

EDUCATION

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WANT TO BE A LAWYER?

Need to decide where to study or what tests to take?

This week learn about studying law in the US, courtesy the Intelligent Partners, Dubai.

The study of law in the US is unlike that in most countries. Apart from specific requirements, it's also far more participatory and requires good comprehension and research skills.

There is no undergraduate law degree in the US and students cannot study law without completing an undergraduate degree. The LLB programme is a three-year graduate degree called Juris Doctor (J.D.) and requires three years of study.

J.D involves courses in American common and statute law as well as international and business law. To practice Law in the US one needs to study J.D. In other countries, the Common Law programme is applicable where a Bachelor of Laws degree is generally entered after the conclusion of secondary school.

To practice law in the US, foreign law



graduates or Common Law Graduates must join the J.D programme and can then practice law directly or apply for their Masters Degree (LLM). For those students who have completed a five-year Bachelors of law in the common law countries can directly enter the LLM programme and write their Bar Council examinations if they wish to practice.

The average cost of studying Law in the US ranges between \$16,000-\$58,000, inclusive of tuition fee, living, accommodation and other

miscellaneous expenses.

REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate or post graduate study equivalent Law Schools Admissions Test (LSAT) score - for J.D applicants
At least 3 recommendation letters, statement of purpose and a resume

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