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They're from every corner of the globe, speak over 50 languages, and share a common mission to develop an expertise in international law. They're lawyers just like you who come to the International Legal Studies Program to further their careers and to Champion What Matters.

We are one of the top programs in the country, and for more than 25 years, have been at the forefront of international legal education. The resources and opportunities you have at this school are one-of-a-kind — from externships with leading organizations, to learning experiences in places like Chile and Geneva, to renowned faculty who are deeply involved in the international community. More than 3,000 alumni have come to our school in Washington, D.C. because they know this is the best place in the world to learn and practice international law. You can meet people and do things you wouldn't be able to anywhere else. There's an atmosphere of openness and acceptance, collaboration and expanded learning, commitment and community. We hope you'll join us.



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A WORD FROM THE DEAN, FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE ILSP.

It was my privilege to serve as the first director of the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) beginning back in 1983. This opportunity arose at the invitation of the program's co-founders, then-American University Washington College of Law Dean and Professor Thomas Buergenthal, who since 2000 has served as a judge on the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and Professor Robert Goldman.

Together we perceived a need to develop a program that would offer superb and specialized training in international law. At that time, the world was rapidly becoming "smaller" in light of dramatic developments in all areas of human activity – technology, trade, and human rights, to name a few. Our vision also recognized that, in order to prepare individuals for the evolving realities of international relations and law, the program's curriculum could not simply transfer knowledge. It needed to equip students with the expertise, skills, and values required to shape institutions and procedures appropriate for this new reality. To further this vision, we brought together a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff who – through their composition – would anticipate the varied nature of the world in which we lived. Initially, the ILSP began with only a few students. More than 25 years later, we welcome more than 150 foreign lawyers each year from 50-plus countries to a LL.M. program offering eight areas of specialization.

Through the constant review of its curricular offerings, incorporation of technology, expanded areas of expertise, publications, and numerous conferences, the ILSP is more vibrant today than ever. Nothing, however, affirms the program's success more than the graduates themselves. Over 3,000 ILSP alumni worldwide work in virtually every area imaginable – from private practice, academia, and government, to international organizations, and NGOs. Throughout the years I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of these alumni, and am always thrilled to hear how immensely valuable the International Legal Studies Program has been to their professional and personal development. Alumni of the program have created an unmatched professional community of excellence exceeding, through their work, even our most optimistic expectations. We look forward to growing this global community in years to come.

Claudio Grossman
Dean

WHY THIS PROGRAM? WHY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW?

With rapid globalization come new and challenging legal issues. And so grows the need for attorneys who can work effectively within multiple legal systems. The International Legal Studies Program at American University Washington College of Law will prepare you to face obstacles and create your own opportunities in this dynamic and changing field.



OUR LL.M. IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED.

The success of our International Legal Studies Program literally starts at the top with Dean Claudio Grossman, a champion of international law and human rights. He has made it his mission and the mission of this program to help shape institutions and the law, and to bring bold new ideas to the international community. Our LL.M. is intellectually and culturally diverse, consistently recognized as one of the top programs in the nation, and known throughout the world. We offer a flexible curriculum with more than 45 courses per semester that you can customize to suit your career and personal goals. Innovative and engaging teaching methods include simulation exercises, video conferences, and role play. And outside the classroom, a rich variety of experiential learning, internships, seminars, and events allow you to interact and network with leading attorneys, diplomats, business leaders, and policy makers.



WASHINGTON, D.C. IS RIGHT WHERE YOU WANT TO BE.

The World Bank, U.S. Supreme Court, Organization of American States, embassies, and government agencies. They're all just a short cab, Metro, or bike ride away from our campus. Washington, D.C. is inspiring and exciting. Being at the center of policy and all things international means more opportunities for you to become engaged in and have a direct impact on important legal issues whether it's through meeting decision makers in D.C., completing an externship, or participating in a volunteer project. Plus, it's fun. The city has no shortage of museums, clubs, restaurants, live music, sporting events, festivals, and cultural activities.

YOU'LL FEEL COMFORTABLE FROM DAY ONE.

We are engaged with the world, with our communities, and most importantly, with each other. Whether you need assistance with registering for courses, searching for an internship, or finding your niche in the city, we're here to help you. Our faculty members and staff take great pride in developing good working relationships with students, and your welfare is a priority for the decision makers at the school. We foster a helpful and friendly atmosphere. Your peers share advice and support one another. It's just more personal here.

