History

The first law courses in San Luis Potosí were taught at the College of The Jesuits from 1625, until their expulsion in June 1767. Later, the first governor of the state, Don Ildefonso Diaz de León, at the request of priest Don Manuel María de Gorriño y Arduengo, established the Guadalupano Josefino College starting its activities on June 2nd, 1826 until the end of 1853. In 1859, the Scientific and Literary Institute was established, which after the War of Reform, restarted its activities in 1861. From 1863 to 1867 the Institute closed again due to French intervention.

In 1869 the "Regulation for scientific and literary careers that must be studied at the State Institute of San Luis Potosí“ was issued, offering the major of law. On January 10th, 1923 the Governor Rafael Nieto issued the decree to upgrade the Scientific and Literary Institute to the category of Autonomous University. All the university faculties depended on the dean.

It was not until 1952 that the School of Law, then called: “School of Jurisprudence” had its first director, LL.M. Vicente Gómez Sologuren. He was in this charge from 1952 to 1955. In March 1955, LL.M. Daniel Berrones Meza was appointed director. Berrones Meza created the first Internal Regulation of the School of Law and was director for two periods, one as incumbent, from 1955 to 1959, and then substituting LL.M. Carlos Medina de los Santos from 1961 to 1964.

In September of 1964, the University Directive Council appointed Carlos Medina de los Santos, as the Faculty Director. He had already been director from 1959 to 1961 and remained in this new administration for ten years. The construction of the building that currently occupies the Law School, began in his period and it was inaugurated in 1972.

In December 1974 LL.M. Antonio Rosillo Pacheco was appointed director. During his term, which ended in 1982, the Juris Doctor program was updated, and with the creation of the Research Institute professors initiated legal research formally. Later, LL.M. José de Jesús Rodríguez Martínez was elected for the period of 1982-1986. During his term, the school received the category of Faculty of Law, upon the
approval of the postgraduate studies, and the Institute of Legal Research began its functions. Also in 1984 the major was called Degree in Law, and graduate students could be called lawyers. After leaving the direction of the Faculty la Law, he was appointed Dean of the university in April of 1984 and was replaced by LL.M. Federico Cuadra Ipiña who was in charge of the Faculty of Law until June, 1988. During his term, the Ph.D program and Master degree in law were created as well as the Division of Postgraduate.

In June of 1988, the University Directive Council Ph.D. Hector F. Aldasoro Velasco as director of the Faculty of Law. During the three periods he covered he implemented postgraduate studies in Criminal Law and Private Law, and in 1996 he was in charge of the revision of the Law Degree program, establishing the basis of the current curricula.

In June, 2000 LL.M. Ricardo Sánchez Márquez held the position of director. In his administration courses were not taught annually, more courses were introduced in the curricula and they were taught every six months. That is, under his administration, the biannual plan was approved. He also implemented the Master's degrees in Criminal Policy and in Constitutional Law and Amparo. The infrastructure and equipment of the institution were highlighted. He was re-elected for a new term in 2004, however, he could not finish it as we was elected to occupy the honorable appointment of Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of the State in October 2005.
LL.M Fernando Sánchez Lárraga was substitute Director. He was elected for the period 2012-2016. He changed the name of the major and title received by students. He named the Faculty “Abogado Ponciano Arriaga Leija” and promoted the use of technologies. Among other achievements, the Faculty was recognized nationally and received international certification. Under his administration, thirteen full time professors qualified with the PROMEP profile (Program for the Improvement of Teaching Staff), were hired, strengthening legal research since then.

Sánchez Lárraga encouraged academic and student mobility, increasing the academic collaboration agreements with national and international institutions, as well as public dependencies. On May 30th, 2012 the Master's Degree in Human Rights was approved. It is an Inter-institutional Program recognized since September of that year in the standard of Quality Postgraduate Programs of CONACYT.

In terms of infrastructure, there is an oral trial room since 2010. At that time it was recognized as one of the most modern and functional trial rooms in the country, with a greater number of classrooms and training spaces. In addition that, a sports playground and a gym were built.
Since then, the Faculty of Law has increased its services to the community offering a Free Legal Advice Office, the services of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center and the Strategic Litigation Clinic of the Master's Degree in Human Rights.

