




AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON
COLLEGE *of* LAW
WASHINGTON, DC

OFFICE OF
ADMISSIONS

CHAMPION WHAT MATTERS



A MESSAGE FROM DEAN ROGER FAIRFAX



At American University Washington College of Law, we are a community of accomplished faculty, engaged administrators, exceptional students, and extraordinary alumni leaders who continue our 126 year tradition of excellence in legal education, skills-based teaching, and relevant, high-impact scholarship.

The spirit of our tradition lies in the hearts and minds of our community members, who are dedicated to the professional advancement and well-being of our students, and who strive to “Champion What Matters,” locally, nationally, and internationally.

Founded by pioneering women in 1896, a time when few women had the opportunity to attend professional schools, we have continued to build upon a tradition of inclusive excellence. Our law school now features top programs in clinical legal education, public interest, international law, trial advocacy, health law, intellectual property, law and government, and much more. With our location one block from the Metro Red Line in Northwest Washington, D.C., our students are connected more than ever to all that the nation’s capital has to offer.

Our faculty and administration form a community of caring leaders who utilize their diverse experience and vision in service of the professional aspirations of our students. We take great pride in having exceptionally dedicated faculty whose experience, impact, and contributions touch every area of the law.

So, too, our nearly 20,000 alumni have made extraordinary achievements in all areas of private law, business, and consulting, as well as government service, public interest, academia, and humanitarian work around the world.

As Dean of American University Washington College of Law, I am committed to the advancement of our tradition of excellence. It is my pleasure to invite you to visit our campus and experience for yourself our exceptional community.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law

8.5 acre campus

1 Block from the Tenleytown-AU Metro station

5 Courtrooms (the Weinstein Courtroom being a technologically equipped, 60-seat courtroom used for classes and mock courtroom activities)

29 Classrooms accommodate 40-100 students each

16 Seminar rooms

OUR LAW CAMPUS & COMMUNITY



Our law campus provides an unparalleled complement to the look and feel of 21st century legal and professional training. The state-of-the-art technology, LEED Gold certified environmental sustainability, and indoor and outdoor spaces for quiet study and reflection encourages community building and collaboration. Our location in Washington, D.C. maximizes access to the greatest legal minds the nation’s capital has to offer, and our innovative programs continuously invite policymakers and top speakers to campus to address today’s hottest topics. At American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL), you will hear from, meet, and network with the best!

Our faculty teach and inspire the next generation of leaders who will have an impact on the world for decades to come. We are particularly proud that our student body includes people of various ethnicities, races, nationalities, sexual orientations and gender identities—who come together not simply to study law, but to learn from one another. Our students understand that their classmates and faculty, as well as AUWCL alumni, will be their colleagues in the legal profession. We are stronger, smarter, and more informed because of one another.



8,000
Square feet of space
for the Clinical Program

847
Seats in the 2.5 floor
Pence Law Library

Campus Features

- Buildings total 312,000 square feet
- Flexible space for active learning
- Flexible conference facility accommodating high-profile events allowing opportunities for networking
- Scenic outdoor space with terrace seating and outdoor dining areas
- 5,400 square foot outdoor courtyard

37,000
Square feet of
teaching space

21
Group study rooms



THE D.C. EXPERIENCE

We see the nation's capital as another classroom. Washington, D.C. is one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world—home to branches of government, the U.S. Supreme Court, international organizations, major law firms, and multinational corporations. The city also boasts world-class restaurants, unrivaled museums and venues, and wonderfully diverse neighborhoods. You can find a place that fits your lifestyle that's an easy commute to our law campus.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Among the many advantages of studying law in Washington, D.C., is the opportunity to integrate practical experience with the theory of the classroom. Our Externship Program provides students the opportunity to receive academic credit for substantive legal work and reflect on their experience through seminars conducted by a broad cross-section of AUWCL full-time and adjunct faculty. Each year, more than 300 students gain practical, hands-on legal experience with government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, and law firms engaged in pro bono work.

The program hosts specialized fairs for upper-level students to connect them with employers focused on particular practice areas such as business, finance, health, public interest, non-profit, intellectual property, criminal law, immigration, and labor and employment law. The program's largest event is hosted spring semester for first- and second-year students, and is attended by more than 150 organizations recruiting externs for summer and academic year placements.

