

# LLM Programs

Master of Laws

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McGeorge  
School of Law



# McGeorge School of Law

## Message from Dean Schwartz

Welcome to the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

McGeorge School of Law is widely recognized for educating practice-ready attorneys, and our LLM program received an A grade for the excellent law school experience it provides. McGeorge offers a wide range of nationally-ranked programs, taught by faculty experts in their fields, including our Global Lawyering Skills program and our practical training courses. We give our students the building blocks for success in the increasingly complex global world in which lawyers practice.

I am sure that you will share my enthusiasm about McGeorge as you learn more about the law school.

Michael Hunter Schwartz  
Dean



## Top International Law Program

**14,000+**

Alumni practicing in all 50 U.S. states and 64 countries

**9:1**

Student to faculty ratio

**40+**

Student organizations on campus

**#47**

for International Law in the nation  
(U.S. News & World Report 2022)



### LLM program highlights

- Work with us to tailor a program of study that meets your career goals or qualifies you for a Bar Exam
- Engage deeply in classes with committed and accomplished JD students
- Benefit from a world-renowned faculty
- Access to McGeorge's extensive base of alumni living around the world
- Receive mentoring and career services resources
- Learn from a curriculum that focuses on teaching students to solve the complex, global issues of today
- Gain special assistance adjusting to student life in the United States, including a 10-day orientation



## LLM in Transnational Business Practice

The LLM in Transnational Business Practice trains lawyers to practice in the field of international business law. The degree further prepares lawyers for a career in the global economy. Students earn the LLM in Transnational Business Practice after completion of 24 units of study.

Students have access to McGeorge's Global Center for Business & Development, which stands as the interface between the global economy and the legal profession, facilitates scholarship and curricular innovation, and hosts a number of international events. Students have the opportunity to extern with a domestic or international law firm for class credit.

## LLM in U.S. Law & Policy

The U.S. Law and Policy Program is designed specifically for foreign lawyers or graduates with a non-U.S. law degree. This is an ideal degree for those who wish to work in the U.S. or take a bar exam. Students earn the LLM in U.S. Law & Policy after completion of 24 units of study. There are two required courses, and students may choose to focus on specific substantive areas, such as:

- International or Domestic Business law
- Intellectual Property
- Civil and Constitutional
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law



“ The LLM program of Transnational Business Practice was definitely a life-changing experience for me. The curriculum provided a broad array of courses which were not only held by professors with extraordinary expertise but also perfectly prepared for accomplishing challenges of my profession. Furthermore, it was a unique opportunity to study at McGeorge and be part of the McGeorge family where you find help every time needed. I would not want to miss the experiences I made during this year – in fact, it was the best year of my life! I am honestly grateful for this time (and will always be). ”

Valentin Spechtler, '19  
LLM in Transnational Business Practice  
Vienna, Austria

## LLM in Water & Environmental Law

The LLM in Water & Environmental Law provides an opportunity for seasoned attorneys, recent law school graduates, or foreign-educated legal professionals to develop depth of knowledge in a specialized area of environmental, water resources, regulatory compliance, or public agency law. Students earn the LLM in Water & Environmental Law after completion of 24 units of study.

McGeorge's program provides students with the opportunity to learn from a distinguished faculty and program team as well as from panels of experts who are focused on water and environmental law and the changing policies surrounding both.

- **LLM in Water & Environmental Law, U.S. Law Track** – This track focuses on issues affecting the United States. It is designed for students with a law degree seeking to gain expertise in the growing field of environmental and natural resources law.

- **LLM in Water & Environmental Law, International Track** – This track is for those interested in pursuing careers in government, non-governmental organizations, or private law firms dealing with international water and environmental issues. This program focuses on the unique laws, policies and political dynamics as it applies to water courses and other natural resources that are shared by two or more nations.