ACADEMICS

The Faculty of Law offers two Majors:

1. Major in Law and
2. Criminology

The Division of Postgraduate Studies offers:

1. Postgraduate diploma in Private Law
2. Postgraduate diploma in Criminal Law
3. Master's degree in Human Rights
4. Master's degree in Law
5. Master's degree in Constitutional Law and Amparo
6. Master's degree in Criminal Policy

J.D. and L.L.M programs

Major in Law

(updated December 15, 2014)

First Term

- Legal Sociology
- Computer Law
- Methodology and Techniques of Legal Research
- Theory of Law
- Writing and Legal Dissertation Workshop
- Basic English I

Second Term

- Economy I
- Roman Law I
• Contemporary History of Law
• Civil Law I
• Human Rights
• Basic English II

Third Term

• Economy II
• Roman Law II
• Politic Science
• Legislative Technique
• Legal interpretation
• Theory of the State
• History of Mexican Law
• Intermediate English I

Fourth Term

• Municipal Law
• Constitutional Law
• Philosophy of Law
• Civil Law II
• Criminal Law I
• Intermediate English II

Fifth Term

• Economy III
• Law and Bureaucracy
• History of Common Law
• Parliamentary Law
• Constitutional Guarantees
• Ethics and the Law
• Criminal Law II
• Advanced English

Sixth Term

• International Public Law
• Administrative Law
• Civil Law
• Commercial law
- Theory general of process

**Seventh Term**

- Criminology
- Banking and Securities Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Private International Law
- Environmental law-192
- Civil Law IV
- Commercial Law II

**Eighth Semester**

- Fiscal Law-195
- Labor Law- 196
- Under the protection law
- Criminal Procedural Law-198
- Civil procedural law-199
- Means of Conflict Resolution-241

**Ninth Term**

- Forensic practices of tax law
- Forensic practices of Social Law
- Forensic practices of Amparo
- Forensic practices of Criminal law
- Forensic practices of Civil Law
- Thesis preparation workshop

**Tenth Term**

- Notarial and registry Law
- Agricultural Law
- Legal Medicine
- Social security Law
- Customs Law
- Electoral Law
- Law of the company and business
Criminology

First Term
- History of Criminology
- Theory of Law
- Ethics, Society and Profession
- Criminal Investigation Methodology
- Basic Forensic Evidence
- Basic English I

Second Term
- Criminological Thinking Models
- Sociology and Criminal Policy
- Criminalistics I
- Constitutional Law
- Information techniques applied to criminological research
- Basic English II

Third Term
- Criminology as a science and profession
- Prevention and attention of atypical behaviors committed by minors
- Criminalistics II
- Human Rights
- Statistics
- Intermediate English I

Fourth Term
- Theory and criminological praxis
- Identification systems
- Forensic Medicine I
- Prevention of Crime
- Criminal Law I
- Intermediate English II

Fifth Term
• Psychology and Criminology studies
• Forensic Medicine II
• Criminal Investigation V
• Criminal Law II
• Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
• Advanced English

Sixth Term

• Criminological Anthropology
• Public Policies Around The Care of Nature and Ecology
• Application of Forensic Medicine
• Criminal Procedure Law
• Penology And Penitentiary Systems (Interview and Interrogation Techniques)

Seventh Term

• Victimology
• Penitentiary System And Restorative Justice
• Forensic Psychiatry
• Public Security And Police Organization Social Service

Eighth Term

• Crime Laboratory
• Professional Practices

I al VIII

• Tutorials
• Summer Research

II al VI

• Educational orientation workshops

I al VII

• Learning activities

I al VIII

• Student Representation Or Community Service
Sports and recreation
Final thesis project

The Faculty of Law, through the Postgraduate Division offers the following programs:

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PRIVATE LAW**

**Objective**
The Diploma in Private Law has as a main objective, to achieve the training of professionals of high creativity and innovation capacity. Another purpose is providing students with tools to obtain practical solution of the problems related to the application of Law.

**How it develops**
The specialty program is divided in three semesters. The students learn the theoretical-methodological subject of the investigation as well as in the acquisition of the basics of legal research.

**Program**

**First Term**
- Methodology and techniques of social research (theory of law)
- Methodology and techniques of legal research
- Writing workshop (legal writing and argumentation)
- Economic and social problems of Mexico

**Second Term**
- Theory of the legal act
- Systematics of private law
- Ownership, property rights and commercial obligations
- Procedural problems of private law

**Third Term**
- Family and inheritance law
- Contracts
- Business Law
- Financial operations
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CRIMINAL LAW

Objective
The objective of this program is to train legal professionals promoting high creativity and innovation capacity. The program is developed so they can offer legal advice and representation in criminal matters.

How it develops
The specialty program is divided in three semesters. The students will begin in the theoretical-methodological subject of the investigation as well as in the acquisition of the basic instruments of legal research.

