

LL.M. Application for Admission 2026-2027

Applying for Admission

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Admissions Policy

Mitchell Hamline School of Law seeks to educate talented, motivated students who will effectively and ethically serve their clients and employers, their local and wider communities, their profession, and their law school. To achieve that goal, the law school and the Admissions Committee hold themselves to high standards of judgment, experience, and fairness.

Mitchell Hamline School of Law strives to ensure that:

- all students offered admission are qualified to meet the challenges of the LL.M. Program;
- each applicant gets full, careful, personalized consideration; and
- all relevant information, quantifiable and nonquantifiable, is considered, including undergraduate and graduate school transcripts, career experience and focus, motivation, activities outside of work or school, interpersonal skills, and intellectual and personal breadth and depth.

Information submitted to Mitchell Hamline School of Law as a part of an application becomes the property of the school.

The school reserves the right to reject any applicant for admission, regardless of fulfillment of requirements stated in this application or elsewhere. The law school's nondiscrimination policy is observed in all cases.

Mitchell Hamline admits students on a rolling basis. We begin to accept applications for the spring and fall on October 1. Because the school admits on a rolling basis, it is to the applicant's advantage to apply early in the application process. **The submission deadline for applications for spring semester enrollment is December 1. The submission deadline for applications for fall semester enrollment is July 1.**

Admissions Process

The Admissions Committee will evaluate your application as soon as it has received all required admissions documents. Please consult the [LLM program page](#) for detailed information about the required application items.

Application Requirements

- **Application for Admission**
- **Official Transcripts** in English (or accompanied by a certified translation) of previous law school work. These must show the date on which each degree was granted. You must submit a transcript for each institution you have attended. Official transcripts must bear the original signature of the registrar or other appropriate official.
- **Credential Evaluation** of transcripts and grades. Please use a credential evaluation service such as the [LSAC LLM Credential Assembly Service](#) or a service that is a

member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), such as [World Education Services \(WES\)](#) or [Educational Credential Evaluators \(ECE\)](#). These evaluation companies translate the information into English as well as provide us with your U.S. grade equivalency. Request a course-by-course report, which lists each individual university course and the grade received.

- **Personal Statement**, in English, one to three pages double-spaced describing previous law study and professional experience, reasons and goals for studying in the LL.M. Program, and any other relevant information. **You will upload this under the "Attachments" section of the application.**
- **Supplemental Statement(s)** allow you an opportunity to provide us with relevant information that you were not able to include elsewhere in your application materials. Please submit your response to at least one, but no more than two, of the following topics. Each supplemental statement should be in English, no more than two pages, double-spaced, and at least 11-point font. Please include the corresponding letter of the topic you are addressing at the top of your statement(s).
 - 1) Mitchell Hamline values perseverance, resilience, and self-awareness as traits necessary to succeed both at Mitchell Hamline and in the legal profession. Tell us about a challenge or adversity you have faced, and how your response demonstrates one or more of those traits.
 - 2) Mitchell Hamline students come from a broad range of backgrounds, with diverse views and perspectives. We aspire to be a community where students can learn and thrive in an equitable and inclusive environment. Tell us something about yourself, and how it shapes the way you would learn from and contribute to our community.
 - 3) What about Mitchell Hamline's vision, mission, values, community, academic offerings, and/or distinct programming make it a good fit for your educational, personal, and/or professional goals?
- **Proof of Competency in English.** All courses are taught in English. Applicants from non-English-speaking countries or whose native language is not English must submit an official TOEFL, IELTS, or other established test of English. Applicants may also be invited to demonstrate English competency through an interview.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** focused on academic ability, English language competency, motivation and self-discipline, and demonstrated ethics. **Your two letters of recommendation must be sent directly to your LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (LL.M. CAS) account at the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Please consult LSAC's [Letters of Recommendation page](#) for additional information.**
- **Résumé / Curriculum Vitae.** **You will attach this to your electronic application.**
- **Permanent resident card.** Permanent resident applicants need to submit a copy of their permanent resident card with their application. **You will upload this under the "Attachments" section of the application.**
- If accepted for admission, submit the International Student Questionnaire and Certification of Finances form (needed from applicants who require an F-1 student visa), which is available online.

