



**IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law
with
School of American Law in Greece
Announces Enrollment for LL.M Program
with**

100 %, 75 %, 50 % Tuition Scholarships for 2017 academic year

IIT, Chicago-Kent College of Law along with School of American Law after successful first enrollment in Mediterranean region announces a request for applications for two interlinked programs with significant – one 100% tuition scholarship, 75% tuition scholarship for each student, and two 50% tuition scholarships for lawyers from Albania:

- Two-semester overseas certificate program specialized in Business Law delivered **in Athens, Greece** and
- One-semester LL.M degree program at Chicago-Kent College of Law delivered **in Chicago, Illinois, USA**.

The whole program is business-law focused and covers the most demanding subjects of law and its application in international practice.

School of American Law (SAL) supports the mission of expanding knowledge, promotes of American legal studies and provides equal access of legal education for the lawyers of emerging market countries. Since 2012, more than 350 lawyers from South-East Asia, Europe, Caucasus and Turkey graduated from School of American Law and continued their study at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, State of Illinois, U.S.A. The number of SAL Graduates includes politicians, judges, prosecutors, successful litigators, attorneys, in-house lawyers, governmental, judiciary officials and employees, different legal and business industries, NGO leaders and recent graduates from law schools with the highest academic performance.

School of American Law for Mediterranean region was established in 2015 in cooperation with Chicago-Kent College of Law headquartered in Athens, Greece. Since October 2015 School of American Law started its full operation and already hosted 2016 Fall Enrollment group of students with opportunity to receive an immersive overseas experience and gain the global competencies that will define their future role in the global landscape. SAL class composition includes successful practitioner lawyers from Albania, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Republic of Macedonia, and Bulgaria.

For this enrollment academic year in Athens begins in February 2017 and completes in December 2017. This two-semester study covers ten mandatory courses in law conducted only in English and delivered solely by Professors of Chicago-Kent. Learning mode is one or two courses per month covering weekends only throughout full day intensive instructions with 10-12 academic hours per course.

Ten mandatory courses focus primarily business law and cover contemporary subjects of law: **Legal Writing, International Business Transactions, E-Commerce & Online Contracting, Maritime and International Shipping Law, IP Asset Management, US Intellectual Property Law, Comparative Law, US Administrative Law and Introduction to American Legal Systems**. Exact titles and content of law courses are subject to change.

Program curricula, reading and course materials, exam policy and exam assignments, grading system and grading are developed exclusively by Professors of Chicago-Kent. Students are graded only by Professors of Chicago-Kent.

After completion of two-semester program **in Athens** graduates based on their decision - immediately or within three years from completion of two-semester program **in Athens** - continue their LL.M education at Chicago-Kent in Chicago, State of Illinois, U.S.A. The credits earned during two-semester program in Athens are fully recognized by Chicago-Kent College of Law. Therefore master study at Chicago-Kent is finished with earning LL.M in “*U.S., International and Transnational Law*” in one semester (which equals five months) instead of regular one academic year.

After completion one semester study at Chicago-Kent, students may continue their education for the second semester to earn LL.M degree in the most demanding directions including LL.M in Trial Advocacy, LL.M in International Intellectual Property Law and LL.M in Financial Service Law again with significant – 80 % tuition scholarship. Students who complete two semester, are eligible to apply for OPT (period during which students with F-1 status who have completed their degrees for more than nine months are permitted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work for one year on a student visa towards getting practical training to complement their education). Nevertheless, for those students who graduated two-semester program in Athens, earning LL.M degree from Chicago-Kent in “*U.S., International and Transnational Law*” does not require spending two semesters at Chicago-Kent and getting LL.M is possible in one semester as provided above.

Lawyers with a professional experience of three years or more who are interested to continue second semester at Chicago-Kent and get an admission to practice, may earn LL.M within two semesters and earn LL.M not only in “*U.S., International and Transnational Law*” but also within the following highly ranked directions of Chicago-Kent:

1. LL.M. in **Trial Advocacy**
2. LL.M. in **Intellectual Property Law**
3. LL.M. in **Financial Law**

The applicants eligible to apply for the program:

- Practitioner lawyers, litigators, public sector lawyers, corporate lawyers, notaries and lawyers from different industries having at least Bachelor’s degree in law;
- Applicant without a first degree in law may be admitted if he/she holds a degree in other specialty, but mandatorily master degree in law and BAR membership in home jurisdiction or plans to obtain only a certificate of two-semester program in business law without extension of LL.M study at Chicago-Kent;
- Last year Bachelor degree students or law faculty recent graduates with high GPA are eligible for the program.

