
LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES



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The LL.M. Program in International Legal Studies (ILSP) offers one of the largest international law curricula in the United States (U.S.), with over 100 specialized courses in various areas of international law. A very flexible degree program, the ILSP allows students to elect any classes, and design an individual curriculum that tailors to their interests and career goals. The program also offers optional specializations along with the LL.M. degree. International students may also take certain U.S. law courses required to qualify for the New York bar exam. Our curriculum features experiential learning opportunities, including externships with international organizations, government agencies, law firms, and local think tanks in Washington D.C.

With ILSP, students become part of a vibrant intellectual environment, interacting with AUWCL's 100+ full-time and adjunct faculty teaching international law. Our faculty members are world renowned and have long-standing ties to potential employers in the U.S. and abroad. ILSP has great reputation for its global reach, with students from 50+ countries and 4000+ alumni from around the world.

OPTIONAL SPECIALIZATIONS

- International Environmental Law
- International Business Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Trade Law and Policy
- International Human Rights Law
- International Investment Law

Students may alternatively select a more specialized LL.M. degree: LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law; LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law; LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; or LL.M. in Gender, International and Comparative Law.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Fund Scholarship
(full tuition scholarship)

Inter-American Moot Court Scholarship
(full tuition scholarship)

Global Talent Development Scholarship
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

Summer Programs Participant Scholarship
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

Merit Based Scholarships
(up to 40% of tuition discount)

QUICK FACTS

- Ranked 9th by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Graded A+ by *Prelaw Magazine* for international law
- Top 25 best schools for foreign-trained lawyers, *International Jurist*
- 100+ full-time and adjunct faculty specialized in various areas of international law
- Students from 50+ countries and 4,000+ alumni worldwide
- 90% of LL.M. students participate in internships
- 200+ conferences, symposia, and networking events annually

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"From the first moment I got here – from the professors to the administrative offices to the diversity of the program – I decided this is where I wanted to learn."

Noga Cohen '14

INTERNATIONAL LAW CURRICULUM

ARBITRATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

International Commercial Arbitration: US and Comparative Perspectives
International ADR: Global Sovereign Disputes Practicum
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration
Choice of Law Issues in International Arbitration (summer course)
Contributions of the ICC Court of Arbitration to the Development of Commercial Arbitration (summer course)
Damages and Compensation in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (summer course)
Introduction of the Practice of International Commercial Arbitration (summer course)
Investor-State Arbitration (summer course)
Mediation: Theory and Practice (summer course)
Arbitraje Comercial Internacional
Arbitraje Inversionista-Estado
Aspectos Practicos del Proceso Arbitral

BUSINESS

Anti-Corruption Law
Antitrust Law
Aviation Law: Domestic & International Aspects
Banking and Financial Institutions: International Regulations
Banking and Financial Institutions: U.S. Regulation
Corporate Finance
Cyberlaw
International Business & Human Rights
International Business Negotiations
International Contracts & Sales
International Project Finance
International Business Transactions
International Debt Workouts
Law & Accounting
Legal Drafting: International Contracts
Regulation of Emerging Robotics
Securities Regulation
Taxation of Business Entities
International Business Taxation
White Collar Crime
Corruption Risk and Mitigation (summer course)
International Business and Environment (summer course)
The Legal Anti-Corruption Framework (summer course)

ENVIRONMENT

International Environmental Law
Advanced Energy Law: Current Topics
Animal and Wildlife Law
Climate Change & the Law
Comparative Environmental Law
Climate Finance
Environmental Law
Advanced Environmental Law: Liability & Torts
Oil and Gas Law
Seminar: Environmental Litigation
Human Rights and Environment
International Energy Law

International Institutions and Environmental Protection Seminar (summer course)
International Law of Biodiversity and Wildlife (Summer course)
International Business and Environment (summer course)

GENDER

Gender, International and Comparative Law
Gender, Cultural Differences, and International Human Rights
Advanced Legal Writing: Gender & the Law
Comparative Family Law
Domestic Violence
Feminist Jurisprudence
International Trafficking in Persons
Responses of International Law to Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-based Violence
Seminar-Sexuality and the Law
Sex-Based Discrimination
The Rights of Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Groups (summer course)
Women and International Human Rights (summer course)

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Human Rights
Advanced Human Rights
Advanced International Humanitarian Law
Asylum & Refugee Law
Gender, Cultural Differences, and International Human Rights
Human Rights & Terrorism Seminar
Human Rights and Environment
Human Rights: Global Disability Rights
Immigration & Naturalization
Immigration Issues: Family & Employment
International Labor and Employment Law
International Business & Human Rights
International Criminal Law
International Criminal Law Practicum
International Humanitarian Law
Labor and Migration in Global Economy
Prevention of Genocide
Problems in the Democratic Process: The Right to Vote
Regional Approaches to Human Rights
Responses of International Law to Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-based Violence
Strategic Litigation in International Human Rights: Theory & Practice
UN Human Rights System (summer course)
Human Rights and Development (summer course)
Inter-American Human Rights System (summer course)
The Rights of Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Groups (summer course)
International Justice of Human Rights Violations (summer course)
Seminar: Economic, Social, and Cultural Human Rights (summer course)

Women and International Human Rights (summer course)

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Comparative Law
Comparative Family Law
Development Finance, the World Bank, and IFIs
EU Law, Policy & Diplomacy
International Law
Law of the Sea
National Security Law
International Organizations & Multilateral Institutions

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW

Advanced Research Seminar on International Investment and Commercial Law
International Investment Law

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

International Trade Law I
International Trade Law II
U.S. Export Controls & Economic Sanctions
United States Trade Regime
Trade Remedies
Trade & Development
Trade & Environment
International Rule Making and Dispute Settlement: WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System (summer course)
Trade and Diplomacy (summer course)
International Trade Agreements and Worker's Rights (summer course)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Advanced Legal Writing: Intellectual Property
Copyright Law
International Trademark Law
IP Practice at the USITC
Licensing Intellectual Property
Patent Law
Trade Secrets
Trademark Law
Cyberlaw
Intellectual Property in the Multilateral System (summer course)
International Rule Making and Dispute Settlement: WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System (summer course)
International and Comparative Patent Law

NEW YORK BAR COURSES

American Legal Institutions
Legal Research & Writing
U.S. Business Law
U.S. Contracts
U.S. Criminal Law
U.S. Constitutional Law
Family Law
Legal Ethics

NEW YORK BAR TRACK

This LL.M. program provides foreign-educated law students with the courses required to qualify to sit for the New York bar exam. Foreign-trained LL.M. students must complete at least 12 credits of New York bar courses of the 24 credits needed for the LL.M. degree.

EXTERNSHIPS & CAREERS

The LL.M. in International Legal Studies features experiential learning opportunities, including externships. Washington, D.C. is home to the most important international law firms and organizations, which presents unique externship and career opportunities. Our faculty and LL.M. Career Counselor are dedicated to assist students in locating these opportunities.

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Eligible international LL.M. students may apply for an OPT permit. This training will provide students with the possibility of obtaining practical work experience in the U.S. for up to one year after graduation.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are accepted for both fall and spring admissions. To apply, visit www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm and submit the following:

- Application Form & Fee
- Official Copies of Academic Records
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Proof of Competency in English (for non-native speakers) sent from testing agency

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE LL.M. PROGRAM

Fall	International	May 1	U.S. Citizen/PR	July 1
Spring	International	October 1	U.S. Citizen/PR	November 1

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Fall	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	March 1	Merit-based Scholarships	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
Spring	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	October 1	Merit-based Scholarships	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis



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