Master of Laws Programs
THE MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMS at Washington University School of Law are an integral part of our educational and professional mission: to create a community of outstanding research and service to the world. LL.M. students—from the United States and from around the world—enrich our classrooms, our student organizations, and our conversations with their prior professional experience and their diverse educational and professional backgrounds.

Whether you aim to develop an expertise in a specific area of law or simply gain an introduction to the American common-law system, you will find WU Law a welcoming and challenging environment and a place where lifelong friendships are forged. Within this setting, your teachers and classmates will challenge you to become the kind of lawyer you want to be.

I invite you to find out more, by visiting our website, by contacting our dedicated staff, and, if you are able, by visiting our campus. On behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, I look forward to welcoming you to WU Law—a community of scholars, jurists, and practitioners dedicated to creating the next generation of lawyers.

KENT SYVERUD
Dean of the Law School, Ethan A.H. Shepley Distinguished University Professor, and Associate Vice Chancellor of Washington, D.C., Programs

LL.M. graduates leave Washington University School of Law prepared for the challenges of the global marketplace.
WELCOME TO WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Washington University School of Law brings together talented students, accomplished faculty, and a curriculum that covers time-honored traditional subjects, as well as new and emerging legal areas.

FACULTY

The law school’s faculty members are powerful teachers and stimulating mentors who create scholarship, shape public policy, and make law. Whether students have a question about class discussions, need advice on career options, or just want to chat, their professors treat them like colleagues. For more information about our world-class faculty, visit here: law.wustl.edu/faculty/.

 COURSE OFFERINGS

The following brief groupings are guidelines to help inform students’ career options. Full course listings and descriptions can be found at: law.wustl.edu/registrar/.

Banking and Financial Institutions
The world of financial services is rapidly diversifying and globalizing, as barriers between commercial and investment banking are breaking down. As a result, banking law and regulation is one of the fastest growing areas of legal practice.

Commercial Transactions and Bankruptcy
These fields regulate the operation of the marketplace, including transactions between businesses and between consumers and businesses. Courses cover both how to regulate these relationships and how to handle these relationships when something goes wrong.

Communications and Information Technology
The ongoing revolution in telecommunications and computerization is driving huge social and economic changes. Are national boundaries significant for legal and constitutional purposes? How do we regulate the distribution of information through the new media?
LL.M. IN U.S. LAW

LL.M. PROGRAM IN U.S. LAW
TARGETS FOREIGN-TRAINED LAWYERS
The law school’s Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in U.S. Law is for those who want to increase their knowledge of U.S. law to better operate in today’s global environment. At Washington University, LL.M. students interact with others from diverse legal cultures and with faculty members who have expertise in both U.S. and international law.

Flexible Curriculum
Programs can be designed to fit particular career goals. The only two required courses are Introduction to U.S. Law & Methods and Fundamentals of U.S. Civil Procedure, Contracts & Corporations.

Practical and Theoretical Knowledge
Students gain practical and theoretical knowledge of U.S. and international law through basic law classes and more than 20 international and comparative law courses.

Career Opportunities
More than 30 business law courses and more than 20 courses on intellectual property law provide career development opportunities.

Stronger Advocacy Skills
Courses like Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Theory & Practice strengthen students’ ability to advocate for clients who have business dealings in the United States or with U.S. companies.

International Network
Working with an American J.D. mentor, foreign-trained lawyers build an international network of professional contacts while refining their English skills.

Access to Job Fairs
Washington University participates in the West Coast International LL.M. Job Fair, held at the University of California, Los Angeles. This fair is specifically designed for foreign-trained lawyers.

“I chose Washington University for its great reputation in offering practical classes and seminars. Participating in oral arguments and drafting numerous agreements were the most challenging, yet rewarding, experiences. I truly received a strong foundation for my current practice at Thompson Coburn LLP. I cannot emphasize enough how much I learned from my peers while sharing our views on law, politics, and culture.”

Shoko Naruo
U.S. Law LL.M. ’07
J.D. ’09
Associate, Thompson Coburn LLP, St. Louis

U.S. LAW LL.M. FAST FACTS

1. Students from more than 65 countries have earned an LL.M. in U.S. Law at Washington University.

2. Washington University School of Law ranks among America’s top law schools.

3. The LL.M. Programs are fully integrated within the law school. Students attend classes with J.D. students as well as other LL.M. students.