Program
First Term

Methodology and techniques of social research
Methodology and techniques of legal research
Writing workshop (legal writing and argumentation)
Economic and social problems of Mexico

Second Term

Theory of crime
Constitutional rights in criminal law
Special crimes
General bases of criminology

Third Term

Amparo and criminal law
Theory of the criminal procedure law
Penology
Legal and criminalistics medicine

L.L.M. PROGRAMS

MASTER’S DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Curricula

The MDH approach is to form professionals with critical thinking on a human rights perspective. The purpose of this program is to intertwine theory and practice and apply this knowledge to social work.

The program emphasizes:

a) Basic materials
b) Methodological subjects
c) Optional subjects
d) Activity of promotion and defense of human rights
e) Research seminars
f) Thesis seminars
g) Thesis and degree examination

The curricula is formed by three curricular lines according to the three areas of emphasis, these are:

1) Theory and doctrine of human rights.
2) Legal protection of human rights.
3) Social studies on human rights.

The curricula is structured by credits, as established in article 54 of the General Regulation of Postgraduate Studies of the UASLP.

Basic subjects

The basic subjects are compulsory and must be taken and approved by all students. Its purpose is to acquire an integral formation in human rights and to build the bases that allow them to develop one of the LGAC. The student must collect 26 credits of basic subjects.

General theory and philosophy of Human Rights
Critical history of human rights
Legal dimension of human rights
Epistemology
Mainstreaming of the gender perspective
Rule of law and human rights
Social and anthropological theories of Human Rights

Methodological subjects
Students select methodological subjects according to their LGAC. They must have 12 credits of methodological subjects.

Methodology of legal research  
Social research methodology  
Measurement, instrument design and compliance analysis of HR  
Statistics for the social sciences  
Hermeneutics and legal arguments  
Methodology of historical research  
Legal logic  

Optional Courses  
They are more specialized courses. These courses have to be taken during the second and third semesters.  

Human rights, globalization and political alternatives  
Criminal system and human rights  
Public policies on human rights  
Critical theory of human rights  
Institutions of the Inter-American Human Rights System  
Institutions of the Universal Human Rights System  
Mexican institutions for the protection of human rights  
Rights of indigenous peoples  
Human rights pedagogy  
Education in human rights  
Human rights and emerging subjectivities  
Human rights in the new Latin American constitutionalism  
Constitutional theories and human rights  
Biosociodiversity and human rights  
Historical research workshop  
Peaceful resolution of conflicts  
Alternative means of conflict resolution  
Human rights in the accusatory criminal system  
Integral defense workshop on human rights  
Human rights ethics  
Economic systems and human rights  
Arbitration  
Interculturality workshop  

Human rights promotion and defense activity  
Beginning in the intermediate summer of the program, the student must carry out an activity of promotion and defense of human rights in an organization or institution approved by MDH. The student will gain 6 credits for approving this activity, which will last for at least six months, according to the criteria established by the Academic Committee and its Tuition Committee
Research seminars

Each student must attend at least two research seminars, where they will reinforce specific topics and will prepare the thesis projects that will be discussed and analyzed. The student will get 4 credits for conducting these seminars.

The Research Seminar I will be held during the third semester of the Master's, it will be thematic and will be accredited by holding a seminar, diploma or course, inside or outside the UASLP. The student will make a proposal to the Academic Committee, in coordination with his/her thesis director. The student will present the proposed course, to be analyzed and authorized by the Academic Committee.

The Research Seminar II is the central activity of the fourth semester of the program. Its main objective is to support the development of each student's thesis. Meetings will be held twice a week, at least, where the students will present their research progress before a group of professors and their classmates.

Thesis seminars

Students must complete two thesis seminars, during the second and the third semester. In it he will expose, analyze and discuss the progress of their research with their Thesis Subcommittee. The student will get 4 credits for conducting these seminars.

Thesis Seminar I
Thesis Seminar II

At the end of each semester, the student must publicly present their research progress. In addition, the thesis subcommittee will record, in the respective minutes (see documents section), the rating corresponding to the advances. By agreement of the Academic Committee, the Thesis Seminar I will contain, in addition to the thesis advances, two mini courses: a) Scientific writing and b) Ethnography. The grades obtained in these mini-courses will be averaged with that obtained in the evaluation made by the Thesis Sub-Committee on the progress of the research.

Grade test

Once the thesis is authorized by the Academic Committee, the student will have a dissertation before three synods. Students will obtain 16 credits for the passing of his or her degree exam, where they will defend their thesis.

