LLM PROGRAMS
FALL 2024 ENTERING CLASS
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DC’s oldest law school, still ahead of its time

For more than 150 years, the George Washington University Law School has made an impact in the world by offering a D.C.-infused education that prepares students to shape solutions to the pressing challenges of our times.
GW Law has an impressive, longstanding record of educating forward-thinking leaders. By 1895, our graduates had already written the patents for Bell’s telephone, Mergenthaler’s linotype machine, and Eastman’s roll film camera.

Today, our LLM and graduate law alumni serve in visible, prestigious roles around the world. Here’s a sample of our graduates’ past and present accomplishments:

- Attorney General of Pakistan
- Chief Justice, Bhutan
- Prime Minister, Mongolia
- Minister of Economic Affairs, Republic of China
- Attorney General of Bhutan
- Second Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to UNESCO
- Minister of Defense, Romania
- Senator and Minister of State, Ministry of Security, Jamaica
- Member of Parliament, Georgia
- Ambassador of Romania to the United States
- Ambassador of Tanzania to the United States
- Member of the Parliament, Republic of Ghana
- Director, Program on Law and Innovation and Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School
- First female Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy
- Partners at prestigious law firms such as Sidley Austin and Pillsbury Winthrop

GW Law offers students the tools to launch or advance their legal careers through our extensive curriculum, faculty of well-respected scholars and practitioners, high-quality externship opportunities in the nation’s capital, and emphasis on professionalism and career development.

How will you make history at GW Law?
My patent law class was taught by a Federal Circuit judge. Another class was taught by a retired ITC judge, and in another, I made mock oral arguments in front of state judges. These experiences you only get in D.C.

ALEX ZHANG, LLM ’23
Intellectual Property Law
Hometown: Shanghai, China
It’s all about who we know.

DC’s best legal minds

Our professors bring the legal world into the classroom. For instance, Professor Bradley Clark led a recent conversation with his friend Justice Elena Kagan (pictured left) before a room full of our students. Our professors argue before the Supreme Court, testify on Capitol Hill, and teach at GW Law. That’s an example of how what we offer is a D.C.-infused education. It means our professors are not only scholars, but that they engage in shaping the practice and evolution of the law in the institutions that surround our D.C. campus. That experience and access benefits our students.

Our D.C. location allows us to draw from the movers and shakers among legal practitioners to round out our adjunct faculty. Leading practitioners from the World Bank, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Environmental Protection Agency; top think tanks; local and federal courts; and even the Supreme Court bring real-world experience to our classrooms.
A wealth of program offerings

GW Law features a robust selection of 11 specialized LLM degree programs, along with a general LLM for students who may wish to concentrate on one or more areas, such as constitutional law, criminal law, labor law, corporate law, or health care law. In addition, we offer an SJD program for advanced research, as well as a Master of Studies in Law degree in various concentrations for non-lawyers.

Our classes are open to both JD and LLM students, allowing a range of experience, perspective, and outlook that enriches the classroom experience for all. The core courses for each program are listed below. In addition, you can select related courses from among our 275 elective course offerings.

**GENERAL LLM**

Choose from our extensive catalog of courses to tailor an LLM that focuses on areas such as:
- Antitrust Law
- Criminal Law
- Cybersecurity Law
- Healthcare Law
- Labor and Employment Law

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW**

Admiralty
- Advanced Antitrust Law Seminar
- Advanced International Trade Law
- Anti-Corruption and Compliance
- Antitrust Law
- Banking Law
- Business Bankruptcy and Reorganization
- Business Planning
- Chinese Business Law
- Commercial Paper—Payment Systems
- Consumer Protection Law
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Taxation
- Corporation Law Seminar
- Corporations
- Creditors’ Rights and Debtors’ Protection
- Employee Benefit Plans
- Energy Law Seminar
- Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
- Entertainment Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- Graduate Clinical Studies
- Graduate Independent Legal Writing
- Insurance
- International Arbitration

