

For the First Time in Armenia

Chicago-Kent School of American Law for Caucasus Announces Pre-LL.M & LL.M Programs with Guaranteed Scholarships

School of American Law for Caucasus announces admission for Pre-LL.M program with guaranteed scholarships for 2015-2016 academic years.

Two-semester Pre-LL.M Program is based in Yerevan, Armenia and one semester of LL.M studies in Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, IL, USA.

Pre-LL.M study in Yerevan starts in September 2015. The 2 days lectures will be held twice a month. Throughout the Pre-LL.M study from September 2015 to June 2016 ten mandatory courses will be delivered exclusively by the Chicago-Kent Professors.

The Pre-LL.M program will be conducted only in English. Ten mandatory courses cover contemporary subjects from the following list: Legal Writing (LW), International Business Transactions (IBT), E-Commerce, Antitrust Law, Online Contracting, International Criminal Law, IP Asset Management, US & EU Privacy Law, US Intellectual Property Law, Business Organizations and Comparative Law and Introduction to American Legals System.

All components of the program: the program curricula, reading materials, assignments, as well as the exam system based on the GPA standards are developed exclusively by the Chicago-Kent.

After successful completion of the Pre-LL.M SAL graduate from Armenia continues his/her LL.M studies at Chicago-Kent Law College in Chicago. The SAL graduate after completion the Pre-LL.M program is being eligible to apply for LL.M studies in Chicago. The credits earned during the Pre-LL.M study period is fully recognized by Chicago-Kent College of Law. Therefore master study ends in one semester (five months) with earning of LL.M in “U.S., International and Transnational Law” instead of one academic year.

The candidates eligible to apply for the Pre-LL.M Program in Armenia are:

- Practitioner lawyers, litigators, lawyers working in the Public Sector, corporate lawyers, notaries and practitioners from Non-Governmental sector; having at least Bachelor’s degree in Law.
- Bachelors of Law graduate;
- Interested individuals who own a degree of other specialty but hold LL.M degree and are members of the Chamber of Advocates of Armenia.

The Advantages of Pre-LL.M and LL.M programs

- Getting benefits from Pre-LL.M study in Yerevan without leaving current jobs and changing professional lifestyle;
- Guaranteed admission of SAL Armenia graduates to the Chicago-Kent College of Law LL.M Program in Chicago, IL, USA in order to finish LL.M studies.
- After completion of Pre-LL.M program in Armenia, preservation of the right to continue his/her studies in Chicago within 3 years;
- Guaranteed 75% scholarship for LL.M Study in Chicago for SAL Armenia graduates; Thus, the tuition free for LL.M Study at Chicago-Kent amounts to USD 10 000 instead of regular USD 44 000;
- An opportunity to acquire US LL.M degree in one semester instead of one academic year in Chicago;
- A possibility of covering the Pre-LL.M program tuition fee in Armenia in two installments;
- An opportunity to improve English language competences during the Pre-LL.M to prepare a student for Masters studies in Chicago;
- Guaranteed TOEFL Waiver for SAL Armenia graduates;
- The members of the Chamber of Advocates of Armenia and the students of the School of Advocates are guaranteed to get USD 500 scholarship for Pre-LL.M study in Armenia, thus the tuition fee for Pre-LL.M studies will be reduced to USD 5 000 instead of USD 5 500.

Tuition Fee

- Tuition Fee for Pre-LL.M in Armenia amounts to US 5 500.
- Tuition fee for LL.M at Chicago-Kent College of Law for SAL Armenia graduates amounts to USD 10 000 instead of USD 44 000.

Document Submission

All applicants are required to submit the following documents electronically from June 15 to August 1, 2015:

- CV in English;
- Copy of the Passport or ID;
- Letter of reference must be provided in English or in Armenian with English translation with indication of the information on applicants educational or/and professional experience and/or conducted scientific activities with contact information of referee;
- Cover Letter in English;
- Electronic copy/copies of diploma or University statement for LL.B students.

The documents should be sent to the following addresses:

admission@salcaucasus.ge, l.bakumya@kentlaw.iit.edu, m.meskhi@chicagokentlaw.ge,
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The size of the submitted documents should not exceed 10 MB. After submission of the documents confirmation shall be received. Otherwise, you are advised to contact local representative

Important Dates

- Application submission: **From June 15 – August 1, 2015**
- Notifications for short-listed candidates: **August 6, 2015**
- Interviews: **August 7-12, 2015**
- Decision of the Selection Committee on admission: **August 13, 2015**
- Student-SAL Agreement Execution: **August 15, 2015**
- The official opening of SAL in Armenia Pre-LL.M program: **September 2015**

Further Information

Illinois Institute of Technology with its Chicago-Kent College of Law a leader in a legal education is often recognized for the scholarly excellence and distinguished by curricular innovation.

In 2015 US News & World Reports assigned following rankings to the Chicago-Kent School of American Law among the most demanded and popular programs:

- Trial Advocacy the 4th place <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/trial-advocacy-rankings>
- Intellectual Property Law the 7th place <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/intellectual-property-law-rankings>

According to **US News & World Reports** Chicago-Kent graduate employment rate right after the graduation amounts to 66.2% and 90.7% within 9 months following the graduation.

The information about the American School of Law is provided on the following websites: www.salcaucasus.ge, www.kentlaw.iit.edu

Also visit <http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/llm-programs/international-and-comparative-law/special-llm-and-overseas-training-programs>.

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