LL.M. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- You must have completed a law degree at a U.S. law school accredited by the American Bar Association, or at a foreign law school with equivalent standards
- Complete and return your application form before the deadline. The form includes official copies of academic records, two letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose
- Applicants whose first language is not English must take one of four exams for English competency: TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, or ILEC

To find more information on all of these entrance requirements, visit www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/llmadmissions.cfm

DIVERSE? OUR STUDENTS SPEAK 48 LANGUAGES.

Diversity is beyond a priority at American University Washington College of Law. It is a natural state of being and has become part of the fabric of our school. The ILSP is no exception. We represent over 50 countries from Malaysia to Brazil to Tanzania. Students find it's incredibly easy to fit in here because there's a real sense of camaraderie and appreciation for different backgrounds and cultures. Part of the wonderful experience of this law school is how much you learn from one another.

A NETWORK OVER 3,000 ALUMNI STRONG.

Since 1980, more than 3,000 alumni have graduated from the ILSP and formed a strong global network of legal practitioners working in government agencies, courts, commercial enterprises, multinational organizations, and universities around the world. Many have established their own firms and non-governmental organizations or are employed as government officials, judges, and legal educators. The connections you'll make and the resources available to you at this school will serve you for years to come.

EXTRAORDINARY INTERNSHIP & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

That's the beauty of studying at a law school that is so connected to D.C. and the world. Alliance for Justice, Amnesty International, International Monetary Fund, and the Inter-American Development Bank are just a few of our prestigious internship partners. When it comes time to look for full-time employment, our Office of Career and Professional Development offers a variety of career-oriented programs, such as resume and cover letter workshops, practical training lectures, mock interviews, individual career counseling sessions, and networking events.

"THE ILSP PROGRAM REALLY DID CHANGE MY LIFE. I WAS ABLE TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LEGAL SCHOLARS AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS THAT I WILL SUSTAIN IN THE FUTURE."
— ABULRAHMAN BEN HOMAID, LL.M. AND SJD '06, SAUDI ARABIA



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- World Bank Group
- Organization of American States
- Human Rights Watch
- Center for International Environmental Law
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- U.S. – China Business Council
- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
- Amnesty International
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- International Criminal Tribunal
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Embassies (Mexico, Poland, Guatemala)
- Law firms in Argentina, Russia, Chile, United States, Japan, and many other countries

GO GENERAL OR SPECIALIZE.
IT'S UP TO YOU.

The ILSP can be customized to your personal interests and career goals. You have the option to take a general approach to international law or specialize in one or more of the following areas:

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| International Business Law | International Environmental Law |
| International Commercial Arbitration | Gender and the Law |
| International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law | Information Justice and Intellectual Property |
| International Trade | International Organizations |

INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS LAW

The international business law curriculum provides students with the technical skills and knowledge required of international business lawyers in a rapidly globalizing world. The program gives you a firm understanding of the legal, policy, and institutional issues and challenges that arise in international business transactions.

Course topics include:

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| International business transactions | The international monetary system |
| Multinational corporate responsibility | International financial law |
| International antitrust | International arbitration |
| International and comparative tax policy | International conflicts of law |
| National export/import regulations | Foreign investment in developing countries |
| International telecommunications | Development assistance |
| Domestic and international banking | |

“DURING MY TIME IN THE LL.M. PROGRAM, I HAD AN INTERNSHIP AT THE IFC LEGAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAD A VERY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON MY CAREER. MANY YEARS LATER, I ENDED UP WORKING ON MORE THAN 50 IFC PROJECTS IN TURKEY. IN GENERAL, THE DEGREE ENABLED ME TO HAVE A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTRICACIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS AND THEIR UNDERLYING LEGAL REGIME.” - UMIT HERGUNER '84
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL LAW

INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Students specializing in international commercial arbitration will enjoy a diverse range of theoretical and skills-based courses, and benefit from the law school's unique Center on International Commercial Arbitration. The Center provides a high-level academic forum for exchanging ideas, educating, and training students and practitioners on emerging issues in the field of international commercial arbitration. The Center oversees a variety of academic and extracurricular activities, including specialized course offerings, conferences and workshops, networking events, internships and professional development programming, research and publication opportunities, and participation in related moot court competitions.