“ The LLM Program at McGeorge gave me an excellent opportunity to be exposed to the common law system with the help of experts in their fields, and I am truly grateful for that. The courses on transnational aspects of law helped me to expand my expertise in connection to cross-border businesses. I honestly believe that master's degree from McGeorge will be instrumental on my way to a meaningful legal career. ”

Elena Smirnova, '19  
LLM in Transnational Business Practice  
Moscow, Russia



# Faculty

McGeorge School of Law is home to a varied group of professors, faculty, and advisors with a wide range of international legal experience. Here are some of the impressive faculty members with whom you will learn and engage at McGeorge.



**Professor Omar Dajani** is a co-director of the Global Center for Business & Development and the International Certificate of Concentration. He is recognized as a leading expert on legal aspects of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He has worked toward a peaceful resolution of the conflict for over 20 years. Professor Dajani's scholarly work explores the links between international law, legal and political history, and contract and negotiation theory.



**Professor Jennifer L. Harder** is the Faculty Director for the Online Programs at McGeorge. Harder teaches Water Resources Law and Water & Environmental Law Practice. She brings to the classroom a decade of experience as an attorney and partner in a premier natural resources practice, and is a co-author of the highly respected, *Cases and Materials on Water Law*, 9th ed.



**Professor Stephen McCaffrey** is one of the world's foremost authorities on international water law, having been the 2017 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate for his unparalleled contribution to the evolution and progressive realization of international water law. He also received the 2018 Elisabeth Haub Award for Environmental Law and Diplomacy. McCaffrey has been involved in six cases brought before the International Court of Justice concerning international water law, representing various countries.



**Professor Frank Gevurtz** is the Associate Dean for Scholarship. Professor Gevurtz has written numerous law review articles addressing topics in corporate and securities laws, the laws of other business organizations, the antitrust laws, and the application of U.S. laws to overseas activities. Professor Gevurtz frequently speaks on panels of leading legal educators exploring the need to globalize the law school curriculum.



**Professor Jarrod Wong** is a co-director of the Global Center for Business & Development at McGeorge School of Law. He is a scholar in international dispute resolution and has written on complex problems in investment arbitration. He teaches International Economic Law, International Arbitration, and Contracts. He has written on complex problems in investor-state arbitration and presented his work at international arbitration conferences around the world.

# SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA



## Sacramento: A great place to be

### California's vibrant capital

- Sacramento is the capital city to the world's fifth largest economy.
- Sacramento is a thriving and diverse hub of interests and cultures.
- Its Silicon Valley and San Francisco-adjacent location allows for any number of professional business and industry opportunities.

### Live better on less

- McGeorge is located in one of the more affordable cities in California to attend law school.
- With the cost of living 14% lower than other urban areas in the state, you can graduate with less debt and enjoy all the region has to offer.
- There is year-round idyllic weather that's sunny 300+ days a year.

# Where alumni work

McGeorge School of Law alumni span all 50 states and 64 countries, and represents a broad range of legal careers, following both traditional and non-traditional paths. Yet, what our alumni share is their lifelong commitment and allegiance to McGeorge.



**Licia Liguori, '15**

Avanade UK Limited  
London, England  
Country: Italy



**Sebastian Lysholm Nielsen, '10**

Lundgrens  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
Country: Denmark



**Lakeisha Hood, '09**

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Gainesville, Florida  
Country: United States



**Ahmed Alnahdai, '18**

MCB Group  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
Country: Saudi Arabia



**Sze Man Lau, '20**

Martinez Law Group  
Sacramento, California  
Country: China



**Emmanuel Ortega, '20**

University of Saint Anthony  
Iriga, Philippines  
Country: Philippines



**Gordian Hasselblatt**

CMS Hasche Sigle  
Cologne, Germany  
Country: Germany



**Ana Paula Dos Santos, '20**

JSD student at McGeorge  
Sacramento, California  
Country: Brazil



**Nora Klug, '01**

Bosch Global  
Stuttgart, Germany  
Country: Germany

# Alumni success stories

The LLM program at McGeorge impacted my career and personal life in significant ways. McGeorge understands the particular and unique challenges that international students face when pursuing a program in the United States; from the language barrier to the difference from the common law to civil law structure. The school took the time to support me and help me succeed in overcoming these challenges. The many networking opportunities that the school offers helped me make connections and learn more regarding my interests in law.