The synod of the professional exam will be integrated, generally, in the following way:
   a) A member of the Thesis Subcommittee, preferably the thesis supervisor.
   b) A member of the thesis subcommittee or a professor of the program.
   c) An external member of the program or external to the UASLP.
The synods will provide the academic coordination with a brief report assessing the quality of the content of the thesis.

**MASTER'S DEGREE IN LAW**

Program Information

The Master's Degree in Law was created to train legal professionals and other legal officials in deep aspects of the law offering them legal theory and analyzing their legal practice, national legal framework. Special emphasis is given to legal argumentation, pedagogy and legal research.

Main Areas of Study:
Theory and philosophy of Law and the State.
Education and pedagogy of Law.
Hermeneutics and legal arguments.
Legal research
Control of Constitutionality, Conventionality and Fundamental Rights.

Duration of the program: Three semesters

**MASTER'S DEGREE IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND AMPARO**

Program information
The Master in Constitutional Law and Amparo has as a main objective the formation of high quality human resources, the study and solution of conflicts derived from acts of authority that affect the legal sphere of people, both nationally and internationally.

The reforms to the Federal Constitution regarding the Amparo proceeding are of great importance, since it is one of the most historic legal institutions in Mexico. The constitutional reforms and the new Amparo law imply a comprehensive amendment to the Amparo, to eliminate technicalities and formalities that hinder the scope and protection of this means of constitutional control, as well as access to this defense by the governed.

The new normative provisions seek to strengthen and improve the structure of the Judicial Power, consolidating the Supreme Court as a constitutional court, with the
possibility of entering into resolution of matters of greater importance and importance for society and government institutions in Mexico.

The legal process is analyzed as well as the conservative nature of Mexican law and the presence of new perspectives in contemporary law, coming in particular from comparative law, both in Latin America and Europe. There is also an emphasis in class actions and class protection.

The Master's Degree in Constitutional Law and Amparo constitutes a tool for jurists and scholars since it allows the reflection and analysis of the problems derived from the relationship of public power with the governed and can provide solutions for a better relationship between such actors aimed at achieving the objectives of the state relationship, including social peace.

These objectives are achieved through an academic preparation that allows students to obtain the fundamental knowledge for a complex and interdisciplinary understanding of constitutional law and the Amparo trial, which allows them to focus on an area of study.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL POLICY

Objective:
To train human resources with high responsibility and capacity to identify criminal phenomenon. They will be provided tools to design, plan, implement and evaluate the appropriate public policies, in order to achieve efficient public safety.

In this way, the master's degree has been designed to:

Identify, analyze and prioritize criminogenic-critical problems.
Plan and execute proposals to obtain a solution for the increasing crime rate as a public policy.
Encourage links with the representative sectors of the industrial, commercial and academic society, in order to achieve the support and agreements that allow carrying out campaigns of crime prevention and victimization.
Sensitize public officials of a change of attitude with a deep sense of respect for human rights.
To raise awareness in public authorities of the importance of working in coordination in the field of criminal justice.

Curriculum

The curriculum is composed of 4 semesters, 19 subjects to be studied, with 4 main lines of research:
Administration and law enforcement
Juvenile delinquency
Social reintegration
Criminal policy
Public security
Victimology
Gender violence
Contemporary problem of criminological public policies

First Term

Introduction to criminal policy
Economic and social problems of Mexico
Theory of the criminal norm
Methodology of research for the preparation of thesis

Second Term

Theory of crime and criminal policy
Human rights and criminal policy
Public safety and criminal policy
Criminology and criminal policy
Thesis preparation workshop

Third Term

National security
Guarantees in criminal procedure and criminal policy
Amparo and criminal policy
Penology and criminal policy
Thesis preparation workshop

Fourth Term

International criminal law
Forensic Medicine
Criminalistics and criminal policy
Victimology and criminal policy
Thesis preparation workshop
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

1. FREE LEGAL COUNSELING

The office offers legal counselling in the following areas:

- Civil
- Familiar
- Criminal
- Agrarian Law
- Labor Law

It provides legal representation and advice in

- Civil matters
- Familiar matters
- Agrarian issues

2. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

It was created to promote an alternative and pacific solution to conflicts avoiding the costs and length involved in a legal procedure. One of the purposes is to reduce the amount of work of courts and enhance the participation of society in the solution of problems.

3.- STRATEGIC LITIGATION PRACTICES

It is part of the Master’s Degree in Human Rights since 2004. It involves the collaboration of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Psychology of this University.

It allows law students to learn and practice real cases. This model offers legal counselling in no traditional litigation areas promoting student participating and more involvement with and learning human rights. It also strengthen links with society specially disadvantaged groups.
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