HORACIO GRIGERA NAÓN
Dr. Horacio Grigera Naón is the director of the Center on International Commercial Arbitration at American University Washington College of Law and an independent international arbitrator and consultant on business and international law matters. He is a former secretary general of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce and has been a practitioner in the field of international commercial arbitration and international business law for over 25 years.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Promoting human rights in the United States and internationally is something that everyone in this school champions. International human rights courses focus on the continuing process of defining international rights and the creation of global and regional supervision mechanisms. The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law offer dynamic trainings that empower scholars, practitioners, and students with opportunities to strengthen the connections of human rights organizations, practitioners, and educators worldwide.



ROBERT GOLDMAN

Robert K. Goldman is professor of law and Louis C. James Scholar, co-director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and faculty director of the War Crimes Research Office at American University Washington College of Law. He is a commissioner and member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists and was a member and past president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, as well as the UN's independent expert on the Protection of Human Rights While Countering Terrorism. He teaches and writes in the areas of international law, international human rights law, and the law of armed conflict.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

This specialization trains lawyers in the nuts and bolts of international trade regulation while also addressing the broader policy issues involved in trade. It takes an interdisciplinary approach to trade law by emphasizing the linkage of trade to other areas of substantive law such as environment or worker rights, and incorporates economic, political science, and other social science perspectives on international trade and international economic relations. Students receive a solid foundation in U.S. trade laws, particularly the U.S. trade remedy regime, and the technical and policy aspects of negotiating, drafting, and implementing international trade agreements.

PADIDEH ALA'I

Padideh Ala'i teaches International Trade Law I (WTO/GATT), International Trade Law II (TRIPS, GATS and trade and development, and other advanced topics), Comparative Law, and Transnational Reach of U.S. Economic Regulation. In addition, she writes on WTO law, the role of WTO in promoting transparency and good governance, anti-corruption initiatives on the global level, history of free trade and the colonial legacy, and reform of the multilateral trading system. Previously, she practiced trade, banking, international arbitration, and litigation as well as corporate law with private Washington, D.C. law firms.



AT AGE 40, RICARDO RAMÍREZ HERNÁNDEZ '95 IS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF ANY MAJOR, INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL AND THE FIRST MEXICAN TO SERVE ON THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION APPELLATE BODY.

"I WAS NOT SURE THAT I WANTED TO BE A TRADE LAWYER, BUT AFTER ATTENDING AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, I KNEW. MY TIME IN THE ILSP AND THE REALLY GREAT EXPOSURE I HAD TO TRADE WERE SO INFLUENTIAL. IN THE END IT HELPED ME GET MY JOB WITH THE [MEXICAN] GOVERNMENT."

— RAMÍREZ

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The environmental law specialization focuses on developing practical legal strategies for addressing the environmental problems facing our world today, including climate change, ozone depletion, air and water pollution, the extinction of species, as well as the social and economic aspects of international transactions. Throughout the program you'll study legal aspects of sustainable development, and be introduced to the work of both practitioners and policy makers in the field.



DAVID HUNTER

David Hunter is associate professor and director of the International Legal Studies Program and the law school's Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law. He is the former executive director of the Center for International Environmental Law and currently serves on the boards of directors of the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide-U.S., the Project on Government Oversight, the Bank Information Center, and Greenpeace-U.S.

GENDER AND THE LAW

Protecting and promoting women's rights requires a commitment to justice, creative approaches to the law, and specialized knowledge of the legal challenges facing women. The gender and international law specialization is the only International Legal Studies LL.M. specialization focused on women's rights and gender equality in an international context. Our students and faculty explore international, comparative, and domestic approaches to overcoming the legal barriers to women's full participation in society. Advanced courses include Gender and Human Rights Law, Gender and International and Comparative Law, Women and Conflict, Comparative Family Law, Prevention of



ANN SHALLECK

Ann Shalleck is professor of law and the Carrington Shields Scholar at American University Washington College of Law. An expert in clinical legal education, family law, feminist legal theory, and child welfare, Shalleck founded the Women and the Law Program in 1984 and worked with the International Legal Studies Program to establish the gender and international law LL.M. specialization in 1997. She also directs the school's Women and the Law Clinic and teaches Feminist Jurisprudence.

Human Trafficking, Women's Legal History, and Feminist Jurisprudence, among others.

INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This specialization offers students the opportunity to study copyright, patent, trade secret, and trademark law from an international and comparative perspective and to analyze how these bodies of law regulate creativity, innovation, and commercial identity in society. Students also have the opportunity to engage with the evolving legal framework around traditional knowledge and access to genetic and biological resources. Courses within the specialization take a broad view of the field, inviting study of the relation between intellectual property, international trade, and human and civil rights. Finally, research and employment opportunities are available to students through the law school's Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property.

MICHAEL W. CARROLL

Michael W. Carroll is professor of law and director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property. His research focuses on the search for balance in intellectual property law over time in the face of challenges posed by new technologies. Carroll is a founding member of Creative Commons, Inc., a global organization that provides free, standardized copyright licenses to enable and to encourage legal sharing of creative and other copyrighted works.



SCHOLARSHIPS

ALUMNI FUND SCHOLARSHIP:

The ILSP Alumni Fund offers three to five full tuition scholarships to newly admitted LL.M. students who display rigorous academic dedication to the advancement of issues in international law.

SUMMER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS:

The ILSP offers 12 credits to one participant of each of the law school's specialized programs.

TUITION REMISSION SCHOLARSHIP:

Partial tuition remission grants, of two to eight academic credits, are available for a limited number of international LL.M. students.

GROSSMAN SCHOLARSHIP:

Created in honor of Claudio Grossman, former ILSP director and current dean of American University Washington College of Law, the scholarship is awarded annually to a current ILSP student who has made considerable contributions to the field of international law.

INTER-AMERICAN MOOT COURT SCHOLARSHIP:

Open to all former and present Inter-American Moot Court Competition participants, the award grants one full tuition scholarship annually.

www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/scholarly_competitions.cfm

WHY NOT GET ANOTHER DEGREE WHILE YOU'RE HERE?

One of the many things that make American University Washington College of Law so different is the number of programs and options you can choose from. We offer accelerated and part-time programs for working professionals and we're the only law school in the country to offer a dual LL.M./MBA degree.

DUAL LL.M. PROGRAM

After you successfully complete the International Legal Studies Program, you can apply for a second LL.M. in our Program on Law and Government.

www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/dualllm.cfm

LL.M./MBA PROGRAM

This two-year program offers you the unique opportunity to earn an LL.M. degree from American University Washington College of Law and an MBA from American University Kogod School of Business. The LL.M./MBA dual degree program prepares students to be effective international lawyers and responsible business leaders in today's global world.

www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/llm_mba.cfm

LL.M./MIS PROGRAM

The LL.M./MIS program partners with the School of International Service at American University to offer students and mid-career professionals interested in careers in law and international relations the ability to complete both degrees on a two-year accelerated track.

www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/llmmis_dualdegree.cfm

JUST HOW MANY PROGRAMS DO WE HAVE?

- Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (English/Spanish)
- Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Humphrey Fellowship Program
- International Visiting Scholars Program
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property
- Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law
- United Nations Committee against Torture Project
- War Crimes Research Office
- Women and International Law Program

LL.M. IN LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Program on Law and Government offers both new and experienced attorneys the opportunity to develop their existing areas of legal expertise, to chart out new professional terrains, to do serious scholarly research and writing, and to achieve hands-on experience in the field of U.S. law and government. The Program has propelled in exciting and dramatic ways the careers of law firm partners and associates moving into public life, government attorneys changing disciplines, young lawyers preparing for careers in public service or academia, and attorneys seeking the intellectual community and support to develop original scholarly work for publication.

www.wcl.american.edu/llmlawandgov



SUMMER PROGRAMS: WHEN YOU CHAMPION WHAT MATTERS YOU DON'T TAKE A VACATION.

Our Summer Programs bring together students and practitioners from around the globe to learn from experts in the field and get intensive training that will give them a competitive edge.

For course descriptions, faculty, and more, visit www.wcl.american.edu/summer.

These programs qualify for academic or CLE credit.

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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

LAW AND GOVERNMENT

HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SUMMER LEGAL ENGLISH INSTITUTE

The Summer Legal English Institute introduces foreign practitioners and incoming LL.M. students to legal English concepts. Students practice a wide array of legal English skills ranging from legal reading and writing strategies to oral presentation of substantive legal issues in American contract law. For more information visit wcl.american.edu/slei.

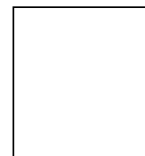


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