**Carolina Rondón Chacón, '17**

Attorney at Law at GWP Immigration Law in Las Vegas, Nevada  
Country: Colombia

Choosing McGeorge was one of the best decisions I have made so far. The solid foundation that McGeorge provided helped build my confidence and passion towards my career. Upon graduation, I relied heavily on the Career Services Team to assist with resume building and networking. McGeorge had a huge influence in me becoming an attorney.



**Onyebuchi Okeke, '16**

Attorney at Schneider Wallace LLP in Long Beach, California  
Country: Nigeria

McGeorge was an unforgettable journey for me and my family. With my experience there, I grew to become a more confident and competent lawyer. My studies at McGeorge benefited my work significantly. The coursework provided me with great opportunities to explore different cases, improve my reasoning and writing skills, and expand my vision. When communicating with colleagues from U.S. headquarters, my understanding of U.S. legal systems and proceedings helps me explain the differences with those of China.



**Xiaoxia (Daisy) Deng, '12**

Senior Legal Counsel at VIP.com in Guangdong, China  
Country: China

The year I spent at McGeorge was the best year of my life. I use what I learned in my coursework every day. At my job, it was a big advantage to me to have knowledge about international arbitration rules and proceedings. I didn't have to study everything from scratch on the job.



**Heimo Weiss, '19**

Associate at Wolf Theiss in Vienna, Austria  
Country: Austria

# Student life

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With more than 40 organizations, there are many opportunities to meet, connect and share experiences with other students. The Student Center is a great place to eat, study and hang out with friends.

## RESIDENTIAL LIFE & ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

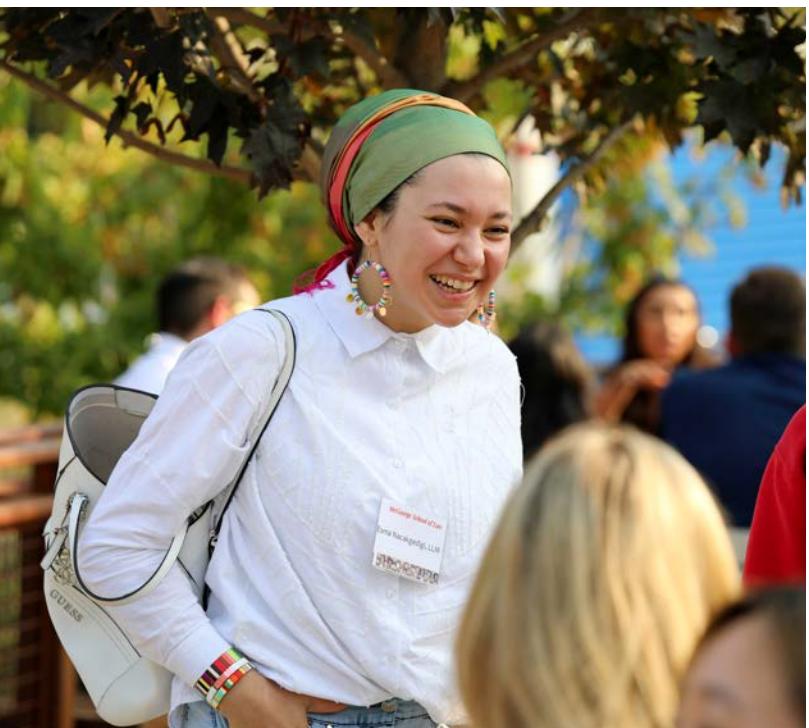
Living on-campus makes life at McGeorge School of Law very convenient. Studios, single, and double apartments are available for students.