Special benefits for 2017 Winter enrollment:

1. **One Full (100%) tuition scholarship for LL.M study at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago** – One full tuition scholarship is available for 2017 winter enrolled students established jointly by Chicago-Kent College of Law. To qualify for the scholarship, 2017 winter enrolled student must have a GPA in SAL of at least 3.8. The Dean of Chicago-Kent and Head of SAL Worldwide will review applications from students who meet that condition and select the most qualified student among SAL class;
2. **Two 50% tuition scholarships for certificate study in Athens** – SAL will finance the second installment for those two students whose GPA among SAL class by the end of the first semester is 3.8 or higher;
3. **75 % tuition scholarship for each student of SAL Greece** – each graduate of SAL Greece will receive 75% tuition scholarship for one-semester LL.M study at Chicago-Kent College of Law;

Advantages of Program:

- Getting benefits from the blended structure of the program starting **in Athens** without leaving current jobs and changing professional lifestyle;
- Preferential and immediate admission to Chicago-Kent LL.M after completion of School of American Law two-semester program **in Athens**;
- Upon completion of School of American Law Program, graduate is eligible for LL.M in “*U.S., International and Transnational Law*” at Chicago-Kent in one semester instead of one academic year;
- School of American Law Program graduate receives the significant tuition scholarship - up to 75 % for the LL.M study from Chicago-Kent College of Law. After such scholarship, tuition fee at Chicago-Kent is USD 10,000 instead of regular USD 44,000;
- SAL Graduate shall apply for payment plan to cover LL.M tuition fee within two or more payment installments while studying at Chicago-Kent;
- After completion of School of American Law Program graduate has the right to preserve his/her admission for LL.M at Chicago-Kent during the next three academic years;
- Affordable tuition fee and a possibility of covering the program tuition fee within two or three installments while studying in Athens;
- TOEFL Waiver for program graduates - if graduate holds a completion certificate of School of American Law Program he/she receives TOEFL Waiver from Chicago-Kent;
- F1 visa student may work on-campus without special permission from the U.S. immigration authority. The on-campus employer will arrange authorization from university’s International Center. On-campus employment must not exceed 20 hours per week during the semester or 40 hours per week when school is not in session or during the annual vacation;
- Quality assurance directly by Chicago-Kent while studying at SAL in Athens, Greece;
- Interaction with colleagues and professors in US;

- Development a strong professional network in US;
- Second semester opportunity at Chicago-Kent with 80 % tuition scholarship - after completion of one semester, students may continue their education for the second semester to earn LL.M in Trial Advocacy, LL.M in International Intellectual Property Law and LL.M in Financial Service Law. Students who complete two semester, are eligible to apply for OPT (period during which students with F-1 status who have completed their degrees for more than nine months are permitted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work for one year on a student visa towards getting practical training to complement their education). Nevertheless, for those students who graduated School of American Law program in Athens, earning LL.M degree from Chicago-Kent in *U.S., International and Transnational Law* does not require spending two semesters in Chicago-Kent and getting LL.M is possible in one semester;
- The world best location, world-calls city – downtown campus of Chicago-Kent is located in the heart of Chicago - one of the nation's top legal markets.

Tuition Fee:

- Tuition fee for School of American Law program amounts EUR 6 300, though **applicants from Albania** enjoy additional tuition scholarships and for them tuition amounts to **EUR 5 300**;
- Tuition fee for LL.M at Chicago-Kent College of Law for School of American Law program graduates amounts to USD 10,000 instead of regular USD 44,000 therefore Chicago-Kent for **Albania** provides tuition scholarship up to 75 %;

Document Submission: all applicants are required to submit the following documents electronically by December 24, 2016:

- CV in English;
- Copy of the Passport and/or ID;
- Letter of reference;
- Cover Letter;
- Electronic copy of diploma or University statement for Bachelor students.

The documents should be sent to the following addresses: admission@chicagokentlaw.gr, o.andoni@chicagokentlaw.gr, ch.sarakanidi@chicagokentlaw.gr m.meskhi@chicagokentlaw.gr k.jeladze@chicagokentlaw.gr

Note: 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 representatives.

Important Dates:

- Application **submission:** by **December 24, 2016**
- **Interviews** with short-listed applicants: **upon submission of application**
- Decision of Selection Committee on **admission: Based on interview with an applicant**
- Student **agreement execution:** by **December, 2016**
- Opening of academic year in Athens, Greece: **February, 2017**

Employment Issues:

After completion of two semesters LL.M graduate are eligible for off-campus employment:

- Work permits are required for all off-campus employment and may be granted by the U.S. immigration authority for paid practical training. In general, students with F1 visas may apply for a 12-month period of Optional Practical Training (OPT), which begins after the completion of their two-semester study, during which student with F1 status who has completed his/her degrees for more than nine months are permitted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work for one year under Employment Authorization Card on a student visa towards getting practical training to complement their education.

BAR Exam:

Taking BAR exam in any states in US:

- Bar Exams are administered nation-wide in February and July. Bar admissions requirements differ from state to state and as a result, students are advised to visit the web site of their state bar office for the most accurate information. For information on various exams and links to most state bar authorities, visit the web site of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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. Chicago-Kent College of Law is nationally recognized the second oldest law school in the state of Illinois. What makes Chicago-Kent great is its future focus, emphasizing legal writing and practice-based learning and new litigation technology teaching the practice and the business law in its own law firm.

Chicago-Kent was gained accreditation by the American Bar Association in 1936 and membership in the Association of American Law Schools in 1951.

In 2016-2017 US News & World Reports assigned the following ranking to Chicago-Kent among the most demanded and popular program: [Trial Advocacy the 3rd place](#).

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.

Useful resources:

Chicago-Kent College of Law: www.kentlaw.iit.edu

SAL at Chicago-Kent: <http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/sal-mediterranean>

Find us on Facebook: [School of American Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law](#)

Brief video regarding “What Makes a Law School Great: Inside Chicago-Kent” <http://youtu.be/pKu1V5UTjUQ>

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