

**Chicago-Kent College of Law
Announces**

LL.M Program started with online component and finished full-time in Chicago, Illinois, USA

LL.M program offers 75% Guaranteed Tuition Scholarships and admission without TOEFL or IELTS exam

IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law - US based Law School along with **School of American Law (SAL Program)** announces two interlinked programs with guaranteed 75% tuition scholarships for lawyers, attorneys, last year, law students, professionals in business administration and professionals on leadership positions:

1. Fully online **SAL Program** only for candidates from eligible countries (Caucasus, Balkans, Central Asia, Europe, Turkey) but leaving outside the country of their permanent residence or citizenship and afterwards
2. Full-time **LL.M Program** in Chicago, IL, USA

SAL Program covers two online semesters: October 2020 - December 2020 (the first semester) and February 2021 – May 2021 (the second semester). Two online semesters include ten mandatory courses conducted in English and delivered solely by Chicago-Kent Professors. Ten mandatory courses cover contemporary subjects: **International Business Transactions, E-Commerce, Online Contracting, Antitrust Law, IP Asset Management, Global Intellectual Property Law, Trademark Law, Comparative Law, Introduction to American Legal Systems & Legal Writing, Secured Transactions, Business Organizations, Corporate Finance, Global Trade Law.**

Learning mode is ten mandatory courses per semester, taken through in-class recorded or Panopto-system recorded presentations and lectures by Chicago-Kent Professors, each course covering 9-12 hours in total. Besides, pre- and after-class readings and exam submission shall be expected from students.

After completing SAL online Program, graduates continue LL.M education at Chicago-Kent in Chicago, IL, USA. Master's study at Chicago-Kent is full-time study finished with earning LL.M in **"U.S., International and Transnational Law"** in one semester (five months) instead of regular one academic year. This is a legal study for postgraduate academic degree duration of which is five months for SAL Graduates. For graduates who held SAL Certificate, LL.M degree in Chicago is earned by completing one semester, meanwhile, they may choose to continue another semester at Chicago-Kent for continuation their educational (Ph.D.) and professional (BAR exam) achievement.

SAL and LL.M Program graduates will receive:

1. After graduating SAL Program - **Certificate of Completion of School of American Law.** Certificate will be issued by SAL and Chicago-Kent jointly and signed by the Dean of Chicago-Kent College of Law and Head of SAL Program;
2. After graduating IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law – **LL.M Diploma from IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law.**

SAL Program was established in 2012 in cooperation with IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law with the mission of expanding knowledge, promoting global law and providing equal access to contemporary legal education for emerging market countries' lawyers. Since its establishment, SAL Programs have been launched in **Tbilisi, Georgia** covering the region of **Caucasus; Athens, Greece** covering 16 countries from **Balkans, Mediterranean and Europe; Almaty, Kazakhstan** covering all five countries of **Central Asia;** and **Istanbul, Turkey.** In total, since 2012, SAL Program educated more than 700 students.

Our Program Advantages

- Getting benefits from SAL Program starting without leaving current jobs by attending interactive online classes. **Online structure** allowing to complete SAL Program though in-class recorded or Panopto-system recorded presentations and lectures by Chicago-Kent Professors;
- **TOEFL Waiver** for SAL & LL.M applications without taking TOEFL or IELTS exam;
- Preferential and immediate **Admission** to Chicago-Kent's LL.M after completion SAL Program;

- Earning **LL.M in “U.S., International and Transnational Law”** at Chicago-Kent in one semester instead of one academic year;
- Guaranteed 75% tuition scholarships;
- Opportunity for SAL Graduates to earn LL.M degree within two semesters in the most demanding directions: **LL.M in Trial Advocacy, LL.M in International Intellectual Property Law, LL.M in Financial Service Law & LL.M in Legal Innovation & Technology**. The specialized LL.M programs require the first semester begin in the fall term at Chicago-Kent. A spring start at Chicago-Kent is not possible for the specialized LL.M. programs;
- After completing master’s study at Chicago-Kent, graduates may continue Doctoral study (Ph.D./SJD) with guaranteed 50%-75% tuition scholarships;
- Affordable tuition payment plan within three or more installments while studying at SAL Program & Chicago-Kent;
- Deferring Chicago-Kent’s Admission for LL.M during the **next three academic years**; SAL Graduates interested in earning LL.M. in “U.S. International and Transnational Law” can start their LL.M study any semester – either spring or fall term and finish that in one semester or two semesters;
- On-campus & off-campus employment opportunities in the USA;
- Access to externships and internships in the USA;
- The world best location - downtown campus of Chicago-Kent is located in the heart of Chicago - one of the nation's top legal & financial markets;
- Development a strong professional network, foster connections with a diverse community of professionals across the USA will be an invaluable resource for locating prospective employers and clients.

