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Admission & Application Requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree from a recognized university with a minimum 3.0 GPA or equivalent in any of the following areas: Law, International Relations, Political Science, History, Economics, Business and Finance, Sociology or Anthropology. A strong preference is for candidates with at least a 3.3 GPA in Law, International Relations, Political Science, or Economics.

Applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 to demonstrate their proficiency in English. Applicants can be exempt from this requirement if they meet one of the conditions listed below:

- The applicant completed their studies at a university in a country where English is the native language
- The applicant provides an official letter confirming that they obtained their degree from a university where the medium of instruction is English (if not otherwise exempt)
- The applicant's first language is English

Application

The online application form can be accessed [here](#).

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all required documents at the time of application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Academic transcripts

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system.

For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied

with an official translation.

Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results

Official copies of standardized test results (where required) must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:

- TOEFL: 4981
- IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application.

Letters of recommendation

Two letters of recommendation from previous or current professors, employers or other individuals familiar with the applicant's qualifications. Referees should send their letters of recommendation from their professional email directly to . Letters which are not directly written for this program or which are incomplete will not be accepted.

Click [here](#) to download the recommendation form

Personal statement of interest

The personal statement should introduce the applicant to the Admissions Committee. Topics that may be discussed include, among others, personal or professional goals and personal, academic or career history. The Committee looks beyond test scores and grade point averages in making selection decisions. The personal statement gives the Committee a means to consider a variety of factors in assessing applicants. It should be at least 300 words and not exceed 500 words. Personal statements which are incomplete or below the minimum word count will not be accepted.

Research Proposal

Applicants are required to submit a research proposal for the thesis that illustrates their readiness to explore a particular research question in the areas covered in the LLM program in depth. The research proposal, which

should not exceed 1,000 words, should describe a project that can reasonably be completed during the duration of the program.

The Admissions Committee considers the following:

- Does the proposal describe a project that will make an analytical contribution to legal scholarship?
- Is the applicant qualified to complete the proposed thesis and do so in a way that will result in publishable scholarship?
- Is an HBKU Law faculty member available to supervise in the subject area?

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

A copy of a current resume or curriculum vitae, which sets out the applicant's academic qualifications, professional experience, publications, research projects, academic awards or honors, conference presentations and language skills.

Identification Document

All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatari ID.

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- Please do not submit any additional application materials which are not on the list of required items. Any additional materials received will be automatically discarded.
 - HBKU cannot return documents to the applicant once they are submitted.
 - All documents submitted through the online application must be in PDF format. Any documents submitted in a different format will not be accepted.
 - Application deadline for international applicants: February 1, 2020
 - Application deadline for nationals and residents of Qatar: March 15, 2020

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Important Dates

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