

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TO GRADUATE (POST-J.D.) PROGRAMS

Graduate Programs Office
The George Washington University Law School
2000 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20052

SEE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR ENTRANCE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Deadline Fall Semester: May 1; Spring Semester: November 1

1. _____
Social Security Number (GW ID will be assigned upon admission)
2. _____
Name (Last) (First) (Middle)
3. _____
Current Address – Number, Street & Apt. Number
- _____
City, State & ZIP Code
4. _____
Daytime Phone Home Phone Email Address
5. Address is current until _____
6. _____
Permanent Address – Number, Street & Apt. Number
- _____
City, State & ZIP Code
7. _____
Daytime Phone at Permanent Address

PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

8. I want to apply for: As a:
- Fall 20____ Full-time student
- Spring 20____* Part-time student

* Admission is generally granted for the fall semester. Spring admission may be allowed in special circumstances at the discretion of the program director(s); those interested in applying for spring admission should inquire with the Graduate Programs Office before submitting the application.

- 9a. Degree Program:
- Candidate for the degree of Master of Laws
(Applicants must hold a J.D. degree from an accredited U.S. law school)
- Candidate for the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science
(Applicants must hold an LL.M. degree from an accredited U.S. law school)

9b. LL.M. candidates: Indicate area of specialization.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Finance Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> International and Comparative Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> International Environmental Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Procurement Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation and Dispute Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Procurement and Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> General † _____ |

Indicate proposed area of specialization

† If applying to the General LL.M. Program you must submit, on a separate sheet, a list of the courses you propose to take and an indication of the subject or area you plan to research for your thesis.

10. Have you applied previously for admission to any division of this University (degree or nondegree, on- or off-campus)?
 Yes No If yes, for which semester and year? _____
Semester Year

To which college, school, or division was the application made? _____

11. Have you ever registered in any division of this University, on- or off-campus? Yes No

If yes, when did you last register? _____
Semester Year

In which college, school, or division? _____

12. Have you ever registered under a different name at any educational institution? Yes No

If yes, state name used: _____

Where? _____

13. Gender: Male Female

Date of birth: _____ Birthplace: _____
Month Day Year City State Country
(if other than U.S.)

Country of Citizenship: _____

14. Visa information for non-U.S. citizens:
a. Are you presently in the U.S.? Yes No If yes, when did you arrive in this country? _____
Month Year

What is your current visa status? _____ I-94 expiration date? _____
(Optional) If presently in the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 visa, please provide a photocopy of your I-20 ID (yellow card) or your I-94 Form.

b. If you are applying from abroad, on which visa type do you intend to enter the U.S.?
 A (Diplomatic) B (Temporary Visitor) F-1 (Student) Permanent
 G (Int'l Employee) J-1 (Exchange Visitor) Refugee Other _____
Specify

c. Are you requesting an I-20 for an F-1 visa from this University? Yes No

15. Are you Hispanic or Latino?: Yes No

Please indicate one or more races from the following: American Indian or Alaska native
 Asian
 Black or African-American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 White

Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we are required to ask the above question of U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Answers will not affect our admissions decisions. Your cooperation is requested and appreciated, but is not required.

16. Are you applying for VA benefits? Yes No

17. Will you be funded by your employer? Yes No If yes, name of employer _____

18. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No
If yes, attach a separate explanatory statement.

26. How did you first hear about GW's LL.M. programs? _____
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27. You are required to submit a personal statement with your application. This statement should include the reason(s) you wish to pursue this graduate course of studies. You may also include other information pertaining to your background or unusual aspects of your academic record that you think might be of assistance to the Graduate Admissions Committee in their consideration of your application.
- 28.
- Review application to see that all information is complete and accurate.
 - Request that an official transcript be sent directly by your law school and any other school listed in question 22 above to: Graduate Programs Office, The George Washington University Law School, 2000 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20052.
 - Include an \$80 application fee with the application. Do not send cash. Make check or money order payable in U.S. dollars to The George Washington University.
 - Return this form; do not return a photocopy.

Please review your application carefully. By signing this application form, you certify that your application is complete and accurate. Purposefully omitting or inaccurately reporting information requested on this form may constitute an act of academic dishonesty. If such an act of dishonesty is admitted or discovered once you have gained admission, the Law School may impose sanctions including, but not limited to: disqualification for, or loss or denial of, scholarships, academic awards, or honors; a permanent notation of academic dishonesty on your student record; suspension or expulsion from the Law School; and suspension or revocation of a conferred degree. Moreover, some state bars check your law school admission application for honesty. Dishonesty on an admission application is an extremely serious obstacle to gaining admission to the practice of law.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in response to the questions on this form, including information contained in any supplemental material submitted, is complete and accurate, and that the personal statement I have submitted in response to question 27 is my own work, and all factual representations made therein are true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date

POLICY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The George Washington University does not unlawfully discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited by federal law, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, or other applicable law, including without limitation race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. This policy covers all programs, services, policies, and procedures of the University, including admission to educational programs and employment.

Inquiries concerning the application of this policy and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination in education or employment programs and activities may be addressed to: Director, Equal Employment Opportunity, The George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052, (202) 994-9656; to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education; or to the Director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission/Washington Field Office.

To request disability accommodations, students should contact the Office of Disability Support Services, (202) 994-8250 (TDD/voice), and employees should contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, (202) 994-9656 (voice) or (202) 994-9650 (TDD).

As a founding member of the Association of American Law Schools, The George Washington University Law School subscribes to that Association's bylaws, including the following statements: "A member school shall provide equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons, including faculty and employees with respect to hiring, continuation, promotion and tenure, applicants for admission, enrolled students, and graduates, without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap or disability, or sexual orientation. A member school shall seek to have a faculty, staff, and student body which are diverse with respect to race, color, and sex."

