

McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

# LLM PROGRAMS

Master of Laws

UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PACIFIC

McGeorge  
School of Law

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law.

McGeorge is widely recognized for educating practice-ready attorneys, and our LLM program received an A grade for the 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 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.

I look forward to welcoming you on our beautiful campus.



Michael Hunter Schwartz  
Dean



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## Top International Law Program

14,000+

Alumni practicing in  
all 50 states and 45 countries

10:1

Student to faculty ratio

A

Grade for Best Law School Experience  
by International Jurist

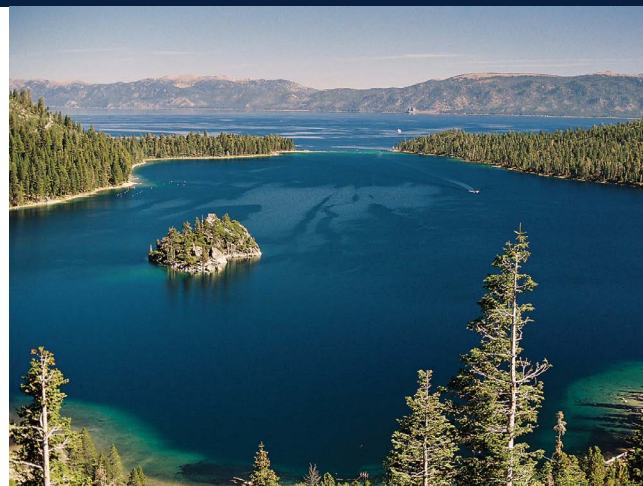
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Student organizations on campus

### LLM Program Highlights

- Tailor-made course selection with Dean or Director of Graduate & International Programs to meet your career goals or qualify for a bar exam
- Engagement in classes with JD students
- Benefit from our faculty's international expertise
- Access to McGeorge's extensive base of alumni living around the world
- Mentoring and career development resources
- Observation and participation in solving complex and relevant issues
- Special assistance adjusting to student life in the United States, including a 10-day orientation that begins with a personal welcome at Sacramento International Airport
- Opportunity to take course taught by retired U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the longest-serving McGeorge faculty member





## 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 have the opportunity to engage in advanced scholarship by pursuing a Master's Thesis or Directed Research Project.

A program highlight is access to the McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development, which stands as the interface between the global economy and the legal profession. The Global Center facilitates scholarship and curricular innovation, and hosts a number of international events every year. Students earn the LLM in Transnational Business Practice after completion of 24 units of study, full-time or part-time.

• **Externship Track** – The best way to learn something new is to practice. 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. Students can complete the program in either one year (2 semesters) or two years (3 or 4 semesters). 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 Program emphasizes interdisciplinary natural resources classes; simulations and case studies; a robust field placement experience; and advanced substantive law course work. The combination of natural resources science, technology and economics, with strong legal coursework and hands-on training, makes this program unique among other natural resources law graduate degrees. 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.

The LLM in Water & Environmental Law Program consists of 24-units. Students can complete the program in either one or two years. Students also have the option to take courses online or in-person.

• **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, Online** – McGeorge's online LLM in Water & Environmental Law Program is an advanced law degree designed for JD graduates who seek to gain expertise in this rapidly evolving area of practice. The program is taught through part-time, asynchronous courses that are fully online.

• **LLM in Water & Environmental Law, International Track** – This track is for law graduates 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 Co-Director of the law school's Global Center for Business & Development, 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 political history, and contract and negotiation theory.



**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** was named 2017 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate for his unparalleled contribution to the evolution and progressive realization of international water law. He served as Special Rapporteur for the UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. He teaches International Water Resources Law and International Environmental Law.



**Professor Frank Gevurtz's** work shows an equally strong commitment to teaching future lawyers. His casebook, Business Planning (now in its fifth edition) has guided students at McGeorge and scores of other law schools from coast to coast through an elaborate problem set in which they aid clients in forming, financing, restructuring and selling a company, thereby bringing experiential legal education to students interested in being business attorneys. Professor Gevurtz frequently speaks on panels of leading legal educators exploring the need to globalize the law school curriculum.



**Professor Jarrod Wong** is Co-Director of the Global Center at McGeorge. 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.

# 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 LLM**

Law Clerk at Pereira Immigration Law Group in Las Vegas, Nevada



“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 Development Team to assist with resume building and networking. McGeorge had a huge influence in me becoming an attorney.”

**Onyebuchi Okeke, '16 LLM**

Author, "Leading Young: Steps in building up your leadership skills from the roots"



“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 LLM**

Senior Legal Counsel at VIP.com in Guangdong, 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 LLM**

Associate at Wolf Theiss in Vienna, Austria



# SACRAMENTO

## CALIFORNIA

### CAPITAL OF INFLUENCE AND IMPACT

#### Sacramento: A great place to be

- Capital of California, the most diverse state in the nation and the 6th largest economy in the world
- Miles of bike trails and many rivers and lakes to enjoy throughout the Sacramento region
- Within easy driving distance to Napa Valley wine country, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite and San Francisco





# 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 very convenient. Studios, single, and double apartments are available for students.

## STUNNING CAMPUS

You'll immediately feel the supportive nature 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 Pacific 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 DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Office (CDO) 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 32 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's 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. 8 in the nation** in its 2021 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.

### 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](https://go.mcgeorge.edu/llm-jsd).



## Calendar

2022–2023

### FALL 2022

Tuesday, June 21

Fall registration

Thursday, August 4

LLM orientation for new students

Monday, August 15

Classes begin

Wednesday, November 30

Final exams period begins

Wednesday, December 14

Final exams period ends

### 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

Friday, May 27

Commencement ceremony

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:

- 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 fall 2022. The priority application deadline for fall 2022 admission is March 30, 2022. 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

### 2022-2023 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>	\$ 16,932	\$ 16,932	\$ 33,864
Student Participation Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 100
Health Insurance <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,725 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,725 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 3,450
Wellness Center Fee <sup>3</sup>	\$ 165	\$ 165	\$ 330
Living Expenses (Estimated)	\$ 6,717	\$ 6,717	\$ 13,434
Books	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 1,700
TOTAL	\$ 26,439	\$ 26,439	\$ 52,878

<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
- LL.M Endowed Scholarship
- Emil Schnellbacher Memorial Scholarship
- Need-Based Scholarship
- 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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