

**Chicago - Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology**  
**School of American Law**  
**Pre - LL.M and LL.M Study Programs**  
**2022 – 2023 academic year**

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### **1. Center for American Law**

Center for American Law in Ukraine is a non-governmental organization whose main goal is to provide opportunities for law students, faculty, and legal practitioners to learn about the specifics of various branches of the American legal system and its impact on the international legal system. One of the main projects of the Center for American Law in Ukraine is the School of American Law.

### **2. Chicago - Kent College of Law**

Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Illinois Institute of Technology law school, is the second oldest and one of the most prestigious law schools in Illinois. It is ranked among the Top 100 Best Law Schools in the U.S. in 2022 by U.S. News & World Report. Its intellectual property law program is ranked as the best (#1) program in the U.S., and its trial advocacy program is ranked as the fourth-best program in the U.S.

Chicago-Kent's programs contribute to the essential task of the law school, which is to teach its students to think like lawyers. Faculty members continually pursue this fundamental goal, whether by exploring the theoretical justification for the rule of law in traditional Socratic fashion or helping a student fashion a complaint on behalf of a client in the Law Offices of Chicago-Kent. The faculty distinguishes itself in legal scholarship in areas ranging from international business to environmental law.

Based on the U.S. News & World Report, 66.2 % of Chicago-Kent College of Law students were employed at graduation, and 90.7% were employed 9 months after graduation. 90.37 percent of Chicago-Kent's 2019 law school graduates passed the bar exam within two years of graduation.

Chicago-Kent by the Numbers:

- #1 program in the U.S. for Intellectual Property Law
- #4 program in the U.S. for Trial Advocacy
- TOP 20 "Most Innovative Law Schools," National Jurist (Fall 2017)

- 8 alumni of Chicago-Kent were named among the "40 under 40" most talented young attorneys practicing in Illinois in 2021.
- TOP 2 in Legal Services Innovation and Technology (Law School Innovation Index, MSU Center for Legal Services Innovation (2017))
- Chicago-Kent's faculty is ranked #3 in Chicago and #40 in the nation

### 3. School of American Law (SAL)

School of American Law - SAL Program is an overseas program of Chicago-Kent College of Law. SAL exists in different European and Asian countries. Professors of Chicago-Kent College of Law were initiators of establishing such overseas programs for emerging markets. School of American Law Program is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chicago-Kent College of Law. This School of American Law Program is the first-and so far the only program of this kind in Ukraine. The program is based on Chicago-Kent's experience in offering American Law studies in Europe since 1998.

### 4. Pre-LL.M and LL.M Programs for SAL Ukraine

School of American Law (SAL Program) as a special overseas program for Ukraine was established in 2010. The mission of the program is:

- to promote the idea of American Law in the region
- to provide an access of higher education for developing countries
- to help Ukrainian community in achieving their potential
- to provide Ukraine with internationally qualified lawyers
- to create partnerships between US and Ukraine
- to establish a common language for developing practical solutions for legal problems

From 2010 to 2021 more than 210 students graduated from the School of American Law in Ukraine. About 80 of them enrolled in the LL.M program at the Chicago-Kent College of Law (IIT). More than 30 students remained in the United States after graduation and are working in law firms and consulting companies in Chicago, New York, Miami, San Francisco and other US cities. Among our graduates are founders, partners, senior lawyers from the TOP-50 law firms of Ukraine, heads of legal departments of well-known international companies and judges.

Chicago-Kent School of American Law consists of two interlinked programs:

- First Phase: **Pre-LL.M Program** online or in one of Eastern European countries
- Second Phase (optional): **LL.M program in the USA**

Students of School of American Law start their Pre-LL.M study program online or in one of Eastern European countries. If they successfully complete all mandatory courses of Pre-LL.M study they will be eligible to complete LL.M. degree in one semester with the significant scholarship instead of one Academic Year at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Whereas the Program Graduate holds a certificate of Pre-LL.M study from SAL Ukraine, he/she may request a waiver of the TOEFL exam.

All students who complete the Overseas Pre-LL.M study program will receive a Certificate of Completion signed by Dean of Chicago-Kent.

For the 2022-2023 academic year Chicago-Kent Pre-LL.M study program offers two-semester courses conducted exclusively either by full-time Professors or Adjunct Professors of Chicago-Kent College of Law with global industry experience. Pre-LL.M component offers two-semester, minimum 120 credit hours of intensive lectures with ten courses. Pre-LL.M study period covers September - May, 2022-2023 and learning mode are one or maximum two courses per month covering weekends through full day workshop sessions.

Learning at School of American Law is in English. Thus, all applicants should be at least intermediate in English. However, applicants are not required to submit TOEFL or LSAT score in order to start the program.

Students attending the SAL Pre-LL.M Program will be graded solely by the Chicago-Kent College of Law Professors on a 4.0 scale, and will be required to earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 in order to be eligible for admission to the LL.M. program in Chicago-Kent.

## 5. Lecturers

Lecturers of School of American Law are one of the best legal practitioners, including:

- prof. **Dana Wagner**, In-House Corporate Law Practice, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary at Twilio, former Head of Legal Departments at Google and Square (among 5 of the tech's most powerful lawyers in the USA);
- prof. **Edward Lee**, Intellectual Property Law, Harvard graduate, one of the best IP law specialists in the United States;
- prof. **Maurine Neiberg**, Intellectual Property Law (Patents, Trademarks, Copyright), one of the best patent lawyers in Chicago;
- prof. **Richard Wright**, Tort Law, one of the best professionals of tort law in the world;
- prof. **Thomas Hill**, International Business Transactions, vice president of a multinational corporation, businessman, and scientist;
- prof. **Edward Carter**, Illinois Deputy Attorney General, is one of Chicago's best criminal law professionals.

