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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
COLLEGE of LAW
WASHINGTON, DC

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
LL.M. and SJD



WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO STUDY LAW

Located in the nation's capital, American University Washington College of Law offers students an exceptional legal education, unparalleled networking opportunities, and access to internships at prestigious international organizations, law firms, and companies.

Founded in 1896 by two pioneering women during a time when women were generally excluded from the legal profession, it became the first law school in the world founded by women, the first to appoint a woman dean, and the first to graduate an all-female law school class. Proudly positioned as a top law school, Washington College of Law is renowned for excellence in experiential learning (clinics and externships), international law, law and government, intellectual property, health law, business, and gender and the law. Our pursuit of greatness is reflected in our community of 20,000 alumni, including over 4,000 LL.M. graduates, who have achieved academic and professional success in law, business, consulting, government service, public interest, academia, and humanitarian work worldwide.

Today, our carefully curated LL.M. programs and state-of-the-art campus unite tradition with innovation. This is where the world meets to study law.



OUR CURATED LL.M. PROGRAMS



- Advocacy
- Gender, International and Comparative Law
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario (Spanish language LL.M.)
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration and Business Law
- International Business and Trade Law
- International Legal Studies
- Law and Government
- Legislation

At AUWCL, you will receive a legal education that prepares you to tackle a breadth of challenges in Washington, DC, throughout the country, and around the world. Our LL.M. programs feature flexible curricula that incorporate a rich array of specialized law courses and seminars and experiential learning opportunities. As a student you will be supported by a law school community that is uniquely collaborative, including faculty who are passionate about education, and a global network of LL.M. alumni.

ADVOCACY

The LL.M. in Advocacy, administered by the law school's top ranked Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program, combines rigorous academics with a breadth of practical domestic litigation training. Courses focus on the use of modern technology in litigation and the training of ethical trial lawyers, and the program's innovative curriculum aids graduates in preparation for all aspects of U.S. litigation.

Areas of study include:

- Criminal Trial Advocacy
- Civil Trial Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

GENDER, INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW*

The only program of its kind, the LL.M. in Gender, International and Comparative Law equips its LL.M. graduates with the legal and policy skills needed to address challenges facing women and LGBTQ+ people worldwide.

Students will delve into the legal and social structures that shape the daily lives of women and LGBTQ+ individuals globally. This includes anti-discrimination law, economic development, reproductive rights, and family law. Additionally, students will explore recent international developments in protecting these rights, as seen in international bodies, regional human rights mechanisms, and international tribunals.

The LL.M. students have the opportunity to intern at leading domestic and international non-governmental organizations that address women's rights and LGBTQ+ rights, as well as at international

organizations with missions to mainstream gender into all aspects of their work.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW*

Our LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law offers the leading specialized training to human rights for lawyers from the United States and abroad. The program prepares students to take an active role in this field by providing advanced and comprehensive training by world-renowned faculty of human rights experts from academia, international tribunals, civil society, and international organizations; and one of the most extensive human rights curriculums in the world, with nearly 40 core and elective courses in the field.

LL.M. students have the option to obtain their degree in-residence, hybrid or online, in English or Spanish. Our innovative hybrid structure allows students to study while continuing their important work from anywhere in the world and join our robust summer program in person.

Areas of study include:

- International Protection of Human Rights
- Advanced Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Law
- United Nations Human Rights System
- Inter-American Human Rights System
- The Rights of Vulnerable Groups
- Women and International Human Rights Law
- Terrorism and Human Rights
- Business and Human Rights

DERECHOS HUMANOS Y DERECHO HUMANITARIO (Spanish language LL.M.)

Nuestro Máster en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional Humanitario ofrece la formación especializada líder en derechos humanos para abogados de alrededor del mundo. El programa prepara a los estudiantes para asumir un papel activo en este campo al brindarles una formación avanzada e integral a cargo de un cuerpo docente de renombre mundial compuesto por expertos en derechos humanos provenientes de la academia, tribunales internacionales, la sociedad civil y organizaciones internacionales y uno de los planes de estudios de derechos humanos más extensos del mundo, con casi 40 cursos básicos y electivos en el campo.

