

LLM Programs

Master of Laws

Sacramento, California

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PACIFIC

McGeorge
School of Law



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JOIN OUR LEGACY OF SUCCESS

#4 Government Law



A Ranking

Public Policy #14 Most Diverse Law School

#9 Trial Advocacy

#1 California Bar Pass Rate for first time test-takers*

*Among California ABA-accredited law schools in February 2023.



LLM Class Profile

15
LLM

2
Exchange

4
Visiting
Scholars

Countries Represented

Afghanistan, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, Iran, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, Vietnam

Top International Law Program

14,000+

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

10:1

Student to faculty ratio

#38

for International Law in the nation
(U.S. News & World Report 2023)

40+

Student organizations on campus

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
- 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
- Access to McGeorge's extensive base of alumni living around the world



LLM in Transnational Business Practice

The LLM in Transnational Business Practice (TBP) 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 TBP after completing 24 units of study and have the opportunity to extern with a domestic or international law firm for class credit.

LLM in U.S. Law & Policy

The LLM in U.S. Law and Policy is designed specifically for international lawyers or law graduates who seek a general introduction to the United States law. You will study the foundation of U.S. law and be prepared to demonstrate knowledge of U.S. law to employees and clients. Students earn the LLM in U.S. Law and Policy after completing 24 units of study.

LLM in Water & Environmental Law

The LLM in Water & Environmental Law provides an opportunity for foreign-educated legal professionals to develop depth of knowledge in a specialized area of environmental, water resources, regulatory compliance, or public agency law. This program will prepare you to serve the diverse needs of businesses and developers, farmers and ranchers, non-profit organizations, and public agencies at every level, from local to international. Students earn the LLM in Water & Environmental Law after completing 24 units of study.

Our LLM Programs are tailored to fulfill your academic and professional goals. Here is a sample of our innovative courses:

LLM Legal English

LLM Legal Research, Writing and Analysis

Transnational Litigation

International Business Transactions

Environmental/Water Resources Law

Climate Change

Intellectual Property (Domestic and International)

Computer & Internet Law/Cybersecurity

Taxation (Domestic and International)

Negotiation/Mediation/Dispute Resolutions (Domestic and International)

Immigration Law/Policy

Space Law

Marijuana Law

European Union/International Law

U.S. Bar (NY and CA) tested: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law/Procedure Constitutional Law, Contracts, Torts, Professional Responsibility, Wills & Trust, etc.

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. Widely published in legal and policy journals, Professor Dajani's scholarly work explores the links between international law, legal and



Professor Jennifer L. Harder teaches Water Resources Law and Water & Environmental Law Practice. Harder is the Faculty Director for the Online Programs at McGeorge. 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 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.



Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz is both the Dean and a professor at McGeorge School of Law. National Jurist Magazine named Dean Schwartz the 9th Most Influential Person in Legal Education. Recently named one of 30 Honorees for a Council for Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Edge Award in the Education category, Dean Schwartz has authored seven books, three book chapters, and runs a prolific blog entitled "What Great Law Schools Do."

DISCOVER McGEORGE

Your journey to success starts **here.**

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.

1 | State Capitol Building

The heart of politics and policy for the world's fifth largest economy.

2 | Sports

Home to NBA's Sacramento Kings, minor league soccer's Sacramento Republic, and baseball's River Cats.

3 | Lake Tahoe

Offering skiing, boating, camping, and more, Lake Tahoe's views are unmatched.

4 | San Francisco

Nearby opportunities for fine dining, arts & music, sporting events, and more.

5 | Arts & Culture

Sacramento houses several museums, including the Crocker Art Museum and others.

6 | Outdoor Adventures

Wine tasting, river rafting, horseback riding, hiking, and biking are all within an easy distance from campus.

OUR HISTORY

When University of Chicago Law School graduate Verne Adrian McGeorge began teaching law students at night in downtown Sacramento in 1921, a new idea began to take shape.

1923

"Sacramento College of Law" non-profit corporation is created. Tuition is \$100 USD per year.

1924

The first commencement is held, graduating five students. The name is officially changed to McGeorge School of Law, honoring founder Verne Adrian McGeorge.

1957

McGeorge School of Law officially moves its campus to the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento.



1966

McGeorge School of Law merges with University of Pacific and becomes its school of law.

1969

McGeorge secures accreditation from the American Bar Association, paving the way for national recognition.