Qualifications for Admission to the Bar

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Complete Application for Admission

Applying As

Applying for

Fall 2026

Spring 2026

Select enrollment option

Full Time (on campus)

Please indicate your top three areas of interest or if you are undecided

Business Law

Child Protection

Criminal Law

Dispute Resolution

Environment / Energy / Natural Resources Law

Family / Juvenile Law

Government

Health Law

Immigration Law

Intellectual Property / Technology Law

International / Comparative Law

Labor / Employment Law

Litigation / Advocacy

Native American/Indigenous Law

Public Interest Law

Real Estate / Land Use Planning

Tax Law

Torts / Product Liability

Trust / Estates Law

Undecided

Biographical Information

Applicant first name:

Applicant middle name:

Applicant last name:

Previous (other) name:

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth (City):

Place of birth (Country / State):

If Minnesota is your permanent state, please provide your county:

SSN/SIN (do not include dashes):

LSAC account number (L12345678):

Contact Information

Current Address

Country:

Street address-line 1:

Street address-line 2:

Street address-line 3:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Current mailing address good until date:

Day phone:

Evening phone:

Permanent Address

Country:

Street address-line 1:

Street address-line 2:

Street address-line 3:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Permanent mailing address good until date:

Day phone:

Evening phone:

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address:

Secondary e-mail address:

Permanent e-mail address:

Mobile phone:

Mitchell Hamline School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone:

Yes

No

Emergency Contact

Full name:

Phone:

Relationship to applicant:

Demographics

Citizenship

Dual Citizenship

Non-Resident Alien

US Citizen

US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship:

Visa type:

Visa / SEVIS number:

Permanent resident number:

Permanent city:

Permanent state / province:

Permanent country:

Native language:

Gender and Ethnicity

Gender

Agender

Androgyne

Demigender

Genderqueer or gender fluid

Cis man

Non-Binary

Non-conforming

Questioning or unsure

Transgender man

Transgender woman

Two-spirit

Cis woman

I wish to self-describe

I do not wish to disclose

If you selected "I wish to self-describe," please describe in the space provided.

What are your pronouns?

He/Him/His

I do not wish to disclose

I use other pronouns

She/Her/Hers

They/Them/Their

If you selected "I use other pronouns," please indicate your pronouns in the space provided. Please include all parts of speech i.e. ___/___/___

Do you consider yourself a member of the LGBTQ+ community?

Yes

No

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

Below are the largest Hispanic or Latino cultural/racial identities in Minnesota. With which do you identify or belong?

Colombian

Ecuadorian

Guatemalan

Mexican

Puerto Rican

Salvadoran

Additional cultural or racial identity not listed

Please indicate Hispanic or Latino cultural or racial identity not listed.

If you selected "no" to the previous question, please indicate your race or ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian or Asian American

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

If you indicated you are American Indian or Alaska Native above, please provide Tribe and enrollment number, or a heritage statement with a verification letter from your tribal community.

If you indicated “Asian or Asian American” above: Below are the largest Asian or Asian American cultural/racial identities in Minnesota. With which do you identify or belong?

Burmese

Cambodian

Chinese

Filipino

Hmong

Indian

Japanese

Korean

Lao

Thai

Vietnamese

Additional cultural or racial identity not listed

Please indicate Asian or Asian American cultural or racial identity not listed.

If you indicated “Black or African American” above: Below are the largest Black or African American cultural/racial identities in Minnesota. With which do you identify or belong?

Black or African American

Ethiopian

Kenyan

Liberian

Nigerian

Somali

Additional cultural or racial identity not listed

Please indicate Black or African American cultural or racial identity not listed.

If you indicated “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander” above: Below are the largest Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander cultural/racial identities in Minnesota. With which do you identify or belong?

Fijian

Guamanian or Chamorro

Marshallese

Native Hawaiian

Samoan

Additional cultural or racial identity not listed

Please indicate Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander cultural or racial identity not listed.

If you indicate "White" above: With which of the following do you identify, if any?

Eastern European

Middle Eastern

North African

Western European

Additional cultural or racial identity not listed

Please indicate specific cultural or racial identity not listed.