International Banking and Investment Law
International Business Transactions
International Business Transactions Seminar
International Commercial Law
International Finance
International Investment Law and Arbitration
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
International Negotiations
International Project Finance
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Introduction to Transactional Islamic Law
Land Use Law
Law and Accounting
Law and Economics
Law of Real Estate Financing
Law of the European Union
Legal Drafting (Mergers and Acquisitions)
Legal Drafting (Transactional)
Mergers and Acquisitions
Modern Real Estate Transactions
Negotiations
Nonprofit Organizations: Law and Taxation
Partnership and LLC Taxation
Public Law Seminar
Regulated Industries
Regulation of Derivatives
Regulation of Mutual Funds and Investment Advisers
Secured Transactions
Securities Law Seminar
Securities Regulation
Selected Topics in Advanced Antitrust Law
Selected Topics in Banking Law
Selected Topics in Corporate Law
Selected Topics in Public Law
Selected Topics in Securities Law
Selected Topics in Tax Policy Law
Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic
Sports and the Law
State and Local Taxation
Tax Policy Seminar
Thesis
Trade and Sustainable Development
Unincorporated Business Organization and Agency Law
U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
White Collar Crime
Courses Related to Business and Finance Law:
Administrative Law
Copyright Law
Environmental Law
Formation of Government Contracts
International Dispute Resolution
International Organizations
Law of the Sea
Legislation
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Local Government Law
Patent Law
Performance of Government Contracts
Space Law

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Air Pollution Control
Atomic Energy Law
Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law
Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
Energy Law and Regulation
Energy Law Seminar
Environmental Law
Environmental Negotiations
Federal Facilities
Graduate Independent Legal Writing
International Climate Change Law
International Project Finance
Natural Resources Law
Oil and Gas Law
Regulated Industries
Selected Topics in Energy Law
Selected Topics in Environmental Law
Thesis
Water Pollution Control
Wildlife and Ecosystems Law
Courses Related to Energy and Environmental Law:
Administrative Law
Admiralty
Food and Drug Law
Formation of Government Contracts
Genetics and the Law
International Dispute Resolution
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Performance of Government Contracts

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Advanced International Trade Law
Air Pollution Control
Animal Law Seminar
Atomic Energy Law
Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law
Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
Energy Commodities, Climate Change, and Derivatives
Energy Law and Regulation
Environmental Law Seminar
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Environmental Crimes
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Environmental Lawyering
Environmental Negotiations
Federal Facilities Environmental Law Issues
Graduate Environmental Placement
Graduate Independent Legal Writing
International Project Finance Law
International Climate Change Law
International Environmental Law
International Trade Law
Land Use Law
Natural Resources Law
Oil and Gas Law
Regulated Industries
Regulation of Toxic Substances Risk
Selected Topics in Energy Law
Selected Topics in Environmental Law
Sustainable Communities Law and Policy Seminar
Thesis
Trade and Sustainable Development
Water Pollution Control
Wildlife and Ecosystems Law
Courses Related to Environmental Law:
Administrative Law
Admiralty
Food and Drug Law
Formation of Government Contracts
Genetics and the Law
International Dispute Resolution
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Performance of Government Contracts

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW
Anti-Corruption and Compliance
Comparative Public Procurement
Federal Grants Law
Formation of Government Contracts
Government Contracts Advocacy
Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
Government Contracts Moot Court
Government Contracts Overview
Government Contracts Seminar
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property Seminar
Graduate Government Contracts Placement Performance of Government Contracts
Procurement in International Development
Selected Topics in Government Procurement
Thesis

Courses Related to Government Procurement Law:
Administrative Law
Antitrust Law
Business Planning
Corporate Taxation
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Disaster Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Environmental Law
Federal Courts
Government Lawyering
Health Law and Policy
International Business Transactions
International Commercial Law
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
Labor Law
Law and Accounting
Legislation
Legislative Analysis and Drafting
Local Government Law
Patent Law
Public Law Seminar
Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiation and Conflict Management Systems Design

