

INSTRUCTIONS

If you have any questions please contact us at llm@wcl.american.edu before completing the application materials. All materials submitted as part of this application become the property of the law school and cannot be returned or forwarded to a third party. Any false or misleading statement or an incomplete or inaccurate application may be the basis for denial of admission, or, if the applicant is already admitted, dismissal from the law school. All questions must be answered and the application must be signed and dated. You must notify the law school of any change as to any part of this application which occurs after the date of signature on this application. A written explanation of the change in status must be submitted within 30 days of the status change. This obligation is a continuing one and the requirement of completeness, accuracy, and truthfulness extends beyond the filing of an application for admission.

Seeking admission for: o Fall (Aug. - Dec.) 20_____ o Spring (Jan. - May) 20_____

For which program are you applying?

- ☐ LL.M. in Human Rights & Humanitarian Law
- ☐ LL.M. in Advocacy
- ☐ LL.M. in International Legal Studies
- ☐ LL.M. in Intellectual Property
- ☐ LL.M. in Law & Government

U.S. Social Security Number, (if applicable): _____

Name in full: Last (Family) First (Given Name) Middle

Name on Prior Academic Records (if different from above)

In order to correspond with you, we must have the most current and complete information.

Present Address:

Street

City/State/Zip

Country

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Present Address Valid Until ____/____/____

Alternate Address (if applicable):

☐ Permanent ☐ Business

Street

City/State/Zip

Country

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Please give us an email address that you check frequently: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
 Month/Day/Year City State Country

☐ International Student _____
 Citizenship Visa Type

☐ Permanent Resident _____ ☐ U.S. Citizen
 Citizenship

(Optional) ☐ Male ☐ Female

(Optional) The U.S. Department of Education encourages you to answer the following questions on race and ethnicity for their reporting purposes.

Are you of Hispanic/Latino descent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

American Indian or Alaska Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Native Language: _____

How did you learn about the LL.M. Program?

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| <input type="radio"/> Internet/Website | <input type="radio"/> Social Media Site | <input type="radio"/> Alumnus _____ (name optional) |
| <input type="radio"/> Professor | <input type="radio"/> Career Fair | <input type="radio"/> Employer |
| <input type="radio"/> Law School or Home University | <input type="radio"/> U.S. News and World Report | <input type="radio"/> Friend |
| <input type="radio"/> Print/Radio Ad | <input type="radio"/> Brochure | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

Have you previously applied to the Washington College of Law?

☐ Yes ☐ No _____ For which Program of Study? ☐ JD ☐ LL.M. ☐ SJD
 Semester and Year

If you are applying to the LL.M. in International Legal Studies, please select an area of interest:
(Students may select more than one)

- o International Business Law
- o Gender & International Law
- o International Commercial Arbitration
- o International Organizations
- o International Environmental Law
- o International Intellectual Property & Information Policy
- o Trade & Investment
- o International Protection of Human Rights

If you are applying to the LL.M. in Law & Government, please select an area of interest:
(Students may select more than one)

- o Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice
- o Business & Financial Regulation
- o Civil & Constitutional Rights
- o Criminal Law
- o Disability Rights
- o Energy Law & Policy
- o Environmental Law & Policy
- o Gender & the Law
- o Health Law & Policy
- o Immigration Law & Policy
- o Intellectual Property & Information Policy
- o Labor & Employment Law & Policy
- o Law, Politics and Legislation
- o National Security Law & Policy
- o Securities Law & Policy

If you are applying to the LL.M. in Advocacy, please select an area of interest:
(Students may select more than one)

- o Civil Pretrial/Trial Practice
- o Criminal Law and Litigation
- o Employment/Labor Litigation
- o Family Law Litigation
- o Evidence
- o Health Law Litigation
- o Human Rights Litigation
- o International Law
- o International Arbitration Litigation
- o Science/Technology/Intellectual Property

If you are applying to the LL.M. in Intellectual Property, please select an area of interest:
(Students may select more than one)

- o Copyright
- o Cyberspace
- o Patent Law
- o Trademark Law
- o Entertainment Law

Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please describe your position and the organization.

