



MASTER OF LAWS IN
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
AND HUMANITARIAN LAW



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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW'S ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS PLEASED TO OFFER AN LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW.

BECOME PART OF A GROUNDBREAKING AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SUPERB TRAINING IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to be a part of the LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. This opportunity features a community of expert faculty, supportive administrators, engaged alumni leaders, and our wonderful student body, all of whom combine to create an exceptional learning environment.

American University Washington College of Law is well situated for the future of legal education, and will continue to provide a high-impact educational experience for our students. Our new Tenley Campus is an unparalleled site for 21st century legal education – it is the ideal home for our talented students, faculty, and administrators.

Our community will continue to connect with all that Washington, D.C. has to offer, while simultaneously enhancing our affiliations beyond the region, in order to provide students and alumni with the experiential opportunities, networks, and the resources they need in a competitive legal market.

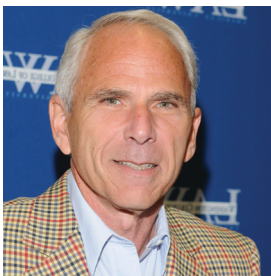
Especially at this moment, and in Washington, D.C., it is an exciting and historic time to be a part of this tremendous community!

Sincerely,

Camille A. Nelson
Dean and Professor of Law
American University Washington College of Law



A WORD FROM THE CO-CHAIRS AND CO-DIRECTORS



We are pleased to announce the LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. During the last 15 years of coordinating the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, we have been able to identify a clear need for further formal training of a significant number of legal professionals, especially abroad, with specific interest in human rights. The LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law unmistakably addresses the need for specialized training in international human rights law in the United States and around the world today.



The creation of the LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law as a hybrid master's program, with both on-site (residential) and online components allows for a high quality curricular offering with a flexible and convenient format. Additionally, students will interact with more than 40 world renowned experts, including human rights and humanitarian law experts coming from academia, international tribunals, civil society organizations, and international organizations.



We look forward to having you become a part of a program that will provide you with superb training and outstanding opportunities in international human rights and humanitarian law.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Goldman
Academic Director and
Academy Co-Chair

Claudio Grossman
Academy Co-Chair

Claudia Martin
Co-Director

Diego Rodriguez-Pinzón
Co-Director



International and
Transnational Criminal Law

The Rights of Vulnerable Groups

International Protection
of Human Rights

International Human
Rights Standards



WHY THIS PROGRAM?

The LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is designed as a hybrid program with online and residential courses.* Students who participate in the program will be required to take two live virtual courses, participate in two summer sessions in residence at AUWCL, and complete writing and/or externship requirements for a total of 24 credits.

The substantive online courses offered will include: 1) Human Rights Law; and 2) Advanced Human Rights Law, three credits each. These classes are core classes of the current human rights program and have been offered for many years to JD and LL.M. students at AUWCL. The online versions of the classes will be based on the syllabi and materials used to teach these classes in person at AUWCL.

The residential component of the LL.M. is designed to take advantage of the courses offered by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law during its Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, which runs for three weeks during the summer semester. Through this program, the Academy offers specialized courses taught by world renowned experts in human rights and humanitarian law. Most of the courses are designed as two credit classes and are approved to award credit toward existing JD and LL.M. programs.

LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW PROGRAM CURRICULUM

YEAR 1

Spring Semester

- Online course on Human Rights Law 3 credits
- Online course (optional, various topics offered) 3 credits

First Three-Week Summer Session in Residence at AUWCL

- Three 2-credit seminars to be selected from the courses offered as part of the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Fall Semester

- Online course on Advanced Human Rights Law 3 credits
- Online course (optional, various topics offered) 3 credits

YEAR 2

Spring Semester

- 2 credit research and writing project (independent study)
- 2 credit supervised externship
Students may be allowed to opt instead for a 4 credit writing requirement or a 4 credit supervised externship.