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Air Pollution Control
Comparative Public Procurement
Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
Environmental Impact Statement
Environmental and Toxic Torts
Formation of Government Contracts
Government Contracts Cost and Pricing
Government Contracts Overview
Graduate Independent Legal Writing
Performance of Government Contracts
Procurement in International Development
Thesis
Trade and Sustainable Development
Water Pollution Control

For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
Advanced Trademark Law
Art, Cultural Heritage, and the Law Seminar
Chemical and Biotech Patent Law
Computer Law
Copyright Law
Design Law
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. International Trade Commission
Entertainment Law
The Federal Circuit
Government Procurement of Intellectual Property Seminar
Information Privacy Law
Intellectual Property Antitrust Seminar
Intellectual Property Law Seminar
Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic
International and Comparative Patent Law
International Copyright Law
International Intellectual Property Law
Internet Law
Law in Cyberspace
Legal Drafting (IP)
Licensing of Intellectual Property Rights
Patent Appellate Practice
Patent Enforcement
Patent Law
Patent Strategies and Practice
Selected Topics in Intellectual Property Law
Trade Secrets Law
Thesis
Trademark Law and Unfair Competition
USPTO Post-Grant Patent Proceedings

Courses Related to Intellectual Property Law:
Antitrust Law
Formation of Government Contracts
Genetics and the Law
Law and Medicine
Sports and the Law
Telecommunications Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
(INCLUDES REGULAR AND PRACTICAL TRACKS, PLUS CONCENTRATIONS IN (1) INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND (2) INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION, MEDIATION, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION)
Advanced International Trade Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Arbitration
Chinese Business Law
Chinese Law and Legal Institutions
Civil and Human Rights Clinic
Commercial Arbitration
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Law
Comparative Law Seminar
Comparative Public Procurement
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law II
Contracts
Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. International Trade Commission
Human Rights and Environmental Protection
Human Rights Lawyering
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Clinic
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law I
Immigration Law II
Individual and Group Rights
International and Comparative Patent Law
International Arbitration
International Banking and Investment Law
International Business Transactions
International Business Transactions Seminar
International Climate Change Law
International Commercial Law
International Criminal Law
International Dispute Resolution
International Environmental Law
International Family Law
International Finance
International Human Rights of Women
International Intellectual Property Law
International Investment Law and Arbitration
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Litigation
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
International Negotiations
International Organizations
International Project Finance
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Introduction to Transactional Islamic Law
Islamic Law
Law of the European Union
Law of the Sea
Law of War
Mediation
Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Nation Building and the Rule of Law Negotiations
Procurement in International Development Public International Law Seminar
Refugee and Asylum Law
Regional Protection of Human Rights
Selected Topics in Public International Law
Space Law
Thesis
Trade and Sustainable Development
U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
Courses from GW-Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law:
Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights--Law and Practice
Gender, Sexuality, and International Human Rights Law
Human Rights Advocacy and Dissemination
Human Rights in a Digital Age
Human Rights in the Marketplace
Human Rights and Military Responses to Terrorism
International Human Rights and Refugee Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Rights of Women
War, Peace, and Human Rights
For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

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### INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- Advanced International Trade Law
- Air Pollution Control
- Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (RCRA & CERCLA)
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Law Seminar
- Graduate Independent Legal Writing
- International Business Transactions
- International Climate Change Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Law
- International Organizations
- International Trade Law
- Law of the Sea
- Selected Topics in Environmental Law
- Thesis
- Trade and Sustainable Development
- Water Pollution Control

For courses related to International Environmental Law, please see the Law School Bulletin.

### LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- Advanced Evidence
- Advanced Evidence Seminar
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- The American Jury
- Arbitration
- The College of Trial Advocacy
- Criminal Tax Litigation
- Domestic Terrorism
- Drafts and the Law
- Ethics in Adjudication and Settlement
- Graduate Clinical Studies
- International Dispute Resolution
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Negotiation and Conflict Management Systems Design
- Pre-Trial Advocacy

Courses Related to Litigation and Dispute Resolution (partial list):
- Adjudicatory Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Appellate Practice
- Civil Procedure Seminar
- Complex Litigation
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar
- Criminal Tax Litigation
- Evidence
- The Federal Circuit
- Forensic Science
- Law and Rhetoric
- Litigation with the Federal Government

### NATIONAL SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY LAW
- Artifcial Intelligence Law and Policy
- Aviation Law and National Security
- Comparative Military Justice
- Computer Crime
- Computer Law
- Congressional Investigations Seminar
- Constitutional Law Seminar: Cyber, Privacy, and Speech
- Counterintelligence Law and Policy
- Counterterrorism Law
- Crisis and Legal Controversy in the CIA
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Cybersecurity Law and Technology
- Disaster Law
- Domestic Terrorism
- Foreign Access to U.S. Technology
- Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
- Homeland Security Law and Policy
- Human Trafficking Law
- Immigration Criminal Enforcement
- Immigration Law I
- Information Privacy Law
- Intelligence Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Law
- International Law of Human Rights
- International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
- Internet Law
- Law in Cyberspace
- Law of Separation of Powers
- Law of the Sea
- Law of War
- Legislation
- Military Justice
- Nation Building and the Rule of Law
- National Security Law
- Nuclear Nonproliferation Law and Policy
- Problems Trying Terrorists in Article III Courts
- Public International Law Seminar
- Public Law Seminar (Telecommunication and Technology)
- Reading Group (Blockchain Law and Policy)
- Reading Group (Disinformation and National Security)
- Refugee and Asylum Law
- Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
- Selected Topics in National Security Law
- Space Law
- Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
- Telecommunications Law
- Thesis
- Transnational Security

Pre-Trial Advocacy
Remedies
White Collar Crime

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U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
U.S. Foreign Relations Law

NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS LAW
Admiralty
Artificial Intelligence Law and Policy
Aviation Law and National Security
Comparative Military Law
Computer Crime
Congressional Investigations Seminar
Counterintelligence Law and Policy
Counterterrorism Law
Crisis and Legal Controversy in the CIA
Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Cybersecurity Law and Technology
Disaster Law
Domestic Terrorism
Foreign Access to U.S. Technology
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
Homeland Security Law and Policy
Human Trafficking Law
Immigration Criminal Enforcement
Immigration Law
Information Privacy Law
Intelligence Law
International Criminal Law
International Law
International Law of Human Rights
International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
Law of Separation of Powers
Law of the Sea
Law of War
Legislation
Litigation with the Federal Government
Military Justice
Nation Building and the Rule of Law
National Security Law
National Security Law Seminar
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Selected Topics in Cybersecurity Law
Selected Topics in National Security Law
Selected Topics in Public International Law
Space Law
Technology Foundations for Cybersecurity
Thesis
Transnational Security
U.S. Export Control Law and Regulation
U.S. Foreign Relations Law
Veterans Advocacy
Veterans Law
For related courses, please see the Law School Bulletin.

OTHER DEGREES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
GW-Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law
(see course listings under International and Comparative Law above)

Munich Intellectual Property Summer Program

ADVANCED DEGREE
Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

* Courses are typically offered at least once per year. Some courses are offered in multiple program areas and therefore may appear more than once in the lists above. Course listing based on 2022-23 Law School Bulletin.
Most of the big firms have offices in D.C. It’s a city that helps you grow your network, and that’s enhanced by being part of the GW community.

EUGENIO AROCHI, LLM ‘23
Intellectual Property Law
Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico
GW Law is more than a law school, it is truly a community of legal professionals striving for excellence in a collegial environment. Our student body is diverse. Among graduate law applicants for the fall 2023 entering class, for instance, 85 countries were represented among applicants. The class includes recent law school graduates, military judge advocates, solo practitioners, law clerks, human rights activists, prosecutors, corporate counsel, judges, and government officials, as well as Fulbright scholars.

