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**CURRICULAR CRITERIA FOR LL.M. PROGRAM
FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE UNITED STATES**

1. The curriculum includes a minimum of 18,200 minutes of instruction, typically through 26 credit hours;
2. Of the 26 hours of instruction, 18 hours must be taught by full-time or emeritus faculty, and 18 hours must be taught during the regular academic year excluding inter-sessions and summer terms;
3. Of the 26 hours of instruction, 13 credit hours must include instruction in the following courses:
 - (a) Introduction to United States Law, 1400 minutes (2 credit hours);
 - (b) Legal Research and Writing, 2080 minutes (3 credit hours);
 - (c) United States Constitutional Law, 2080 minutes (3 credit hours);
 - (d) Civil Procedure or Georgia Practice and Procedure, 2080 minutes (3 credit hours);
 - (e) Professional Responsibility, with required emphasis on both the ABA Model and Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct, 1400 minutes (2 credit hours).
4. Of the remaining 13 credit hours:
 - (a) At least one course must be selected from Contracts, Torts, Property, Corporations, Administrative Law, Evidence, and Commercial Law (Uniform Commercial Code); and
 - (b) At least one course or equivalent must be selected from Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Negotiation, Mediation, Transactional Practice, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Fundamentals of Law Practice, Externship Placement, and Legal Clinic.
5. The requirements 3(a) and 4 are waivable by the law school for appropriate candidates from common law countries.
6. An LL.M. for the Practice of Law in the United States may be completed in a full or part-time program. If the program is part-time, the LL.M. must be completed within 36 months. All courses must be taught in English and in the United States or its territories and must be attended on site at an ABA-approved law school.
7. A law school must publicly disclose on its website the first-time bar passage rates by state of its most recent class of graduates of an LL.M. programs specially designed to comply with these Curricular Criteria and to prepare students for the practice of law in the United States.