Our students have recently externed at:

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Children's Law Center
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Maryland Office of the Public Defender
- Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office
- The World Bank
- United States Department of Justice
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia



THERE ARE ROUGHLY A MILLION OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS LAW SCHOOL TO CHANGE THE WORLD

American University Washington College of Law is a leading law school at the center of policy, business, and all things international. Here, students receive a legal education that prepares them to tackle a breadth of challenges in Washington, D.C., throughout the country, and around the world. As a student, you will be supported by a law school community that is uniquely collaborative and challenged by a leading-edge curriculum as part of a law school experience that features unparalleled experiential learning opportunities.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & AREAS OF STUDY

ADVOCACY PROGRAM
wcl.american.edu/trial

BUSINESS LAW
wcl.american.edu/business

CRIMINAL LAW
wcl.american.edu/criminaljustice

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS
wcl.american.edu/admiss/dualdegree.cfm

- JD/MA in International Affairs
- JD/MS in Justice, Law and Criminology
- JD/MPA (Master of Public Administration)
- JD/MPP (Master of Public Policy)
- JD/MBA (Master of Business Administration)
- JD/JD with University of Ottawa, Canada
- JD/Master I/Master II with Universit Paris Ouest Nanterre la Defense, Paris, France
- JD/LL.M. Master en Derecho de law Union Europea with Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain
- JD/LL.M in International and European Business Law with Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE), Madrid, Spain
- JD/LL.M. with Libera Universita Internazionale Degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (LUISS), Rome, Italy

ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY LAW
wcl.american.edu/environment

HEALTH LAW
wcl.american.edu/health

HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN LAW
wcl.american.edu/humanrights

IMMIGRATION LAW
wcl.american.edu/immigrationlaw

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
wcl.american.edu/pijip

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
wcl.american.edu/arbitration

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & INVESTMENT LAW
wcl.american.edu/tradelaw

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW
wcl.american.edu/international

LAW AND GOVERNMENT
wcl.american.edu/lawandgov

PUBLIC INTEREST
wcl.american.edu/publicinterestlaw

TECH, LAW & SECURITY
wcl.american.edu/techlaw

WOMEN AND THE LAW
wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp

PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our programs include the full three-year JD program, one-year LL.M. programs, and an option to enroll in the JD Transfer for Foreign Lawyers/LL.M which allows foreign lawyers to take coursework required to take a U.S. bar exam. Our global network of alumni place this law school at the top of the list for students who want an international focus for their studies and career.

wcl.american.edu/school/admissions

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The law school offers an exciting and diverse selection of study abroad opportunities including short-term summer programs, semester exchange opportunities, and international dual degrees. We know that studying abroad not only exposes students to the legal and judicial systems of other countries, but also allows them to take part in a cultural and professional exchange. We offer over 35 study abroad programs in 20 countries on five continents.

wcl.american.edu/abroad

PRACTICAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL PROGRAM
wcl.american.edu/clinical

- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Community Economic Equity Development Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- Decarceration and Re-Entry Clinic
- Disability Rights Law Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Law Clinic
- Gender Justice Clinic
- Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- International Human Rights Law Clinic
- Janet R. Spragens Federal Income Tax Clinic
- Rising for Justice Clinic (not an in-house clinic)

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM
wcl.american.edu/externship

LAWYERING PEACE PROGRAM
wcl.american.edu/pilpp

MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT
wcl.american.edu/marshallbrennan

STEPHEN S. WEINSTEIN TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM
wcl.american.edu/trial

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE
wcl.american.edu/warcrimes

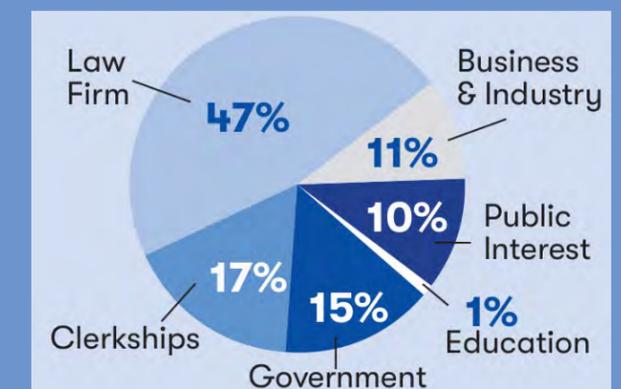
KOVLER PROJECT AGAINST TORTURE
wcl.american.edu/kovlerproject