Los estudiantes del Máster en Derechos Humanos tienen la opción de obtener su título ya sea en residencia, de manera híbrida o en línea, en inglés o español y, en la modalidad residencial en inglés pueden calificar para el examen de la barra de Nueva York. Nuestra innovadora estructura híbrida permite a los estudiantes estudiar mientras continúan con su importante trabajo desde cualquier parte del mundo y unirse a nuestro sólido programa de verano en persona.

Las áreas de estudio incluyen:

- Protección internacional de los derechos humanos
- Derechos humanos avanzados
- Derecho internacional humanitario
- Derecho penal internacional
- Sistema de derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas
- Sistema interamericano de derechos humanos
- Los derechos de los grupos vulnerables
- Las mujeres y el derecho internacional de los derechos humanos
- Terrorismo y derechos humanos
- Empresas y derechos humanos

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY*

The LL.M. in Intellectual Property is offered through one of the world's leading centers for the study of intellectual property and information law. The program reflects the law school's core strengths: world-renowned faculty, expansive curriculum, dynamic research and advocacy programs, engaged career development professionals, and unparalleled experiential learning opportunities in a global center of intellectual property policymaking and legal practice. The curriculum offered is carefully curated to provide students with a diverse course offering that cover not only the core areas, but specialized topics,

reflecting the engagement of our faculty to stay on top of this complex, frequently changing, and increasingly global field.

Areas of study include:

- Patent
- Copyright
- Trademark
- Art and Design
- Cyberlaw
- Intellectual Property Licensing
- International and Comparative Intellectual Property
- Media and Communications

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND BUSINESS LAW*

The LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law is a flexible (in-residence, hybrid, or online) degree program designed for professionals and law graduates interested in commercial cross-border transactions and dispute settlement through arbitration. The faculty are accomplished arbitrators, practitioners, academics, and representatives from arbitral institutions. They bring a broad spectrum of practical experience to the classroom. The direct interaction and engagement with this exceptional faculty enables students in this LL.M. program to build valuable professional relationships. In addition, the location offers access to exceptional networking events, top law firms, and the leading investor-state dispute center.

The core courses of this LL.M. degree cover the fundamentals of international arbitration and business law, and include commercial and investment arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, international business transactions, international contracts and sales, and international investment law. The key electives complement the core courses and cover certain focus areas, such as choice-of-law issues in international arbitration, ICC arbitration, the calculation of damages in arbitration, mediation, negotiation, and international contract drafting.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW*

The LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law is designed for lawyers and law graduates interested in the international law of trade, investment, finance, and other business transactions. Students will acquire the knowledge and practical skills needed for future careers in international legal practice, consulting, and policymaking. Taught in Washington, D.C., by top-notch academics and practitioners, the LL.M. presents

unique experiential learning and career opportunities.

The LL.M.'s core courses cover the fundamentals of trade regulation and negotiations under U.S., WTO and other international trade agreements, as well as international sales, transfer of technology, and other cross-border transactions. The key electives complement the core courses and cover certain focus areas, including WTO law, U.S. trade law, sanction and export controls, trade and investment, bilateral and regional trade agreements, e-commerce, trade in services and intellectual property, currency, and financial transactions. Students may also explore the linkages between trade, business, and other areas of law, such as environment, human rights, labor, and gender.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES*

Established in 1982, the LL.M. Program in International Legal Studies is among US's oldest and most prestigious LL.M. programs, offering 100+ courses in various areas of international law. Students are free to design their own individual curriculum tailored to their interest and career goals. They may take a general course of study, or choose a specialized curriculum in any of the following areas:

- Gender, International & Comparative Law
- International Arbitration and Business Law
- International Business Law
- International Business and Trade Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

As part of the curriculum, students may do externships for credit at 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 specialized in various areas of international law. Our faculty members are world renowned and have long-standing ties to potential employers in the United States and abroad. ILSP has great reputation for its global reach, with students from 50+ countries and 4,000+ alumni from around the world.

LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Our LL.M. in Law and Government will prepare you to grasp the issues that are at the intersection of law, politics, and all levels of government through a

broad-based examination of public law in the United States. Designed for both domestic and international law graduates who have a strong interest in U.S. government and politics, the dynamics of democracy, and the meaning of the rule of law, the LL.M. in Law and Government takes students on a broad and deep examination of the most important public policy issues of the time.

Potential specialization areas:

- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Business and Financial Regulation
- Constitutional Law and Civil Rights
- Constitutional Literacy (with the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program)
- Disability Rights
- Employment and Labor Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Gender and the Law
- Health Law and Policy
- Immigration Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property
- Law, Politics and Legislation
- Local and State Government
- Public Interest

LEGISLATION

The LL.M. in Legislation is designed for lawyers interested in the intersection of law and domestic public policy. It equips lawyers with practical skills such as legislative and regulatory drafting, legislative and regulatory negotiation, and statutory interpretation. The curriculum includes Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, Legislative Drafting, Legislative Negotiation, Constitutional Powers of the Presidency, Election Law, Campaign Finance, Legislative Process, Political Process, Government Oversight, and Legislative Lawyering. With a strong tenured, full-time, and adjunct faculty, extensive alumni network, and prime Washington, DC location, we offer a broad array of curricular and extracurricular experiences, including cutting-edge courses, symposia and panels, and career counseling, all designed to maximize the advantages of studying law at the center of the modern administrative state.

**Indicates a program through which international students may choose to take certain U.S. law courses required to qualify for the New York bar examination.*

BEYOND THE LL.M. PROGRAMS

JURIS DOCTOR (JD) FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

Foreign law graduates who have received an LL.M. degree from an ABA accredited law school or foreign law school with equivalent standards are eligible to apply to American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) as a JD transfer student. This unique opportunity will allow students to build on the skills already attained in the LL.M. program. This program is especially geared towards foreign law graduates with an interest in immersing themselves in the U.S. legal culture and obtaining a full Juris Doctor.

MASTER IN LEGAL STUDIES (MLS)

The online Master of Legal Studies from AUWCL is designed for non-lawyer professionals who have law-related responsibilities and understand the law's important influence on both their daily job functions and their community at large. The program offers the following concentration tracks:

- General MLS
- Business
- Health care compliance
- Technology

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (SJD)

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) is the most advanced law degree at AUWCL. The SJD Program brings together aspiring legal academics and other top legal professionals from around the world who wish to research and write dissertation of publishable quality under the instruction of faculty members who are recognized experts and leading practitioners in their fields. SJD candidates' areas of scholarship include

international arbitration, international finance and tax law, criminal justice reform, intellectual property law, environmental law, and international human rights law.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The dual degree programs offered by AUWCL in combination with other American University schools include:

- LL.M./MBA with the Kogod School of Business focuses on law and business administration
- LL.M./MPA with the School of Public Affairs focuses on law and public administration
- LL.M./MPP with the School of Public Affairs focuses on law, public administration, and management
- Dual LL.M. allows students to receive two different LL.M. degrees from AUWCL after successfully completing one of the law school's LL.M. programs

ENGLISH PATHWAY PROGRAM

The Washington College of Law and the English Language and Training Academy (ELTA) at American University offer a unique opportunity for students interested in improving their English skills prior to their LL.M. coursework. The LL.M. Pathway Program is a one-semester program designed to assist international students in gaining the requisite English proficiency to be successful in their LL.M. studies.

Applicants to our LL.M. programs who are otherwise admissible but who do not meet our minimum requirement of English proficiency scores may be evaluated for enrollment in the LL.M. Pathway Program.





LL.M. students join our 20,000+ community of U.S. and international students through the law school's wide variety of degree programs.



NO BETTER PLACE

Washington, D.C.: Experience Beyond the Classroom

At AUWCL, we see the nation's capital as an extension of the classroom. Washington, D.C., is one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world, home to government agencies, the U.S. Supreme Court, international organizations, major law firms, and multinational corporations. Our students take advantage of everything the city has to offer.

