The Master of Laws (LLM) in U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers at Washington University is designed for law students who are interested in increasing their knowledge of U.S. or international law to more effectively practice in today’s global legal environment. LLM students join a student body drawn from diverse legal cultures and learn from faculty who are experts in both U.S. and international law.

LLM students design their own curriculum to suit their academic and career goals. They may concentrate in specialized fields such as corporate or environmental law, or they may select a general course of study to increase their breadth of U.S. and international legal knowledge. Earning the LLM in U.S. Law permits Washington University law graduates to sit for several states’ bar examinations; this includes the New York State bar exam, which is the most popular bar among foreign lawyers.

This LLM program is an ideal environment for experienced attorneys and recent law graduates alike to pursue any of a number of significant professional and academic goals, such as the following:

- Gaining practical and theoretical knowledge of U.S. and international law
- Developing expertise in a specialized field of law
- Strengthening one’s ability to represent clients who have business dealings in the United States or with U.S. companies and firms
- Improving one’s representation of American clients who conduct business abroad
- Building an international network of professional contacts
- Refining one’s English skills and understanding of American culture

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Degree Requirements

LLM in U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers

U.S. Law LLM candidates must have earned their first law degree from their home jurisdiction.

Non-native applicants must show proof of sufficient language proficiency.