1992

The LLM Program is established at McGeorge School of Law, with the Transnational Business Concentration.

2024

McGeorge School of Law celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary with numerous events and celebrations!

14,000+ Alumni across the globe

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.



ALUMNI MENTORS

ARE AVAILABLE TO
EVERY NEW STUDENT



Misael Gutierrez, '22
Mexico

Founder & Managing
Partner at Gutiérrez
Abogados & Asociados

This sense of pride and connection means that year after year, alumni have remained an integral part of the McGeorge experience, serving as mentors, guest lecturers, supporters and overall career connectors for every new class of students. From judges to CEOs, law firm partners to start-up tech legal counsels, from leading prosecutors to public defenders, to private practitioners or legal advocates, our alumni's breadth of careers and experiences run the gamut.

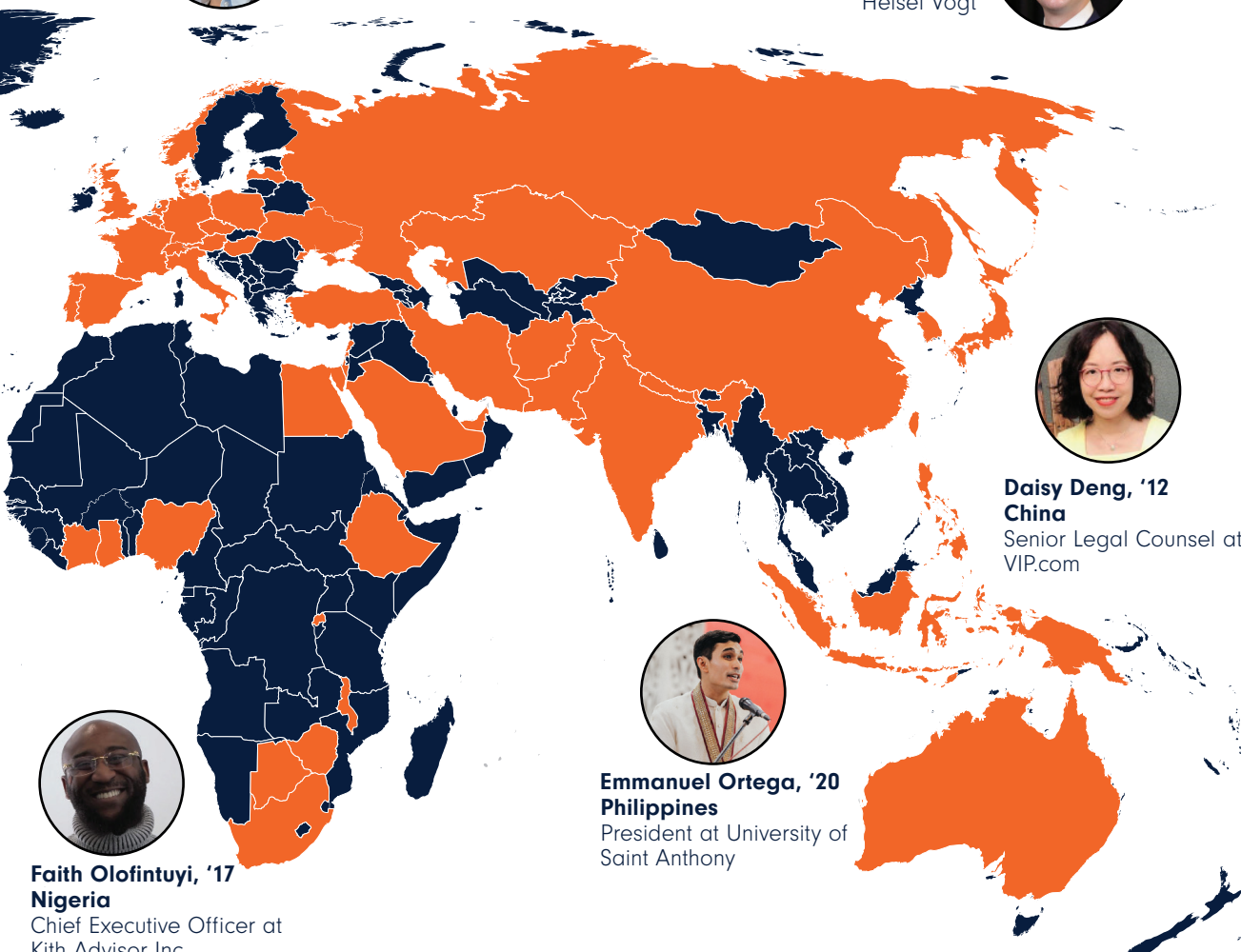




Nora Klug, '01
Germany
 General Counsel at Bosch



Aleksandr Vorontsov, '22
Russia
 Law Clerk at Fowler
 Helsel Vogt



Daisy Deng, '12
China
 Senior Legal Counsel at
 VIP.com



Emmanuel Ortega, '20
Philippines
 President at University of
 Saint Anthony



Faith Olofintuyi, '17
Nigeria
 Chief Executive Officer at
 Kith Advisor Inc.

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
Colombia
 GWP Immigration Law

Student life

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With more than 40 organizations, there are many opportunities to meet, connect and share experiences with other students. The Gary V. Schaber Memorial 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.

CALIFORNIA & NEW YORK 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 32 law schools that hosts an annual job fair for foreign-trained LLM students. The program attracts more than 150 of the top legal employers from around the world. Visit 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. 9 in the nation** in its 2023 Best Graduate Schools guide.
- The Center has provided training programs around the globe, including in Chile, Italy, Cambodia, Rwanda, Uganda, and Kosovo.



International Board of Advisors

The International Board of Advisors provides guidance and support to the law school's faculty, administration, and students with regard to educational programs and professional development in the fields of international law and transnational practice. Our Board is comprised of individuals of distinction and preeminent international leaders who bring their considerable talents, diverse professional backgrounds, and wisdom to promote and strengthen our law school's mission. The Board has made tremendous contributions to our school's academic and institutional advancement by expanding our global network and enhancing our school's impact around the world.



Calendar

2024