Second Three-Week Summer Session in Residence at AUWCL

- Three 2-credit seminars to be selected from the courses offered as part of the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

CURRENT ONLINE COURSES

- Human Rights (3 credits)
- Advanced Human Rights (3 credits)
- Asylum & Refugee Law (3 credits)
- International Human Rights Advocacy (3 credits)

RESIDENTIAL COURSES

Our specialized courses offered in the Summer Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law cover a variety of topics such as: regional human rights protection, women and human rights law, and European human rights law.

*For a complete list of courses, please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/humright/llm/courses.cfm

PARTICIPANTS

Several countries have incorporated significant human rights obligations in their constitutional and legal frameworks. Lawyers in those countries now need specialized training in international human rights law as part of their basic training. Furthermore, many of these lawyers are currently full-time employees in prestigious public and private institutions in the U.S. and abroad, with requirements to further qualify themselves through formal degrees. Our program is designed in a way that gives practitioners the opportunity to acquire specialized training without disturbing their current work responsibilities.

We understand that professionals interested in human rights often have limited resources. Therefore being able to join a program that helps you reduce the living and relocation expenses associated with a traditional LL.M., without sacrificing the quality of your education, is an exceptional opportunity that cannot be ignored. The goal of this program and of AUWCL is to adapt to your needs and offer you the highest quality of education.

OUR UNIQUE LOCATION

Washington D.C. can be regarded as the hub for international policy. Major world organizations have established their headquarters here. The nation's capital is an ideal environment for practitioners and international human rights advocates to broaden their knowledge and boost their professional careers. It fosters an atmosphere for the development of human rights and allows for meaningful dialogue among advocates and practitioners.

American University Washington College of Law's unique location and state of the art facilities will allow you to connect with people from all over the world during the 3-week residential component of the program. AUWCL's commitment to diversity offers you the opportunity to intermingle and network with an international community and global audience.

WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY

The LL.M. Program was designed and coordinated by Claudia Martin and Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Co-directors of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Professors Martin and Rodríguez-Pinzón have co-taught both the introductory Human Rights class and the Advanced Human Rights class for many years. The Program is implemented under the academic advising of Robert K. Goldman, Professor of Law and expert in human rights and international humanitarian law.

The residential component of this program will allow you to connect with an exceptional array of established individuals in the field of human rights and humanitarian law. Our faculty includes world-renowned experts who teach every year in the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. This is a great opportunity to interact with notable faculty members composed of international NGO members, international tribunal judges, members of regional international organizations, UN special rapporteurs, distinguished AUWCL faculty and international faculty and members of UN treaty bodies.

In addition to the substantive knowledge that they transmit to our students, they are essential professional contacts for future work-related opportunities for the graduates of our program. The time spent in close contact with such experts during the residential part of the program will most certainly guarantee success for future networking.

For a complete list of faculty please visit us at: www.wcl.american.edu/humright/llm/faculty.cfm

Distinguished WCL Faculty

Members of Regional International Organizations

International NGO members

Members of UN Treaty Bodies



International Faculty

International Tribunal Judges

UN Special Rapporteurs

Juan E. Méndez





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are accepted in the fall semester with participants beginning the following spring term.

In order to complete the application process, candidates must submit the following:

- Online application and application fee
- Official copies of academic records from an ABA-accredited U.S. law school or foreign law school with equivalent standards
- Statement of purpose
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official proof of competency in English (TOEFL, PTE, IELTS or ILEC).

** please see information below*

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Applicants whose first language is not English must take one of four tests for English competency;

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 563 (paperbased) test or 84 (internet-based).
- Pearson Test of English (PTE). A minimum score of 56.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

Applicants need only submit results from one of the four language exams. Applications will not be considered complete without exam scores. This requirement is waived only for applicants who have completed a higher degree program from an accredited U.S. institution. Photocopies of test reports will not be accepted.

For more information on enrollment and eligibility requirements please visit:

www.wcl.american.edu/humright/llm/eligibility.cfm

CONTACT US

For more information on program requirements, please visit our website or contact us via phone or email and we will provide you with the information you need to get started.

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