Our U.S. and international LLM students take their courses together, as well as with JD students. In our classrooms, therefore, students find fertile ground for discussions that incorporate global perspectives and insights from both experienced and burgeoning legal minds.
By the Numbers: 2023 Entering Class

520
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

174
NUMBER OF LLMs ENROLLED

1,700
APPROXIMATE TOTAL LAW SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

70
NUMBER OF U.S. LLMs ENROLLED

57
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN GRADUATE STUDENT BODY

104
NUMBER OF NON-U.S. LLMs ENROLLED
106 FULL-TIME FACULTY
12 LLM PROGRAMS
350+ ADJUNCT FACULTY
9 JOURNALS

6 NUMBER OF SJDs ENROLLED

4,500+ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT GW

75% OF LLMS RECEIVE SOME SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

34 NUMBER OF MSL STUDENTS

11 OF THE TOP COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
UNITED STATES, INDIA, GERMANY, NIGERIA, IRAN, SOUTH KOREA, CHINA, UNITED KINGDOM, TURKEY, BRAZIL, AND UZBEKISTAN
Support for International Students

Each year, talented students who received their legal training at law schools outside the United States enroll at GW Law. The fall 2023 graduate law entering class included students from 47 countries. The top countries represented were United States, India, Germany, Nigeria, Iran, South Korea, China, United Kingdom, Turkey, Brazil, and Uzbekistan.

International students take courses with U.S. students, working side-by-side with both LLM and JD students. This proximity allows students to exchange ideas and insights and form strong, lasting bonds. In addition, courses available in our degree programs satisfy the New York Bar requirements for foreign-trained attorneys who plan to sit for a U.S. bar exam.

GW Law’s Graduate and International Programs office provides a range of assistance to international students to ensure a smooth transition to the United States and to the GW campus. Services include academic advising and course selection guidance, and assistance with issues including housing, campus resources, and life in Washington, D.C. We also assist students in developing an individual plan for their next steps after degree completion, whether the student plans to remain in the United States to gain practical training before returning to their home country or plans to sit for a U.S. bar exam.

On average, approximately 40 countries have been represented in each incoming LLM class over the past 10 years.
Internships for LLM Students

Valuable Experience and Connections

Our students benefit from GW Law’s proximity to the variety of institutions that surround our campus. GW is located in the heart of D.C., across the street from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, two blocks from Big Law on K Street, and three blocks from the State Department. We are a short Metro ride away from the Supreme Court, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Environmental Protection Agency, and a host of nongovernmental and policy agencies.

That proximity, along with the established networks of our faculty, staff, and alumni, offers students unparalleled, yearlong access to internship opportunities. In addition, students in the LLM Programs in Business and Finance Law, Intellectual Property Law, Government Procurement Law, National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law, and International and Comparative Law, as well as the general LLM program, may be able to earn credit for qualifying internships through GW Law’s Field Placement Program.


All of our programs satisfy the requirements of the New York State Bar Association.
The faculty and staff support us so much, everything from creating personalized study plans for us, to pushing us to attend conferences, and planning social opportunities. I feel really supported and lifted up.

ANNASILVIA CONDOTTA, LLM ’23
National Security and Cybersecurity Law
Hometown: Treviso, Italy
Study Abroad Opportunities

GW–OXFORD SUMMER PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
Law students, practicing lawyers and judges, members of the armed forces, government officials, and persons working for nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations in the field of international human rights come together to study international human rights through GW’s program each summer. Classes are held and accommodations provided at New College, Oxford. Approximately 65 students representing more than a dozen countries participate each year.

MUNICH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SUMMER PROGRAM
GW Law offers a two-week intellectual property law program each summer in Munich, Germany, a city known as Europe’s “Intellectual Property Capital.” The program offers courses, special lectures, and site visits to local IP institutions such as the European Patent Office. Typically, 25 students from GW Law, other American ABA-approved law schools, and foreign law schools participate each summer.
GW Law’s name itself is a credit for international students. The cybersecurity industry sees the school as a relevant place to draw talent. That gives you exposure, which is what international students are looking for.