## 6. Courses

Students of the School of American Law have the opportunity to choose courses depending on their interests.

- Administrative Law
- Antitrust Law
- Business Associations / Corporations
- Comparative Law
- Copyright Law
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Finance
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- E-commerce
- Global IP Law
- In-House Corporate Law Practice
- Introduction to the American Legal System
- Introduction to US IP Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Criminal Law
- Managing and Licensing IP
- Online Contracting
- Technologies in Corporate Transactions
- Tort Law
- Trade Law
- U.S. Corporate Law

## 7. Pre-LL.M & LL.M Program Advantages

**Advantages of the Pre-LL.M study at Chicago-Kent College of Law, School of American Law are as follows:**

- ❖ The program is unique, the first and so far the only Pre-LL.M study program of this kind in whole Ukraine with the guaranteed opportunity to continue study in Chicago for LL.M degree;
- ❖ Fast-track and direct pathway to US LL.M;
- ❖ Getting benefits from Pre-LL.M study without leaving current jobs. During the Pre-LL.M study each student has opportunity to study without leaving working places and changing everyday lifestyle;
- ❖ Chicago-Kent College of Law Selection Committee is highly transparent. C-K special Panel provides candidates' selection process. Selection process is based only on applicants Resume, his/her referees, law degree diplomas and language skills. There are no any formal barriers or request on TOEFL or LSAT scores.
- ❖ All Pre-LL.M lectures are conducted strictly by Professors and Adjunct professors of Chicago-Kent School of Law;
- ❖ After completion of Pre-LL.M study "Waiver for TOEFL" is provided by Professors of Chicago-Kent;
- ❖ Flexibility of the program is guaranteed. Pre-LL.M consists student-oriented teaching process, 120-140 credit hours during whole academic year, 2 days intensive teaching once or twice a month during the academic year, which covers the period from September – May with one month holiday in January;
- ❖ Program curricular, exam policy, grading system, reading materials are developed by Chicago-Kent Professors;
- ❖ Students assignments, exam marking and review, as well as all exams evaluation during Pre-LL.M studies are conducted by Chicago-Kent Professors based on GPA standards;
- ❖ After completion of the Pre-LL.M study each graduates has a guaranteed right to receive an admission to Chicago-Kent College of Law and obtain LL.M degree in "International and Comparative Law" from Chicago-Kent College of Law in one semester instead of one academic year;
- ❖ Pre-LL.M study program is affordable and effective. Generally one year LL.M degree program's tuition fee at Chicago-Kent is 45 000 USD (living costs/accommodation are not included) after completion of Pre-LL.M study Chicago-Kent is offering the same only in 10 000 USD and LL.M degree will be obtained in one semester instead of one year.

**Advantages of LL.M study at Chicago-Kent College of Law are as follows:**

- ❖ At Chicago-Kent, you will study and collaborate with one of the most productive and influential groups of legal scholars in the country;
- ❖ Intensive Skills Training: Chicago-Kent combines rigorous theoretical course work with first-rate training in lawyering skills, legal writing and advocacy;
- ❖ Individual Career Planning: Beginning in your first term, you are assigned a career counselor who helps you create a career development plan that fits your personal and professional goals;
- ❖ Outstanding Bar Pass Rate: The pass rate for Chicago-Kent graduates who took the Illinois bar exam for the first time in July 2017 was 95.43 percent - more than six points above the state average;
- ❖ Dynamic Student Body: Chicago-Kent students come from 42 states and 19 countries, with backgrounds in biochemistry, journalism, engineering, teaching, fine arts and more. They are interesting people leading interesting lives.

## 8. Tuition Fee

Tuition fee for the Pre-LL.M study program for the 2022-2023 academic year is USD 3 000.

The tuition should be paid in one installment or could be transferred in two installments. One installment should be paid in September (during a week after admission to Pre-LLM Study Program at SAL) and another should be paid in January.

All Pre-LLM program graduates who have Certificate of SAL Completion receive partial guaranteed scholarship from Chicago-Kent College of Law for LL.M study. This scholarship covers only tuition fee in Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## 9. Enrollment and Academic Entry Requirements

Admission to the Pre-LL.M Study Program depends on candidates' academic performance and English language skills.

Enrolment as a process consists of submission of the Applications with the support documentation, candidates' selection and admission.

Degree requirements for admission to the Pre-LL.M Study Program:

- ✓ Practitioner lawyers or licensed to practice law in the home jurisdiction, graduate law students regardless of age;
- ✓ Law students in their third year of undergraduate study (LL.B degree);
- ✓ Graduates from different bachelors degree with LL.M and Bar Membership;
- ✓ State officials, judges, notaries, etc.

All applicants are required to submit:

- CV in English
- Cover Letter (1 page)
- Copy of the Passport or ID
- Copy of LL.B. diploma or university statement for LL.B degree students

Documents should be sent in PDF format (copies of passport and diploma may also be sent in JPEG) to [sal.in.ukraine@gmail.com](mailto:sal.in.ukraine@gmail.com)

**Deadline** – August 15, 2022.

Admission to the program is decided by the Chicago-Kent College of Law of the Illinois Institute of Technology. All candidates will receive a decision on enrollment within two weeks from the date of documents submission.

Chicago-Kent Pre-LLM Program will be held online or in one of the Eastern European countries. Chicago-Kent LL.M degree Program will be held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

## 10. Our partners in Ukraine

Ukrainian Catholic University

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Odesa Law Academy

Ternopil National Economic University

## 11. Contact Details

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Deadline for submission of application documents is **August 15, 2022.**