## STUNNING CAMPUS

You'll immediately feel a sense of community at McGeorge. Our beautiful, spacious 13-acre campus provides the perfect setting for building strong bonds and lifelong personal and professional connections between you and your fellow students and you and your professors.

## SACRAMENTO CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY

The Sacramento Campus Public Safety Department provides 24-hour patrol and crime prevention services for the Sacramento campus, along with its students, employees, and visitors.



# Student resources

## CAREER SERVICES

The Career Services Office (CSO) helps students and graduates discover and expand their career options and offers resources, such as resume writing, networking, and job interview preparation.

## BAR EXAM

Many international students wish to take a Bar Exam after the completion of their LLM. The McGeorge Graduate Programs Office will work individually with those who are interested in pursuing that route and guide you in the process.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTERVIEW PROGRAM JOB FAIR

McGeorge is part of a consortium of 33 law schools that hosts an annual job fair for foreign-trained LLM students. The program attracts more than 160 of the top legal employers from around the world. Visit [law.nyu.edu/isip](http://law.nyu.edu/isip) for more details.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

McGeorge awards some academic merit and need-based scholarships to LLM students, which are made available by the allocation of University general funds and donor generosity.

## Global Center for Business & Development

- McGeorge's Global Center for Business and Development stands at the interface between the global economy and the legal profession.
- Students also benefit from the Global Centers' International Board of Advisors, who offer expertise and provide students with a global network of resources.
- The Global Center facilitates scholarship and curricular innovation. It also hosts a number of international symposia and events every year.

## Capital Center for Law & Policy

- The Capital Center for Law & Policy at McGeorge offers a unique blend of courses and experiential opportunities to prepare you for a career focused on shaping public policy in government.
- Our location in California's capital city, just a few short miles from the State Capitol and government buildings, provides an unparalleled opportunity to impact critical government and public policy issues while completing your degree.

## Eglet Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution

- The Eglet Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution helps students prepare to become outstanding advocates.
- U.S. News & World Report ranked our Trial Advocacy Program **No. 16 in the nation** in its 2022 Best Graduate Schools guide.
- The Center has provided training programs around the globe, including in Chile, Italy, Cambodia, Rwanda, Uganda, and Kosovo.



# Centers of Distinction



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Is there an international student community?

Yes, there is a thriving international student community at McGeorge providing JD and LLM students with many opportunities to socialize, gain additional academic support, and secure any resources they may need as they adjust to life in the U.S. The Graduate & International Programs Office will also assist you in making a smooth transition to life at McGeorge.

### Do LLM students have access to the same kinds of extracurricular activities as JD students?

LLM students are eligible to participate in most of the extracurricular activities available to JD students. McGeorge has a lively student community including various student organizations, social and academic events, and intramural sports.

### Do I have to take the LSAT or a similar test before applying?

There is no entry or LSAT type exam that must be taken prior to applying to the LLM programs at McGeorge.

### How long should my personal statement be?

Your personal statement should contain all information that you believe is relevant for the admission committee to make a decision. Generally, personal statements in excess of four (4) pages would be considered too lengthy.

### When should I reserve my campus housing?

On-campus housing is allocated on a first-come first-served basis. To be eligible to reserve housing, you must have paid your deposit in full. Private apartments or rooms near the Law School are also available for rent, although it is most convenient to live on-campus.

### When and how do I get my student visa?

After you have been admitted to McGeorge, we will send you a letter with detailed instructions about how to obtain your visa.

### If I am not a U.S. citizen, will I be able to work while I study?

The U.S. regulations do not allow F-1 or J-1 visa holders to be employed off-campus until they have completed one year of academic studies. After completing the LLM degree, F-1 students are entitled to a year of Optional Practical Training (OPT) which allows them to be employed in the field of law.