Students also benefit from expansive experiential learning opportunities through externships in worldwide locations such as the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, International Law Commission, and International Labor Organization, among others.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOU

Graduate students at AUWCL have access to a dedicated LL.M. career advisor, who works with students on their professional goals from the time they start their program. The Office of Career and Professional Development design workshops and organize

professional development events to better equip students for the job market.

Students who are non-native English speakers also have access to the English writing tutor. The tutor helps the students with organization, format, grammar, paragraph structure, citing, planning and drafting research papers, and other questions that arise throughout the semester.

BAR EXAMINATION ADVISING

The LL.M. Programs are designed to accommodate international students interested in taking the New York bar examination. Our curriculum offers to international students a number of courses in U.S. law that are required to qualify to sit for the New York bar exam. International students therefore can earn an LL.M. degree at AUWCL and simultaneously plan to take the New York bar. We encourage all students to discuss their course of study and the various requirements for their LL.M. and a bar exam with their academic advisors.



LIST OF EXTERNSHIP EMPLOYERS (LLM STUDENTS HAVE WORKED HERE!)

- ABA Center for Human Rights
- ABA Justice Defenders Program
- ABA Rule of Law
- Akrivis Law Group, PLLC
- Aparicio, Arp, Schamis & Associates
- Arnold and Porter, LLP
- ASHOKA
- Baker McKenzie
- Brus Chambers, LLC
- CEJIL
- Center for American Progress
- Center for Children's Law and Policy
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
- DC Office of Police Complaints
- Electronic Privacy Information Center
- Fisher Broyles, LLP
- Foley and Hoag, LLP
- Heidelman Nudelman & Kalik, PC
- Holland & Knight, LLP
- Human Rights First
- Human Rights Watch
- In Center for Biological Diversity
- Indian Law Resource Center
- Innovative Discovery, LLC
- Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development
- Integrity Management Services
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Inter-American Council of Women
- International Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- International Disability Alliance
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Mayer Brown
- Mil Mujeres Legal Services
- Mughal Law Group PLLC
- National Center for State Courts
- National Center for Transgender Equality
- National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
- National Democratic Institute
- National Whistler Blower Center
- Organization of American States
- Pan American Health Organization
- PILPG
- Project on Middle East Democracy
- Public Defenders Office
- Refugee International
- Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
- Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Center
- Rosetta Stone
- Service Employees International Union
- States Attorney for Montgomery County
- Stein IP, LLC
- Steptoe & Johnson, LLP
- The Climate Reality Project
- The Federal Judicial Center
- The Nature Conservancy
- The World Bank Group
- TruPoint International
- UN Information Center (UNIC) Washington DC
- United States Institute of Peace
- Various countries' missions to UN (Turkey, Pakistan, etc.)
- Various Embassies' Legal Departments
- Washington International Trade Association
- World Bank Group
- White & Case

SELECT FACULTY

American University Washington College of Law's rich intellectual life is evident in our faculty's engagements in the local, national, and international legal communities, and their dedication to the law through their scholarship, programmatic initiatives, speaking engagements, and service to organizations both at home and abroad.



PADIDEH ALA'I

Professor of Law

Director, International and Comparative Legal Studies

Areas of Specialization:

International Trade Law, International Business Law, International/Comparative Law, Comparative Legal Traditions, Law and Religion



KENNETH ANDERSON

Professor of Law

Areas of Specialization:

Business Law, Intellectual Property, International Business Law, International/Comparative Law, Internet and Computer Law, National Security Law, Technology Law



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Areas of Specialization:

Legislative Process, Law and Government, Election Law



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Areas of Specialization:

Gender and the Law, International Commercial Arbitration, International Human Rights/Humanitarian Law, International/Comparative Law, Employment Discrimination Law



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Areas of Specialization:

Contracts, Copyright Law, Privacy Law, Intellectual Property, International Intellectual Property, Internet and Computer Law, Law and Government, Technology Law



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Areas of Specialization:

Civil Rights, Criminal Law and Procedure, Trial Advocacy



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Areas of Specialization:

Alternative Dispute Resolution, Business Law, Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Gender and the Law, International Business Law, International Commercial Arbitration, International/Comparative Law, Law and Economics, Law and the Social Sciences, Professional Responsibility, Law and Development



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Alternative Dispute Resolution, Business Law, International/Commercial Arbitration, International Organizations



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Areas of Specialization:

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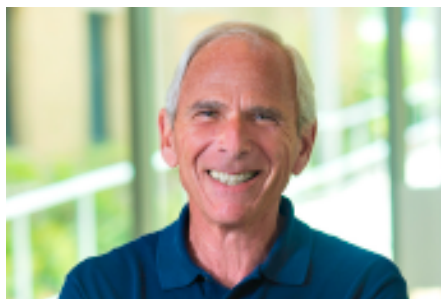


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International Human Rights/ Humanitarian Law, International/Comparative Law, International Organizations



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Professor of Law

Areas of Specialization:

Energy Law, Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, International/Comparative Law, Law and Government



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*Practitioner-in-Residence
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Areas of Specialization:

Gender and the Law, Public Interest Law, Sexual and Gender Identity Issues



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Professor of Practice in Administrative Law

Areas of Specialization:

Administrative Law, Law and Government, Legislative Process



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International Criminal Law, International Human Rights/ Humanitarian Law, International/ Comparative Law



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International Criminal Law, International Human Rights/ Humanitarian Law, International/ Comparative Law, Transitional Justice



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International Human Rights/ Humanitarian Law, International/ Comparative Law



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Areas of Specialization:

European Union Law, Torts and
Compensation Systems, State and Local
Government, Transnational and Private
Law Theory, Law and Development



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Areas of Specialization:

Legislative Negotiations, Legislative
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Areas of Specialization:

Clinical Legal Education, Immigration
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Areas of Specialization:

International Human Rights/
Humanitarian Law, International/
Comparative Law, International
Organizations



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Director, Business Law Program

Areas of Specialization:

International Business Law, Contracts,
Secured Transactions, International
Commercial Arbitration, Legal History,
International/Comparative Law,
Business Law



STEPHEN WERMIEL

Professor of Practice of Law

Areas of Specialization:

Constitutional Law, First Amendment,
Law and Government, Supreme Court

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

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

- Online application form
- Official copies of academic records
- Resume
- Official proof of Competency in English
- Application fee (\$55)
- Statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation

To be considered for admission, the minimum required English Competency scores are:

- TOEFL 84 iBT or 563 PBT
- IELTS 6.5
- PTE Academic 56
- Duolingo 110 or higher

Please note: These scores are the minimum scores for admissions consideration.

Meeting the minimum score requirement does not guarantee admission to the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Admission Deadlines

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| • International students | June 1 |
| • U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Students | July 1* |
| • Online/Hybrid LL.M. | August 1 |

Spring Admission Deadlines

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| • International Students | November 1 |
| • U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Students | November 30* |
| • Online/Hybrid LL.M. | December 30 |

**Under certain circumstances, the program can extend the application deadline for U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents.*