Standardized Tests

LSAT

Test Date:

Test Score:

Test Date:

Test Score:

Test Date:

Test Score:

Other Standardized Tests

GRE Verbal Reasoning Score

If you choose to provide your GRE scores, you must also submit an official score report in order for the scores to be considered as part of your application. Please use Mitchell Hamline's code (4750) to submit the score reports.

GRE Quantitative Reasoning Score

If you choose to provide your GRE scores, you must also submit an official score report in order for the scores to be considered as part of your application. Please use Mitchell Hamline's code (4750) to submit the score reports.

GRE Analytical Writing Score

If you choose to provide your GRE scores, you must also submit an official score report in order for the scores to be considered as part of your application. Please use Mitchell Hamline's code (4750) to submit the score reports.

Education

Please list all education institutions attended

Institution type

Undergraduate

Graduate

Law

Other Post Graduate

Institution name:

Major:

Country:

State / Province:

City:

GPA:

Rank:

Start date:

End date:

Degree:

Date degree granted:

Institution type

Undergraduate

Graduate

Law

Other Post Graduate

Institution name:

Major:

Country:

State / Province:

City:

GPA:

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Family Education

Do you have a parent or a guardian who has graduated from a four-year college or university?

Yes

No

Do you have a parent or a guardian who has graduated from law school?

Yes

No

Are any of your close relatives alumni of William Mitchell College of Law, Hamline University School of Law, or Mitchell Hamline School of Law?

Yes

No

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please provide the following information.

Institution attended:

Relationship to applicant:

First name:

Last name:

Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?

Yes

No

Date of entrance (month/year):

Date of discharge (month/year):

Rank:

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school:

Branch:

Discharge type:

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Yes

No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

Service Corps

Have you ever served or are you now serving in a service corps (examples include AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and Teach for America)?

Yes

No

With what organization did you serve?

Employment

List all employment, including internships.

Employment type

Full-time

Part-time

Internship

Unpaid internship

Employer:

Position:

Hours per week:

Start date:

End date: Reason for leaving:

Country:

State / Province:

City:

Employment type

Full-time

Part-time

Internship

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Start date:

End date: Reason for leaving:

Country:

State / Province:

City:

List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.

Law School Interest

What prompted you to apply to this law school?

Internet

ABA

Law School

LSAC

Other

Publications

Law school publication

LSAC Official Guide to ABA Law Schools

Other advertisement

Princeton Review

US News & World Report

Faculty / Alumni / Professional

Admissions recruiter

Alumni

Faculty / acquaintance

Law school faculty member

Legal professional

Prelaw advisor

Relative

University / college faculty member

Recruiting Events

Campus event

Current student

International forum

Law school direct mail / e-mail

Law school fair

LSAC forum

If you attended any events mentioned in the Recruiting Events section, please list them below.

Have you previously applied to this law school?

Yes

No

If you applied previously, what year was the application for?

Were you offered admission?

Yes

No

Are you applying, or have you applied, to other law schools? If so, please list them.

Certification

Authority to Release Information I understand that any and all personally identifiable information concerning my student records are protected under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). I further understand that I may waive that protection and give access of my records to individuals of my choice. By signing the certification at the end of this application, I authorize Mitchell Hamline School of Law to release a copy of my Mitchell Hamline School of Law Application for Admission to the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners to be used in connection with the Character and Fitness Assessment performed by the Board. In the event that the Board of Law Examiners of other states, or similarly situated bodies, request a copy of my application for admission to Mitchell Hamline School of Law, I also authorize the college to release a copy to these entities. I agree to waive my rights under FERPA and allow Mitchell Hamline School of Law to provide a copy of my application for admission to the above stated entities. I understand that I can revoke this release at any time by notifying Mitchell Hamline School of Law in writing. In addition, I understand that by authorizing below Mitchell Hamline School of Law has the authority to release a copy of this application for admission to the entities stated above.

By submitting this application electronically, I certify that all statements made above and in any supplemental documents are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I will promptly notify Mitchell Hamline School of Law if there is any change in the information contained herein. I understand that an inaccurate or incomplete application may be the basis for denial of admission, or, if I am admitted, for rescission of my admission, or suspension or dismissal from Mitchell Hamline School of Law or revocation of a degree.

Yes

No