SPRING 2024

Thursday, January 4

LLM orientation for new students

Monday, January 8

Classes begin

Monday, April 29

Final exams period begins

Saturday, May 11

Final exams period ends

FALL 2024

Tuesday, June 23

Fall registration

Thursday, August 1

LLM orientation for new students

Monday, August 12

Classes begin

Thursday, November 28

Final exams period begins

Wednesday, December 11

Final exams period ends

For more information, visit

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 2024. The priority application deadline for Spring 2024 admission is October 30, 2023, and for Fall 2024 is March 30, 2024. 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
 - ☐ One or more 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 the following: TOELF 88; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 120; or Cambridge C1.

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 ten (10) month academic year.

	FALL		SPRING		TOTAL	
Tuition ¹	\$	17,880	\$	17,880	\$	35,760
Student Participation Fee	\$	50	\$	50	\$	100
Health Insurance ²	\$	1,793 ¹	\$	1,793 ¹	\$	3,586
Wellness Center Fee ³	\$	200	\$	200	\$	400
Living Expenses (Estimated)	\$	8,029	\$	8,029	\$	16,058
Books	\$	850	\$	850	\$	1,700
TOTAL	\$	30,488	\$	30,488	\$	57,604

¹ Subject to change/approval by the Board of Regents. A minimum of 24 units is required to graduate.
² 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.
³ Wellness Center Fee is \$200/semester for students taking 9+ units and \$100/semester for students taking less than 8.5 units.

LLM Scholarships

McGeorge offers generous scholarships and there is not a separate application. Once you apply for our LL.M. Program, you are automatically considered for the scholarship. While we do not offer a full scholarship, you may be awarded up to 50% off your tuition. McGeorge offers the following scholarships for international students:

- International Programs Fund: Young Lawyers
- LLM Endowed Scholarship
- Emil Schnellbacher Memorial Scholarship
- Professor Stephen McCaffrey Scholarship for Water and Environmental Law
- Ognian Gavrilov Bulgarian LLM Student Scholarship
- Dean’s Merit-Based Scholarships
- Need-Based Scholarships

4-Month Payment Plan

This installment plan allows the student to pay tuition and fees in four equal installments. Students who receive Financial Aid may also elect to participate in this plan to pay off any remaining balance on tuition and fees. Additional charges incurred after the set-up of the installment plan will automatically be reflected in the payment plan.





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.

Can I take online classes?

Students enrolled in the LLM in Water & Environmental Law Program have the option to take courses online or in-person.

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.

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