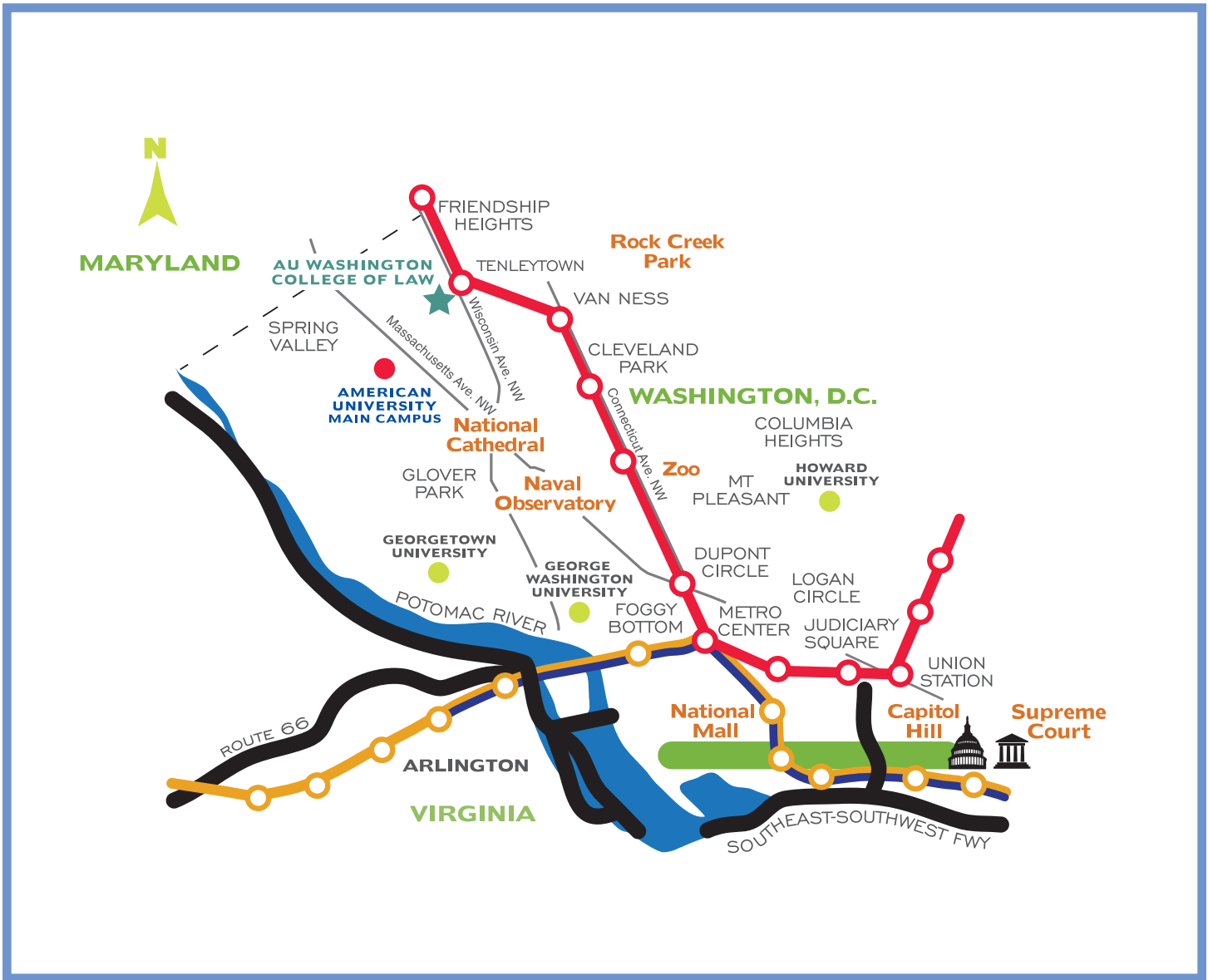
Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions directly to see if you qualify for this exception. Due to visa processing times, any applicant requiring a visa must adhere to the posted deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are a law school committed to graduate legal education. In order to provide educational opportunities to students from a variety of backgrounds, the LL.M. programs offer several partial and full scholarships based on academic merit.

- Alumni Fund Scholarship (full scholarship, international programs only)
- Global Talent Development Scholarship (1/2 scholarship, international programs only)
- International Arbitration Special Merit Scholarship (full scholarship, International Arbitration and Business Law only)
- OAS-AUWCL Scholarship for the LL.M. in International Arbitration and Human Rights (1/2 scholarship)
- Summer Programs Participant Scholarship (1/2 scholarship)
- Civil Society Scholarship (Human Rights and Humanitarian Law only)
- Inter-American Human Rights Competition Scholarship (1/2 scholarship, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law only)
- LL.M. Fellowships in Law and Government, Advocacy, and IP (partial scholarship plus research assistant position)
- Merit-Based Scholarship (partial scholarship)

For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at llm@wcl.american.edu or visit wcl.american.edu/llm.



Visiting Campus

Located at 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, the American University Washington College of Law campus is just one block from the Tenleytown-AU Metro Station (Red Line). During the academic year, the Office of Admissions hosts tours and virtual information sessions.



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