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT
wcl.american.edu/impactlitigation

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) is committed to the success of our students and alumni and offers a variety of services to assist them with all aspects of their career development. In addition to fall and spring recruitment programs, OCPD sponsors over 80 networking events, educational programs and webinars, and conducts thousands of individual counseling sessions with students and alumni each year. Tapping into a vast network of legal employers, OCPD participates in regional and specialty recruiting programs that are designed to provide students with opportunities to launch their careers in practice-areas and cities of particular interest. In addition, OCPD provides numerous resources and online systems to facilitate the posting of job opportunities from around the country. wcl.american.edu/career

EMPLOYMENT SECTORS CLASS OF 2022*



* data reflects percent reported

For further details about employment statistics, please view the law school's American Bar Association (ABA) employment summary on our consumer information web page: wcl.american.edu/consumer.



2023 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

	Full-Time Division	Part-Time Evening Division
Number Applied	4972	414
Number Enrolled	347	64
Enrolled Students	Full and Part-time Enrolled Students Combined Median GPA/LSAT 3.63/162	
Median GPA 25 th and 75 th Percentile GPA	3.64 3.46/3.75	3.6 3.24/3.71
Median LSAT 25 th and 75 th Percentile LSAT	162 156/163	161 156/163
Average Age	25 (from 20-58)	28 (from 22-51)
Diversity Representation	40% Overall Asian/Pacific Islander: 67 students Black/African American: 38 students Hispanic/Latino: 54 students Native American: 6 students	
Gender Distribution	61.8% Women	36.5% Men .5% Another Gender Identity 1.2% Not Reported
Colleges & Universities Represented	198 undergraduate institutions overall	
Geographical Areas Represented	37 states; District of Columbia; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands; plus Canada, China, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, and Vietnam	

*This data is valid as of August 30, 2023.

THEY PURSUED AN ARRAY OF OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING:

- Captain, U.S. Air Force, Defense Language Institute
- Director of Government Affairs, Venture Global LLC
- Exhibition Designer, The Kennedy Center
- Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State
- Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan
- Helicopter Pilot Instructor
- Honors Intern, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Intelligence Analyst, Naval Oceanographic Office
- Policy Fellow, American Civil Liberties Union
- Science and Technology Senior Analyst, Department of Homeland Security
- Trade Policy Analyst, British Embassy in Washington DC

AUWCL graduates join the ranks of the world's top law firms, with many landing positions in the renowned AmLaw100. Many also choose to start in boutique or smaller firms. A high proportion AUWCL graduates serve in the government—in Congress, agencies such as the DOJ and Commerce, military JAG, and offices of Attorneys General. Many more AUWCL graduates go on to public interest careers, meeting unmet legal needs worldwide.

Nearly 20% of AUWCL graduates launch their careers in judicial clerkships in Federal Courts of Appeal, Federal District Courts, and state courts, including state supreme courts, courts of appeal, and trial courts across the United States.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Binding Early Decision Option (EDO) application deadlines are **December 12** or **February 9**. For detail view wcl.american.edu/admiss/edo.cfm
- Public Interest/Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship application deadline is **January 31**. For more information view wcl.american.edu/finaid/pipsscholarship.cfm
- Priority application deadline is **March 1**.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2023

THEY CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES INCLUDING:

- 176 graduates with honors (including 14 Phi Beta Kappa)
- 48 graduate degrees
- 47 Capitol Hill interns/staff
- 38 legal assistants/paralegals
- 16 military service members (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy)
- 13 college athletes
- 7 AmeriCorps members
- 5 Patent Agents/Examiners
- 2 Peace Corps Volunteers

THEIR GLOBAL EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- 33% speak a foreign language
- 19% studied abroad in 32 countries
- 13% were born abroad in 26 countries
- 5% worked abroad in 17 countries

THEY WERE BORN IN 26 FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING:

Australia	Mongolia
Belize	Nigeria
Bolivia	Peru
Brazil	Philippines
Canada	Romania
China	Russia
Cyprus	Saudi Arabia
Dominican Republic	South Africa
Egypt	South Korea
Germany	Taiwan
India	Ukraine
Japan	Venezuela
Kuwait	Vietnam



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