DESMOND ISRAEL, LLM ’23
National Security and Cybersecurity Law
Hometown: Accra, Ghana
LLM Students and Careers

Launch Your Career, Advance Your Career

With one of the largest legal career counseling teams in the country, GW Law is dedicated to helping LLM students develop a personalized career path in today’s competitive job market, whether it be for an internship during the academic year or for full-time employment upon completion of their LLM.

A dedicated LLM Career Counselor works closely with the Graduate and International Programs Office to host professional development events for LLM students, including networking receptions with practitioners and alumni, career counseling, mock interviews, and resume workshops.

In addition, GW Law participates in the International Student Interview Program held in New York each year.

Our alumni practice law throughout the United States and in more than 40 countries around the world.
D.C. offers everything you could ask for in terms of cultural life. I like how spacious it is, walkable and bikable—I bike to school every day—and it feels safe, clean, and friendly. It’s great living here.

TIM NAU, LLM ’23
Energy and Environmental Law
Hometown: Münster, Germany
A Front-Row Seat

GW Law in DC

The movers and shakers in the world of law and policy all have ties to D.C. Many of them teach at GW Law; others come to visit. Each year, our students are enriched by networking opportunities provided by more than 400 on-campus events featuring high-level officials and practitioners.

In addition, GW Law hosts major conferences and symposia throughout the year. For example, the law school hosts the State Department’s Public International Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. In addition, we host conferences on international arbitration and on anti-corruption and anti-terrorism, along with annual events such as the Shapiro Conference on environmental law, the Manuel F. Cohen Lecture given by notable figures in business and finance law, the annual intellectual property symposium, and the Global Internet Freedom Project featuring speakers on the intersection of internet freedom and human rights.
A City of Surprises

Washington, DC

Another advantage of attending GW Law is participating in the life of the city. D.C. is a vibrant, multinational city of diverse treasures. The resonance of its history is everywhere. Our students frequently tell stories of walking near campus and doing a double-take as they spot the edge of the Lincoln Memorial or the top of the Washington Monument. Such extraordinary, everyday moments.

D.C. is full of those moments. It offers a blend of American history, international flavor, and cultural activity that few cities can match, and it has been called the most livable city on the East Coast. Each neighborhood has a unique character, and few cities can match D.C.’s urban energy or its highly educated and multinational population.

As with any great international city, D.C. is home to world-class museums, as well as bookstores, theaters and concert halls, seasonal festivals, professional sports teams, coffee bars, and an eclectic mix of restaurants. GW Law students can easily access almost any part of the D.C. metro area using Metrorail and Metrobus. From the Foggy Bottom-GWU stop, located right on campus, students can arrive within minutes at internships on Capitol Hill, a baseball game at Nationals Park, or an exhibit at the National Gallery.

The D.C. metropolitan area can be a great place for raising a family as well. In addition to numerous strong public school systems, there is a wide variety of kid-friendly activities (many of them free).

There’s plenty of entertainment to engage both young and old.
DEADLINES
For priority consideration: March 15
For space-available consideration: until June 1
For spring entry: November 1

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID (2023-24)

LLM full-time tuition: $58,800*
LLM part-time tuition: $2,450* per credit hour
Estimated living expenses (for 9-month academic year): $29,860

*For planning purposes, LLM students should expect an annual increase in tuition of five to seven percent.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All applicants will be automatically considered for merit and other scholarships, as appropriate, at the time of application. There is no separate scholarship application.

GW Law Merit Scholarship covers full or partial tuition for U.S. and non-U.S. law school graduates and is awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Thomas Buergenthal Scholarship covers full or partial tuition for non-U.S. law school graduates and is awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

Ben Gupta Endowed Fund for International Legal Education provides need-based scholarships to non-U.S. law school graduates from the developing world.

The Licks Attorneys LLM Scholarship provides tuition assistance to Brazilian law school graduates.

Arochi Lindner LLM Scholarship provides assistance to Mexican law school graduates.

Richard P. Momsen Fund for Brazilian Law Graduates provides tuition assistance to Brazilian law school graduates with a special interest in U.S. constitutional law or intellectual property law.