Program impact on applicants’ career

- In past years, after graduation from Chicago-Kent LL.M program, graduates have continued career building in the states by passing US Bar exam and applying for OPT (permission to work for one year in the USA);
- Others have returned to the practice of law in their respective countries with a better understanding of contemporary law and the ability to work better with international, European and US lawyers, law firms and government agencies. Most of them was immediately promoted or integrated into leading business industries or top law firms;
- In each case, the knowledge obtained, and the network developed in Chicago through the Chicago-Kent SAL program continue to have enormous personal and professional value and impact.

Scholarships & Tuition Fee

- Tuition fee for SAL Program is **USD 7 500**. As a response to COVID-19, the student shall receive an additional 1000 USD discount off the 2020-2021 academic year at SAL after which tuition fee of SAL program shall be **USD 6 500**. Tuition is payable in three or more installments; for those students who select advance payment option the tuition fee will be **USD 6 000**;
- For SAL Graduates, Tuition fee for LL.M at Chicago-Kent College of Law amounts to **USD 10 000** instead of regular USD 44 000 after guaranteed 75% scholarships; payment for LL.M study shall be made at Chicago-Kent after Students’ arrivals in Chicago;
- Tuition fee for the optional second semester at Chicago-Kent College of Law (for both optional second semester and two-semester specialized LL.M Programs) amounts to **USD 7 250**.

Who should apply for program with online component?

- Only those applicants who have left their country of residence permanently or temporarily for either living or employment purposes and meeting the below criteria:
 - Candidates with a first degree in Law (LL. B) or last year law school student;
 - Candidates with a degree in business administration and 3+ years of professional experience holding managerial positions or mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have demonstrated the potential for professional advancement. Applicants should have both the need to participate in the program and the potential to benefit from it;
 - Candidates interested to master their education in business law and get joint certificate of SAL and Chicago-Kent - any higher-educated applicant (having bachelor’s Diploma or being last year student at universities or similar higher educational establishments providing degree level of BA) may submit documentation only to SAL Program.

Application deadline is September 25, 2020. Applicants are required to submit the following documents electronically:

- CV in English;

- One letter of reference originally written or translated in English by indicating referee's contact information;
- Copy of diploma or university statement for Bachelor students;
- Copy of the Passport and/or ID.

The documents should be sent to the following email addresses: admission@chicagokentlaw.ge, r.warner@chicagokentlaw.ge, k.jeladze@chicagokentlaw.ge, m.meskhi@chicagokentlaw.ge

Employment Issues

After completion of two semesters LL.M graduate are eligible for off-campus employment. Work permits are required for all off-campus employment and may be granted by the U.S. immigration authority for paid practical training. Students with F1 visas may apply for a 12-month period of Optional Practical Training (OPT), which begins after the completion of their two-semester study, during which student with F1 status who has completed his/her degrees for more than nine months are permitted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work for one year under Employment Authorization Card on a student visa towards getting practical training to complement their education.

BAR Exam

Bar Exams are administered nation-wide in February and July. Bar admissions requirements differ from state to state and as a result, students are advised to visit the web site of their state bar office for the most accurate information. For information on various exams and links to most state bar authorities, visit the web site of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

University

Illinois Institute of Technology – a Ph.D.- granting research university with wide range of programs – is uniquely positioned to understand the interrelationship of globalized legal marketplace all over the world. Chicago-Kent College of Law is nationally recognized the second oldest law school in the state of Illinois. Chicago-Kent was gained accreditation by the American Bar Association in 1936 and membership in the Association of American Law Schools in 1951. US News & World Reports, No1 Ranking Agency assigned the following ranking to Chicago-Kent among the most demanded and popular programs: [Trial Advocacy the 5th place](#), [IP Law the 13th place](#), [Legal Writing the 17th place](#). According to **US News & World Reports**, Chicago-Kent graduate employment rate right after the graduation amounts to 66.2% and 90.7% within 9 months following the graduation.

Useful Links:

School of American Law: www.salchicagokent.com

Chicago-Kent College of Law: www.kentlaw.iit.edu

Business Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SALtbilisi/>

What Makes a Law School Great: Inside Chicago-Kent: <http://youtu.be/pKu1V5UTjUQ>

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