The Master of Comparative Law program is offered in partnership with Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s Koguan Law School to provide students a one-year experience studying legal systems in both China and the U.S. Students will spend a semester of full-time enrollment at each law school. Students admitted to the program by Koguan Law School and Emory Law must have earned a first degree in law or be licensed to practice law.

During the fall 2018 semester, students admitted to the MCL Program will take courses at Koguan Law School at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in Shanghai, China. One of the courses will be taught by Emory Law Professor Robert Schapiro, which will include an introduction to American legal materials, and a detailed exploration of U.S. Civil Procedure.

During the spring 2019 semester, MCL students will take a set of specially identified courses at Emory Law in Atlanta. This curriculum includes:

- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System: 2 credits
- American Legal Writing, Analysis and Research: 2 credits
- Contracts: 3 credits
- Contract Drafting: 3 credits
- Business Associations: 3 credits
- Elective: 2-4 credits*

*Elective courses must be chosen in consultation with the Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs at Emory Law. See Course Descriptions on reverse side.

**Registration Process**

All students will be registered for courses after consultation with their academic advisor, Assistant Dean Jessica Dworkin. Students must complete all stages of this process during the fall semester to be registered for classes upon their arrival at Emory University for the spring semester.

**Step 1: Review Electives.** Students must review the course electives (including course descriptions) and determine which elective they would most prefer, as well as alternative courses in the event their first choice elective course is full.

**Step 2: Advising Appointment.** After reviewing the available electives, students must make an appointment for academic advising with Assistant Dean Jessica Dworkin. Students must complete their appointments between December 3 and December 20, 2018. Students may self-schedule an appointment here: https://calendly.com/jrdworkin/mcl-academic-advising.

**Step 3: Registration Confirmation.** Once students have completed their advising appointment, they will be enrolled in spring classes. Students should check their registration prior to Orientation when they arrive in Atlanta.
Course Descriptions

Introduction to the U.S. Legal System
This course covers the constitutional principles, history, and governmental structures that shape the American legal system. Designed for lawyers trained outside of the United States, the course introduces basic principles of federalism, common-law reasoning, and an overview of the primary areas of first-year legal study.

American Legal Writing, Analysis and Research
This course introduces students to the concepts of legal analysis and the techniques and strategies for legal research, as well as the requirements and analytical structures for legal writing in the American common law legal system.

Contracts
A study of the basic principles governing the formation, performance, enforcement, and imposition of contractual obligations, and the role of these principles in the ordering processes of society.

Contract Drafting
This course teaches students the principles of drafting commercial agreements. In this course, students will learn how transactional lawyers translate the business deal into contract provisions, as well as techniques for minimizing ambiguity and drafting with clarity. Through a combination of lecture, hands-on drafting exercises, and extensive homework assignments, students will learn about different types of contracts, other documents used in commercial transactions, and the drafting problems the contracts and documents present. The course will also focus on how a drafter can add value to a deal by finding, analyzing, and resolving business issues.

Business Associations
A study of foundational concepts in agency, partnership, and corporation law. Topics include choice of business form, entity formation, organization, financing, and dissolution, as well as the rights and responsibilities of, and the allocation of power among, the business entity’s owners/shareholders, management, and other stakeholders. The course also covers closely held enterprises, as well as basic issues in corporate finance and federal securities law. Students will be required to complete weekly homework exercises.

Elective
Students may choose from a variety of electives offered at Emory Law, provided there is room in these classes and the student meets all prerequisite requirements. Students may opt to participate in the law school’s signature Trial Techniques program, provided they have sufficient skills as determined by their academic advisor. Students may choose between six electives,

- Constitutional Law *
- Evidence*
- Legal Profession*
- Intro to Law and Economics
- Intellectual Property Survey
- Trial Techniques
- Criminal Law*

*Students who are considering application and matriculation into the LLM program may wish to take a course on a bar-tested topic, such as Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, or Legal Profession.

Summer Internship
In the summer following the semester, students are required to participate in short internship experiences with firms, judges, and legal professionals in the Atlanta area. Students will shadow practicing attorneys in one of several different workplaces. More information will be available on specific placements once students arrive in Atlanta.