPA. Unsatisfactory (U) grades, however, are equated with the letter Grade "F" and will be counted

in computing a candidate's GPA.

B.3. SUPERVISION OF INDEPENDENT STUDY

It is up to the individual candidate to coordinate with a professor who will supervise the independent study and to complete the proper independent study paperwork through the Registrar. An Independent Study course must be supervised by a full-time IP, CT or ICLJ FPLC Faculty member. The Associate Dean may approve a part-time faculty member to supervise an Independent Study course.

B.4. Independent Study courses taken during the summer semester are not included as part of a candidate's six summer credits and are always subject to an additional tuition charge.

C. TRANSFER CREDITS

C.1. NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOWED TO TRANSFER IN

Up to six (6) credits earned in courses equivalent to program electives or otherwise appropriate to course of study, may be transferred from another institution to a FPLC LLM or Master degree program, subject to the approval of the candidate's Academic Advisor and the Director of Graduate Programs. A transfer fee will apply. If the candidate earned more credits for a listed course (or its equivalent irrespective of title) the additional number will be allowed only if the candidate demonstrates that the coverage (breadth, depth, or both) was correspondingly greater than in the FPLC counterpart. Transfer credits may not have been used to earn any other graduate academic degree and are not considered in computing a candidate's GPA.

Joint degree candidates must refer to the JD Academic Rules and Regulation (Transfer of Credit) to determine credit transfer.

D. PROGRAM PLAN

Once accepted into the LLM, Master or Diploma program, each candidate should consult with her/his advisor and complete the *Program Planning Sheet* appropriate to her/his program. Any changes should be coordinated in advance with the candidate's Academic Advisor. Since all courses do not run every semester, once a program plan has been established, the candidate must be cautious in changing it. **A completed Program Plan, signed by the candidate and the appropriate Academic Advisor, must be submitted to the Graduate Programs Director within one week after the last day of drop/add period in the candidate's first and second semesters.**

E. NO SPECIAL COURSE OF STUDY

Courses required for, or qualifying for, any LLM, Master or Diploma program are offered annually (except as expressly noted in the published course descriptions) as part of the JD degree course of study at FPLC. FPLC is not, however, obliged to offer LLM, Master or Diploma courses in the summer or in the same semester every year (if not otherwise offered annually), or to give priority or access to any limited-enrollment course in the JD degree course of study, solely for the purpose of enabling a candidate to complete an IP degree within a certain time period or within a specific enrollment sequence.

E. PROGRAM TIME LIMITS

A candidate must meet the requirements for any FPLC LLM or Master degree within five academic years of matriculation.

F. ACADEMIC STANDING

Failure in any required course, or failure to meet minimum GPA at the end of any semester, will place a graduate candidate within the jurisdiction of the FPLC Academic Standing Committee (ASC). The ASC will review the candidate's situation to determine the probability of academic rehabilitation, will provide written direction on how the candidate may repair their academic standing, and will document the consequences of

continued failure to meet standards. LLM candidates who are unable to meet the minimum GPA may be offered the option of a Master degree if they meet that program's requirements.

F. 1. LLM and Master candidates under the jurisdiction of the ASC who are not able to meet academic standards within their established tuition year may be offered the opportunity to continue at FPLC if there is reason to believe the candidate may be able to reach minimum standards with additional effort. In the first semester immediately following their tuition year, such candidates may take up to six (6) credits with no tuition charge. If additional credits are taken they will be charged at the prevailing per credit rate with no tuition waiver. If the candidate is unable to meet minimum requirements at the end of the additional semester and the ASC determines that the candidate, even with additional time, will be unable to meet standards, the candidate will be dismissed from the LLM or Master program.

F. 2. If a candidate is still unable to meet standards after the first semester immediately following their tuition year, the ASC may offer an additional semester to rehabilitate their academic record, but all credits taken will be charged at the prevailing per credit rate. If the ASC allows a second semester and the candidate is still unable to meet standards, dismissal is automatic.

G. ACADEMIC PROBATION

Any graduate candidate subject to the terms of any academic probation must satisfy such terms or be automatically dismissed from the program.

H. GRADUATION

Once a candidate has fulfilled all requirements, the Associate Dean or his/her designee will recommend to the Registrar, in writing, that the Dean award the candidate the appropriate degree. Once approved, diplomas are conferred in May, July and January.

H.1. LLM or Master candidates who chose to take advantage of the six (6) Intellectual Property Summer Institute (IPSI) credits, externship or other summer programs (available to them for additional fees) immediately following their academic program may participate in the May graduation ceremony, but will not be conferred their degree until after completion of their academic coursework.

H.2. Candidates in good standing who have completed a minimum of 24 credits toward their 30-credit degree program may participate in the May graduation ceremony. They will, however, be awarded their degree only after completion of all academics.

I. PART-TIME ENROLLMENT

A candidate may enroll in graduate degree programs on a part-time basis, or change their status from full-time to part-time. Requests for part-time status must be made in writing and approved by the Director of Graduate Programs. Candidates who change their status from full- to part-time will no longer be eligible for any Graduate Programs awarded financial assistance.

J. DISCRETION OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

The Associate Dean may set forth reasonable academic terms for enrollment of graduate candidates, pursuant to these rules and the standards of the Academic Rules of the Law Center, which are hereby incorporated. (Academic Rules and Regulation XIII. L.)

K. TRANSFER

K.1 TRANSFER BETWEEN THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

LLM candidates may opt to change their program of Intellectual Property, Commerce and Technology or International Criminal Law and Justice to another discipline as either an LLM candidate or Master candidate. Master candidates may opt to change their program to another discipline as a Master candidate. Such candidates may request recognition of courses taken during their initial program toward the new degree program. Requests

to change programs and for course recognition must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Programs in writing. The Director will notify the candidate of his/her decision by letter.

K.2 TRANSFER FROM THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS TO THE JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM

K.2.1. LLM candidates with a non-U.S. law degree, who subsequently matriculate into the FPLC JD program, enter the program as JD/LLM joint degree candidates. Credits earned as a graduate candidate may not be applied toward the JD degree, but will continue to count toward their LLM joint degree. Both degrees will be awarded upon completion of all joint degree academic requirements. The 3.0 GPA minimum rule will apply.

K.2.2 Master candidates who matriculate into the JD program automatically enter the program as joint degree JD/Master candidates. Credits earned as a graduate candidate may not be applied toward the JD degree, but will continue to count toward their Master degree. Master candidates who enter the JD program may request a transfer to the LLM joint degree program through the Graduate Programs Office. Again, if transfer is made to the JD/LLM joint program, the 3.0 GPA requirement will apply.

Note: With the exception of limited credits earned in the joint degree programs, FPLC candidates may not apply credits towards two degrees; i.e. credits earned as an LLM candidate can be counted toward that degree *or* (upon request) the Master but not both.

VII LLM, MASTER, JOINT DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAM RULES APPLICATION

Graduate candidates are subject to all rules and policies of Franklin FPLC Center Graduate Programs and, barring irreconcilable differences with these rules, those found in the current Academic Rules and Regulations, Franklin FPLC Center. These rules shall apply to all graduate program candidates enrolled after 1 June, 2009. Candidates enrolled prior to that date are subject to the rules in effect at the time of their enrollment, but may elect to be covered completely by these rules.

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