



**Master of Laws in International Legal Studies and
Master of Laws in Law and Government/Juris Doctor
Guidelines 2008-2009**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students who receive Master of Laws (LLM) degrees in International Legal Studies or Law and Government from the American University Washington College of Law and a JD equivalent degree from an academic institution outside the United States may apply for admission to the Juris Doctor (JD) program, with advanced standing, under the following conditions.

1. Application must be made within one calendar year of receiving the LLM.
2. Applicants must apply as transfer students, using the Transfer Application available on-line at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/transfer.cfm>.
3. Matriculation will be allowed only in the fall semester of the academic year following admission to the JD program.

APPLICATION

Applications submitted by WCL LLM alumni will be reviewed by the JD Admissions Committee and will be evaluated within the transfer application pool. LLM/JD applicants must provide the following:

1. Transfer application; include a resume and personal statement. Application deadline is June 15.
2. Application fee of \$70.00.
3. LSAT - must be taken no later than June of the year for which admission is requested.
4. LSDAS report. Applicants are required to register for LSDAS.
5. [LSAC foreign transcript evaluation](#).
6. LLM/JD transfer advising form signed by the LLM academic advisor.
7. Letter of recommendation from a WCL faculty member.
8. Official transcript of LLM academic record and WCL LLM student file.
9. Original copy of undergraduate transcript sent to WCL directly from the school that awarded the baccalaureate degree, or the equivalent.
10. TOEFL/IELTS.

Note: Applicants admitted to the JD program will be required to pay a \$900.00 non-refundable seat deposit.

ACADEMIC

LLM graduates admitted to the JD program must enroll and successfully complete all academic requirements for the JD degree.

1. Upon admission, LLM/JD students are subject to all JD rules, regulations and requirements set out in the American University Washington College of Law catalog.
2. LLM alumni admitted to the JD program, must enroll in and meet the requirements of the full-time program.
3. In the first year of study in the JD program, students must complete required courses as a pre-requisite to enrolling in upper level courses.
4. LLM/JD students will be awarded a maximum of 28 credits toward the JD for work completed in the LLM Program.
5. Credit for classes offered for LLM students only will not be transferred.
6. Grades earned as LLM students will not be included in the calculation of the WCL cumulative grade point average (CGPA) for the JD program.

The statements and provisions in the LLM/JD guidelines are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between an applicant for admission to the law school or a law student and American University, because the educational process necessitates change. American University and the law school reserves the right to change at any time, when warranted, any of the provisions, degree requirements, academic programs, schedules, rules, regulations, or tuition and fees, as might be required. Such changes or modifications shall be effective upon their promulgation by the duly constituted authority.