

LAW (NON-THESIS): COMPARATIVE LAW (LL.M.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Law (Faculty of Law)

Degree: Master of Laws

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

** Availability of this program is subject to relevant courses being offered in a given year. **

The 45-credit LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Comparative Law complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. It enhances expertise in selected areas of legal scholarship and offers an opportunity to write a supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in an area of interest.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Research Project (15 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 655	Research Project 1.	15

Required Courses (12 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 600	Legal Traditions.	3
CMPL 610	Legal Research Methodology 1.	1.5
CMPL 611	Legal Research Methodology 2.	1.5
CMPL 641	Theoretical Approaches to Law.	3
LAWG 601	Communication 1.	1.5
LAWG 602	Communication 2.	1.5

Complementary Courses (18 credits)

The remaining 18 credits (or fewer if more credits are earned for the research project) are chosen from among Faculty offerings at the 500 and 600 levels.

Additional Research Project Courses

With the approval of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), students may take up to an additional 3 credits of research project courses by completing one or both of:

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 656	Research Project 2.	2
CMPL 657	Research Project 3.	1