List chronologically all colleges, universities, graduate, and professional schools attended. Forward official transcripts from all degree granting schools. Official transcripts need to be ordered and sent in a sealed envelope directly from the institution you attended or are attending to the following address: Office of Graduate Admissions, American University Washington College of Law, 4300 Nebraska Ave., NW, Suite Y360, Washington, DC 20016. Transcripts must be postmarked by the application deadline. Transcripts must be written in the native language of the school. If this language is not English, the documents must be accompanied by a certified translation.

| Institution and Location | Dates (Start - End) | Program of Study and Name of Degree | Graduation Date |
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Resume: Please submit a resume or CV outlining your employment history, honors, and scholarships received in college or law school, other professional honors, speeches or lectures given, papers published, extracurricular activities, and any other accomplishments or information you believe will be relevant to us in assessing your application.

Please answer the following:

- Have you ever been charged with an academic conduct offense in college, graduate or professional school? If your answer is "yes," please explain in detail on a separate sheet. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Have you ever been placed on academic warning, academic or conduct probation, dismissed, or subject to any investigation, proceeding or disciplinary action (e.g. probation, suspension, or warning), by any college(s) or graduate or professional school(s) or professional licensing agency? If your answer is "yes," please explain in detail on a separate sheet. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - You must report all criminal charges, including any that are pending. Are you currently under indictment for, or have you ever been charged with or convicted of any violation of law (other than minor traffic violations with a fine imposed of less than \$150 per violation)? Please report all incident(s) even if the charge(s) were expunged. If your answer is "yes," please explain on a separate sheet. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action taken by a bar association or any comparable lawyers' association of any state or country or are there any charges pending against you? If your answer is "yes," please explain in detail on a separate sheet. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Have you ever been dismissed by an employer? If your answer is "yes," please explain in detail on a separate sheet. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Have you ever been a member of the armed forces of the United States, its reserve components, or the National Guard, and, if so, what was the character of the charge? _____
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Are you licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction? Please list any current and past bar memberships and dates of membership: _____

Have you ever applied, or are you planning to apply, for admission to any other LL.M. programs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is "yes," please give program names and dates.

Statement of Purpose: Please attach a Statement of Purpose to this application that states your reasons for applying to the LL.M. at American University Washington College of Law. The statement should not exceed 500 words and should include a discussion of the following:

- Why do you want to pursue an LL.M. at American University Washington College of Law?
- How do you think the LL.M. will help you achieve your short-term and long-term professional and personal goals?
- How does your prior experience make you a well-qualified candidate for the LL.M. Program?

** Candidates for the dual degree please indicate in the statement of purpose your intent to apply to the dual degree and your specific interest area.*

Letters of Recommendation: You must submit two letters of recommendation from law professors, employers or other persons qualified to recommend you for graduate study in law. Please do not send more than two letters of recommendation, as any extra recommendation letters will be disregarded from your application. Personal recommendations will not be accepted. The recommendations may either be enclosed with the application in sealed and signed envelopes, or sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Please familiarize your references with the LL.M. at American University Washington College of Law and inform them that the committee gives considerable weight to the letters and may contact them directly for a reference. Please list the references below:

| Name/Title | Organization | Relationship | Telephone/Email |
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If English is not your native language, you must demonstrate English proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessment, the Pearson Test of English (PTE), or the International Legal English Certificate (ILEC). The score must be no more than two years old. The score must be sent from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) using Institutional Code 8188 department 03, or from IELTS, directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Please contact us at llm@wcl.american.edu for minimum scores required for admission.

If you have already taken the TOEFL, PTE or the IELTS exam or obtained an ILEC, write the date(s) and score(s) you received:

| Test | Month/Day/Year | Score | Test | Month/Day/Year | Score |
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I have read and understand the provisions of the current bulletin and application for admission to the Washington College of Law, and I certify that all the information given here is complete and accurate and given for the purpose of having the law school take action in reliance thereon. I understand that any false or misleading statement, or inaccurate or incomplete information, may be the basis for denial of admission and for denial of a financial aid award. If I am admitted to the Washington College of Law, or if I receive a financial aid award in reliance on such information, I understand that I may be dismissed from the law school and that the financial aid award may be revoked. I further understand that the obligation to provide truthful, accurate, and complete information is a continuing one that requires me to notify the law school of any changes in my answers to any part of this application which occur after the date of signature on this application.

 Signature

 Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have enclosed:

- The signed application form
- The nonrefundable \$55 application fee made out to Washington College of Law
- The statement of purpose
- Letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes, OR

The following materials will be sent:

- Official academic transcripts will be sent from institutions attended
- Official TOEFL score will be sent from ETS, or IELTS score will be sent from IELTS (circle one)
- Letters of recommendation will be sent

Return application to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
 American University Washington College of Law
 4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20016

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