4. More than two dozen different student organizations present opportunities for LL.M. students to interact with fellow students outside the classroom.

5. Students who have a first degree in law from their home country can typically use the Washington University LL.M. to satisfy the U.S. educational requirements for the bar examinations in several states, including New York.

6. Admitted students can earn their first six credits for their LL.M. at the Summer Institute for International Law & Policy in Utrecht, the Netherlands. For more information, visit: law.wustl.edu/summer_institute/. (Tuition for the Summer Institute is not included in the LL.M. tuition.)

7. The most highly qualified LL.M. graduates can apply for transfer into the J.D. program without having to sit for the LSAT.

8. Most LL.M. graduates decide to take the New York bar exam the summer after their graduation, and many begin taking commercial bar preparation courses as early as in the fall semester.
LL.M. IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW (IP/TL)

IP/TL Program Offers Specialized Area of Study
The law school’s Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in Intellectual Property & Technology Law (IP/TL) responds to the demand for knowledgeable and skilled intellectual property professionals who have already earned a basic law degree.

The one-year IP/TL curriculum allows students to study both introductory and advanced intellectual property law. LL.M. students also scrutinize the politics affecting those areas of the law. Additionally, students benefit from practical skills courses taught in small groups by teams of experienced intellectual property lawyers and practitioners.

IP/TL LL.M. Program and Curriculum
The following IP/TL curriculum includes courses offered in 2011–12 and those tentatively scheduled for the future. (The curriculum changes from time to time; consequently, this list may not reflect exactly the course offerings for subsequent years.)

Introductory Courses and Advanced Seminars
Biotechnology Law
Copyrights & Related Rights
Cyberspace Law
International IP Law
Patent & Trade Secret Law

Small Enrollment Practical Skills Courses
Advanced Patent Drafting
Entertainment Law Planning & Drafting
High Technology License Drafting
IP Litigation
Patent Drafting and Prosecution
Trademark Practice

Related Courses and Seminars
Administrative Law
Antitrust Law
Bioethics & Law
Human Genome Project & Law
International & Comparative Competition
International Investment Law Seminar
International Law
Sports Law Planning & Drafting
Theory of Property Rights

IP/TL LL.M. FAST FACTS

1. While a science or engineering background is required to file patent applications, this is not a prerequisite for other phases of IP practice, such as licensing and litigation.

2. IP/TL LL.M. students study under the guidance of leading scholars in the field and also participate in practical skills courses taught by teams of experienced intellectual property lawyers.

3. St. Louis is a leading center of biotechnology research and development.

4. St. Louis serves as the world headquarters for a number of companies whose most important IP assets are trademarks—ranging from Budweiser® to the Energizer Bunny®.

5. The Intellectual Property & Nonprofit Organizations Clinic is one of the few IP clinics in the nation.

“...the Intellectual Property/Technology Law LL.M. Program at Washington University School of Law was exactly the right program for me. It provided hands-on sharing of experience and practical advice for a busy practitioner. I am fully charged and ready to practice.”
Ben Beyong-ho Yuu
IP/TL LL.M. ’11
Vice President & Patent Counsel,
IP Law Center
Samsung Electronics, Suwon-si, Korea
THE TOTAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Supporting LL.M. Students
Whether on campus or in the community, the law school’s programs not only make the LL.M. experience more enjoyable but also provide opportunities for further professional growth.

Rigorous Orientation Program
In 2011 the law school expanded its original Orientation Program to a two-week Orientation Program for all LL.M. students. The LL.M. Orientation is one of the most rigorous preparatory programs in the country. From day one, students learn essential skills to maximize their learning, so they can focus on their substantive law studies once the semester starts. Reading and briefing cases efficiently, actively participating in class, and preparing for and taking exams are core subjects of the Orientation.

Judicial Observation Program
The highly competitive Judicial Observation Program gives a select group of LL.M. students the opportunity to learn in an experiential manner about the U.S. court system under the mentorship and supervision of federal and state court judges.

Ongoing Academic Support
Strong academic support for LL.M. students continues into the semester with tailor-made classes for LL.M. students that solidify and expand the students’ knowledge of the U.S. legal system and the academic environment of Washington University School of Law.