The Honorable Gerald J. Mosseinghoff Fellowship for Graduate Research in Intellectual Property Law is awarded annually to an LLM candidate who is a U.S. law school graduate. Preference will be given to a candidate specializing in the pharmaceutical field.

Randolph C. Shaw Graduate Fellowship is awarded to a U.S. law school graduate who is an LLM candidate in the Environmental Law program. The recipient will assist the program’s director on a part-time basis.

GW Law welcomes veterans and participates in the Veterans Administration’s Yellow Ribbon Program.
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All LLM applicants must hold a JD or equivalent law degree earned with high rank 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), or is a recognized non-U.S. institution. Non-U.S. law school graduates also may need to meet the minimum language test requirement. All SJD applicants also must hold an LLM degree with high rank from an AALS- or ABA-approved law school.

Students whose initial law degree was earned from a non-U.S. law school where English is not the language of instruction are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and submit an official score report. Minimum required score is 100 IBT or 600-point range on the paper-based test. IELTS scores of 7.0 or higher are accepted in lieu of the TOEFL.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted electronically through the Law School Admission Council at www.lsac.org. Prospective students also may print application forms and/or request that printed application materials be mailed to them from our website at www.law.gwu.edu. More detailed information on GW Law’s academic programs, as well as entrance and degree requirements for LLM and SJD programs, is available at www.law.gwu.edu/llm-admissions.

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GW LAW

The law school is housed in a nine-building complex on GW’s Foggy Bottom Campus. The complex features modern classrooms, three fully equipped moot court rooms, multiple student lounges and conference rooms, and WiFi access throughout.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Four blocks from GW Law, the White House—seat of the nation’s executive branch—and nearby Executive Office Building provide several field placement opportunities in fields such as constitutional law and administrative law.

WORLD BANK

Through its work helping fund improvements in developing countries, the World Bank—only a block from GW Law—is a valuable resource for students interested in international law and finance law.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)

Located right across the street from the law school, the IMF oversees the global financial system and gives students the chance to observe international law and finance law in action.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The executive branch’s agency of foreign affairs, the State Department is a Foggy Bottom landmark three blocks from GW Law. It provides students with a firsthand look at international law at the highest level.

U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS/U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

Five blocks from the law school, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims hears claims made against the U.S. government. At the same location, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction in a number of subject areas. GW Law students can find clerkships with judges in both courts.

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Made up of 35 nations in North and South America, the OAS works to preserve peace and further development on both continents. GW Law students can find placements in fields as varied as trade law and drug law.

KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

As the nation’s official center for performing arts, the Kennedy Center hosts a variety of cultural events and is home to the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Ballet, and the Washington National Opera.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL
WASHINGTON MONUMENT

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

These three monuments to American presidents are some of the most recognizable landmarks in D.C. All are within walking distance of the law school.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The famed Smithsonian “Castle” is the headquarters of the institution, which oversees 17 Washington museums, including the National Air and Space Museum and the National Portrait Gallery.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Students interested in environmental law can find field placements at this federal agency charged with protecting human health and the environment. The EPA’s headquarters are a short Metro ride from GW Law.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

The highest court in the land is an ideal venue for students to observe high-profile legal proceedings, as well as pursue clerkships and field placements. During the past decade, seven GW Law grads have gone on to clerk for Supreme Court justices. The court is accessible by Metro.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GW Law students frequently find field placements at the government’s legal headquarters, working in fields ranging from counterterrorism to intellectual property litigation. The Justice Department is a short Metro ride from the law school.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The federal trials court for Washington, D.C., offers clerkship opportunities in the chambers of its judges. The district court is Metro-accessible from GW Law.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This Alexandria, Virginia, office is a center of the intellectual property law community. Recent GW Law students have been placed in the Office of the Commissioner. The Patent and Trademark Office is easily reached by Metro and is a 20-minute drive from the law school.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

With the world’s largest collection of legal materials, the Library of Congress is an excellent research resource for law students in all areas of specialization.