SECURITY INFORMATION

GW is committed to assisting all members of the GW community in providing for their own safety and security. The annual security compliance document is available on the UPD website at <http://gwired.gwu.edu/upd/compliance>.

If you would like to receive a booklet called "The Pride Brochure" which contains this information, you can stop by the University Police Department at 2033 G. Street, NW, Woodhull House, Washington, DC, 20052 or you can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling (202) 994-6948.

The website and booklet contain information regarding campus security and personal safety including topics such as: crime prevention, university police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures and other matters of importance related to security on campus. They also contain information about crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by GW; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

This information is required by law and is provided by The George Washington University Police Department.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY
POST-J.D. PROGRAMS

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Washington, DC 20052

NAME OF APPLICANT (please print) _____

NAME OF RECOMMENDER _____

To the Applicant:

Recommendation in support of your application for admission must be accompanied by this form. Please complete the form and send it to the person submitting your recommendation. All recommendations must be received by the application deadline.

Federal legislation gives students an absolute right of access to letters of recommendation written on their behalf. If you matriculate, you may read these letters if you wish. You may also waive this right, but such a waiver may not be required as a condition of admission to or receipt of any other services or benefits from The George Washington University Law School.

It is entirely your choice whether to waive your right of access to letters of recommendation provided on your behalf. You should consider, however, that writers of letters of recommendation may be less candid in their evaluations if they know the candidate may read the letters than they would be if they knew that the letters remained confidential.

Please sign one of the following statements:

Waiver: I have read the above information pertaining to letters of recommendation, and I hereby **waive** my right of access to this letter of recommendation. I authorize the recommender to provide all appropriate evaluations and information to The George Washington University Law School.

Signature of Applicant

Nonwaiver: I have read the above information pertaining to letters of recommendation, and I **do not waive** my right of access to this letter of recommendation. I authorize the recommender to provide all appropriate evaluations and information to The George Washington University Law School.

Signature of Applicant

To the Person Writing a Letter of Recommendation:

Your recommendation will not be available for inspection by the applicant on whose behalf you are writing if the applicant indicates, by signing the waiver above, that he or she waives the right to see letters of recommendation written on his or her behalf. Letters of recommendation not accompanied by this form will be presumed to be available to the applicant. If you do not write on the reverse side of this form, please enclose it with your letter of recommendation.

The Graduate Admissions Committee will appreciate your independent evaluation of the applicant, noting limitations as well as merits. We must choose from among many more applicants than it is possible to admit. We seek, therefore, to choose those applicants whose preparation, intellectual capacity, and maturity will best enable them to benefit from our rigorous program.

Please return your letter and this form directly to the address above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE (POST-J.D.) PROGRAMS
The George Washington University Law School

The enclosed application form should be used by graduates of U.S. law schools who are applying to either the Master of Laws (LL.M.) or Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree program. Applicants who are graduates of non-U.S. law schools should request a separate application packet from the Graduate Programs Office, International Students Division, The George Washington University Law School, 2000 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20052 (telephone (202) 994-7242; e-mail igpo@law.gwu.edu).

General Instructions: Your Social Security Number is required in Question 1. If you are a U.S. citizen and do not have a Social Security Number, you must obtain one before submitting the application. Failure to furnish all information and supporting credentials requested will invalidate the application.

Application Deadlines: Applicants for the LL.M. and the S.J.D. degree programs must submit all application materials by **May 1** for the fall semester and **November 1** for the spring semester.

Tuition Deposit: A nonrefundable deposit of \$500 is required of all applicants admitted to a degree program. This deposit must be received by the date specified in the letter of admission.

ENTRANCE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Master of Laws Program:

Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must hold a B.A. or equivalent degree from a regionally accredited college or university and a J.D. or equivalent degree from a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) or is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).

All candidates for admission must have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, high academic standing, and professional achievements or positions indicating their capacity for performing master's-level work.

Application Requirements:

All LL.M. applicants must submit the following to be considered for admission:

- A completed application form accompanied by the application fee of \$80*
- Transcripts[†] from all law, graduate, and undergraduate schools attended
- Two letters of recommendation, each accompanied by the enclosed recommendation form
- A brief essay describing the applicant's professional goals and the reasons for pursuing graduate law study (question 27 on application).

Doctor of Juridical Science Program:

Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must hold a B.A. or equivalent degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and a J.D. and an LL.M. or equivalent degrees, both earned with excellent records, from law schools that are members of the AALS or accredited by the ABA. (The requirement of an LL.M. may be waived in exceptional circumstances.)

Application Requirements:

All S.J.D. applicants must submit the following to be considered for admission:

- A completed application form accompanied by the application fee of \$80*
- Personal statement
- Two original letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic and scholarly qualifications
- Official transcripts from all law, graduate, and undergraduate schools attended
- Résumé
- Copy of the applicant's LL.M. thesis OR at least one paper/article
- 30- to 40-page substantive research proposal on your dissertation topic

Admissions Process for S.J.D. Applicants: Your completed application will be submitted for review to the Admissions Committee and to the faculty who teach in your subject area. DO NOT contact faculty member yourself. Your dissertation proposal must first be accepted by three members of the full-time faculty before the file can be sent for evaluation and review to the Admissions Committee. In addition, one faculty member must be willing to serve as your dissertation advisor before admission can be granted.

* The application fee is nonrefundable. It does not apply to tuition and is not paid by the Veterans Administration.

[†] Official transcripts must be sent by the issuing institution directly to the Graduate Programs Office, The George Washington University Law School, 2000 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20052. Unofficial records sent by the student will not be accepted. Applicants should request that their law school transcript(s) include the grade point average for work leading to the degree and class standing at the time of graduation.