LL.M. to J.D. Transfer Opportunity
All Washington University School of Law LL.M. graduates are eligible to apply to transfer to the law school’s J.D. program. Successful applicants enter the J.D. program as second-year law students, and most of their LL.M. course credits transfer to the J.D. program, enabling them to graduate in as few as two additional years.
J.D.–LL.M. Student Support Program
Participating in one of the LL.M. Programs at Washington University can be a transformative experience in a lawyer’s life and career. The J.D.–LL.M. Student Support Program is aimed at facilitating inclusion and academic success of foreign-educated LL.M. students in the law school community. The program involves regular meetings of J.D. students with LL.M. students, joint social events, and academic support. Organizations like the Student Bar Association and China Law Society also enrich the academic and social life.

McDonnell International Scholars Academy
Each year, the McDonnell International Scholars Academy brings to Washington University some of the best recent graduates from 27 partner universities around the world. McDonnell scholars receive full tuition and living expenses during their postgraduate study. Academy professors serve as “ambassadors” to schools overseas and connect with Washington University alumni, friends, and leaders in the universities’ home countries. The McDonnell International Scholars Academy also sponsors collaborative research with partner institutions, such as the international energy future initiative.

LL.M. students relax and enjoy an annual pumpkin carving party.
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW'S GREATEST STRENGTH IS ITS FACULTY. THEY ARE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN FIELDS RANGING FROM INTERNATIONAL LAW TO CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, EMPLOYMENT LAW, IP LAW, CORPORATE LAW, AND OTHER AREAS OF LAW. COMING FROM A BROAD ARRAY OF PRACTICE AND DISCIPLINARY BACKGROUNDS, THEY UTILIZE DIVERSE METHODOLOGIES IN THEIR WORK, INCLUDING EMPirical STUDIES, LAW AND ECONOMICS, AND CRITICAL RACE THEORY. MANY FACULTY MEMBERS REMAIN CLOSELY CONNECTED TO LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN HELPING CURRENT STUDENTS NETWORK WITH ALUMNI IN RELATED FIELDS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LAW SCHOOL FACULTY, VISIT: LAW.WUSTL.EDU/FACULTY/.

Melissa Waters, Professor of Law and Treiman Fellow, is a McDonnell Academy Ambassador to Utrecht University.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

PETER CRAMER
Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs

It should be no surprise that Peter Cramer, assistant dean of graduate programs, can relate to the stories he hears from LL.M. students. After all, Cramer is a non-native speaker of English, himself, and like most of the LL.M. students, he studied law in a civil law country and received an LL.M. from an American university.

Cramer first studied law in Germany, then pursued his advanced degrees at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he received his M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Ph.D. in language education, and LL.M. Under Cramer’s leadership, Washington University School of Law is implementing curricular changes in the LL.M. program that integrate the latest modifications in the New York bar exam requirements and those of other states. Additionally, students receive guidance on how to interact with their professors and peers, how to participate actively, and how to learn most efficiently from their assignments.

“WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES FOREIGN-EDUCATED LL.M. STUDENTS AS INVALUABLE ASSETS OF THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS ALL EFFORTS TO HELP OUR MASTER’S STUDENTS IN THEIR ACADEMIC INTEGRATION AND CULTURAL ADAPTATION,” Cramer says.

“LL.M. students will find Washington University a welcoming place, where they are regarded as full and equal members of the community and as a vital link to the global legal community.”
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Wei Luo
Lecturer in Law and Director of Technical Services in the Law Library

When foreign-trained students find themselves baffled by American lease agreements or even involved in car accidents or other emergencies, they find a friend in Wei Luo.

“I used to be a foreign student in this country, so I understand what they’re going through,” says Luo, who earned his B.A. from Xiamen University in China, J.D. from Lewis and Clark College, and M.L.S. with certification in Law Librarianship from the University of Washington.

However, Luo also spends a lot of time helping foreign students navigate bigger hurdles, like the job market. Since finding a job is such a critical topic, Luo created a new seminar designed to sharpen job-seeking skills.

“I tell my students to aim high because they invest so much money in their education, but they also have to be realistic,” he says. “I’ve kept in contact with a number of our graduates, and they’re doing quite well.”