For more information visit, [go.mcgeorge.edu/llm-jsd](http://go.mcgeorge.edu/llm-jsd).

# Calendar

2023

## SPRING 2023

Thursday, January 5

LLM orientation for new students

Monday, January 9

Classes begin

Monday, May 1

Final exams period begins

Saturday, May 13

Final exams period ends

## FALL 2023

Tuesday, June 20

Fall registration

Thursday, August 3

LLM orientation for new students

Monday, August 14

Classes begin

Thursday, November 30

Final exams period begins

Wednesday, December 13

Final exams period ends

For more information, visit

[law.pacific.edu/law/calendars-and-schedules](http://law.pacific.edu/law/calendars-and-schedules)

# Admission

Applicants for admission to the LLM programs must present evidence of one of the following:

- Graduation from a school of law in a foreign country whose educational authority has authorized that school to issue degrees in law; OR
- Graduation from a school of law approved by the American Bar Association; OR
- Admission to the Bar of a state in the United States or overseas.

## Deadline

We are currently accepting and reviewing applications for spring and fall 2023. The priority application deadline for spring 2023 admission is October 30, 2022, and for fall 2023 is March 30, 2023. After the priority deadline, we will continue to accept and review applications on a rolling basis.

## LLM Application Checklist

- Complete our Online Application or LSAC Application.
- Submit the following documents:
  - Curriculum vitae (résumé);
  - Statement of Interest;
  - Original official transcripts from colleges, universities, and graduate or professional schools attended, including current law school transcript (application materials in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified English translation);
  - Two letters of reference, preferably from law school professors or legal employers;
  - For non-native English speakers, proof of English proficiency:
    - Receipt of an undergraduate or graduate degree from an English language institution; OR
    - Multi-year employment in a position in which English is the primary language of communication; OR
    - A minimum test score of 88 (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).



## Visa Information

The visa application process may differ depending upon the requirements of the specific consulate office in your home country. Our Graduate and International Programs Office will work individually with each student, guiding them through the F-1 visa process. Please keep in mind that U.S. consulate offices are often extremely busy in the summer months, as many students are applying for a visa. **We recommend that our international students start the visa process no later than June 1.**

## Fees and Expenses

### TUITION & COSTS

The cost of attendance listed below is an estimate and reflects a budget for a nine (9) month academic year.

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL
Tuition - Per-Unit Rate – \$1,411 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 17,352	\$ 16,932	\$ 34,704
Student Participation Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 100
Health Insurance <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,793 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,793 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 3,586
Wellness Center Fee <sup>3</sup>	\$ 165	\$ 165	\$ 330
Living Expenses (Estimated)	\$ 6,717	\$ 6,717	\$ 13,434
Books	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 1,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,927</b>	<b>\$ 26,927</b>	<b>\$ 53,854</b>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to change/approval by the Board of Regents. A minimum of 24 units is required to graduate.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to change/approval by the Board of Regents. Health Insurance is mandatory for students enrolled in six (6) or more units. Students not attending on an F-1 Student Visa may opt out of the Pacific Student Health Insurance Plan by completing an online waiver, and providing acceptable proof of comparable health coverage by the announced deadline.

<sup>3</sup> Wellness Center Fee is \$165/semester for students taking 9+ units and \$90/semester for students taking less than 8.5 units.

## LLM Scholarships

McGeorge offers the following tuition scholarships to help reduce the cost of the program:

- International Programs Fund: Young Lawyers
- LLM Endowed Scholarship
- Emil Schnellbacher Memorial Scholarship
- Need-Based Scholarship
- Dean's Merit-Based Scholarship

## Financial aid

U.S. Citizens and U.S. Permanent Residents may be eligible for federal financial aid. Others may be eligible to apply for alternative/private loans. In order to do so, they must have a co-signer that is a credit-worthy U.S. citizen.

For more information, visit [law.pacific.edu/law](http://law.pacific.edu/law).

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