In his Legal Research in U.S. Law course, Luo introduces students to essential legal texts and helps them learn imperative skills for studying precedents, identifying issues, analyzing outcomes, and formulating positions. As the director of technical services in the Law Library, Luo also provides reference services and assistance with a focus on China and other Asian countries.

“When I was in law school, I was fascinated by how legal information was organized in the U.S. I love what I’m doing.”

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

C.J. Larkin
Administrative Director of the Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Program and Senior Lecturer in Law

A member of the Washington University School of Law faculty for more than 10 years, C.J. Larkin brings a unique mix of real-world experience and academic rigor to the classroom.

Larkin has mediated, consulted, and taught in India, Japan, Nepal (through a State Department grant), and the Netherlands (as a Fulbright Senior Specialist). She also co-directed a program with the International Institute of St. Louis to train refugee leaders resettled in St. Louis in conflict resolution and mediation skills.

However, she may be best known on campus for her Introduction to U.S. and Comparative Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) class.

The ADR classes begin with an introductory course designed to give students—particularly LL.M. students—a global overview of dispute resolution processes. Students are then ready for the highly interactive upper-level ADR classes, such as Mediation Theory & Practice, Negotiation Theory & Practice, and Arbitration Theory & Practice.

“We are committed to providing foreign-trained lawyers with learning experiences that will introduce them to a variety of dispute resolution processes and practitioners,” she says. “In turn, our LL.Ms enrich our classes with their unique insights about law and conflict resolution from their own legal systems.”

“Our foreign-trained lawyers are eager to take negotiation and dispute resolution classes and observe ADR processes, because there are few comparable opportunities in their home countries.”
COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

“When you choose a law school, you also choose a community.”

—Yiheng Lou

Urban Setting with Small-Town Feeling
The law school is in the heart of a two-state metropolitan region with a population of more than one million people. However, the St. Louis community is made up of strong neighborhoods that provide a small-town feeling alongside big-city amenities.

Within walking distance from Washington University are attractions like the Delmar Loop, a thriving strip of eclectic and interesting restaurants, nightclubs, shops, and a beautifully restored historic movie theater. Just across the street from the university is Forest Park. Larger than New York’s Central Park, Forest Park features bike and running paths, a municipal golf course, tennis courts, the Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Saint Louis Science Center, and the Missouri History Museum. Just to the south of campus is the DeMun Neighborhood, offering an eclectic mix of apartments, condos, and single-family homes, as well as Kaldi’s Coffee—a favorite “hang out”—and other retail and eating establishments. And to the west is the municipality of Clayton, the St. Louis County seat, including several courthouses and some of the community’s most desirable neighborhoods. A bit farther from campus is the Central West End, a fashionable neighborhood and commercial/residential area, and the Soulard Neighborhood, with its farmers’ market that has been in operation for more than 230 years.

Housing Options
The law school works with Philip Barron Realty Company in Clayton to provide a limited number of furnished two-bedroom apartments within walking and biking distance of campus. For further information, visit: law.wustl.edu/llm/index.aspx?id=6342.

Social Events
LL.M. students can attend several social events throughout the year, such as picnics and get-togethers with J.D. students, the Halloween pumpkin carving party, and a Holiday Reception at the end of the year. Every LL.M. student also has the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving at the home of a law school faculty or staff member.
ADMISSIONS

REQUIREMENTS:

• Basic law degree (usually LL.B. or J.D.) from home country (two or more years of work experience preferred);

• TOEFL score of 250 (computer based), 100 on iBT, or 600 on written TOEFL, a C1 Pass on the ILEC, or a 7.5 on the IELTS (if English is not the first language). Washington University in St. Louis’s TOEFL code: WU 6929 Law 03;

• Two letters of recommendation on letterhead stationery;

• Two brief application essays;

• Transcripts in English and LL.M. application form; and

• $70 application fee payable by check or credit card. The application fee can also be paid through the university’s secure website, law.wustl.edu/llm/application/fee. To pay online, use the application number assigned to you via email after submitting your application.

To apply, visit: law.wustl.edu/llm/application/.

To find out more about costs, financial statements, housing, books, and other post-admission issues, visit: law.wustl.edu/llm/.
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