Join a Vibrant Community Devoted to You

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 120-year tradition of excellence in legal education, skills-based teaching, professional development, 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 two 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 features top programs in clinical legal education, international law, trial advocacy, intellectual property, health law and policy, 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 diverse community of caring leaders whose experience, impact, and contributions touch every area of the law. So, too, our more than 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, it is my pleasure to invite you to visit our state-of-the-art campus and experience for yourself our exceptional community.

Sincerely,

CAMILLE A. NELSON
Dean and Professor of Law
Campus Snapshot

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5 LAW JOURNALS
9 BRIEFS
1 LAW SCHOOL TO BE FOUNDED BY WOMEN IN 1896

35 SEMESTER AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN 22 COUNTRIES ON 6 CONTINENTS
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200+ CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND PRESENTATIONS ANNUALLY ON CUTTING-EDGE LEGAL TOPICS
80+ NETWORKING EVENTS HOSTED YEARLY
94 FULL-TIME FACULTY
400+ ADJUNCT FACULTY

30+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFINITY GROUPS
8.5 ACRE LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS
6.3:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

LEED GOLD CERTIFIED CAMPUS
200+ SEATS IN THE 2.5 FLOOR PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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200+ STUDENT-ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING CLIENTS THROUGH OUR CLINICS

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SEAT DINING HALL
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE
STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO
ACRE LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS
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Learn to Think Like a Lawyer

At American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL), we want you to experience the richness of law school while you are here and prepare you for making an impact in your community upon graduation. As educators and legal professionals, our goal is to provide superior education, externships and internships, an expert faculty, administrative support, and career guidance so you can champion what is most important to you.

You will be supported by a uniquely caring and collaborative law school community, as well as by a leading-edge curriculum, personalized academic advising, and unparalleled experiential learning that not only teaches you the law—it allows you to practice law. Learn more about our areas of study below and online at wcl.american.edu/academics.

Business Law
Through the law school’s Business Law Program, you can develop a sophisticated understanding of business and financial issues in areas ranging from small business interests to multi-billion dollar acquisitions. The business law curriculum offers courses from corporate and securities law to mergers and acquisitions, commodities regulation, corporate governance, and niche fields of practice, such as real estate, tax, and bankruptcy and commercial law. The American University Business Law Review—the only business law journal in Washington, D.C.—the Business Law Society, and the International Trade and Investment Law Society create many options for business-minded students, as do the numerous externship opportunities at agencies, including at the SEC or the Department of State. In addition, a dual JD/MBA is offered in cooperation with AU’s Kogod School of Business.

Criminal Law
If you are interested in criminal law, you will find a broad range of opportunities to build the skills needed to become an advocate for criminal justice, whether as a prosecutor, defender of the accused, or policy analyst. Our Criminal Justice Practice and Policy Institute is devoted entirely to studying, teaching, and reforming the practice of criminal law and justice, both at home and abroad. Leading experts teach our broad range of criminal law offerings, covering the areas of white-collar crime, international criminal law, prosecutor ethics, trial advocacy, pretrial motions practice, and racial justice. As a student you can gain real-world experience as a scholar and attorney in several unique initiatives, such as the Criminal Justice Clinic and the War Crimes Research Office.

Environmental and Energy Law
The Program on Environmental and Energy Law provides a wealth of opportunities to explore issues in animal law, energy law, and environmental law. You are introduced to the practice of environmental law through specialized courses, client-based research projects, internships, and conferences. The law school supports four student-run organizations in this dynamic practice area—the Animal, Energy, and Environmental Law Societies and the Sustainable Development Law and Policy Brief—and offers more than 25 courses in domestic and international environmental law. And all of this takes place in a state-of-the-art LEED Gold facility, with Metro access that connects you to a vibrant network of environmental organizations.
Gender and the Law
As the first law school founded by women, American University Washington College of Law has long been a leading center for feminist legal scholarship and teaching. Our Women and the Law Program creates courses and opportunities that will involve you in advocacy for women’s rights and gender equality. You can serve as an attorney in the Women and the Law Clinic and Domestic Violence Clinic, become a member of the Women’s Law Association, intern at a domestic or international women’s rights organization, and write for the Journal of Gender, Social Policy, and the Law.

Health Law
Our health law curriculum offers a depth and breadth of health law and policy courses that few law schools can match. Our nationally recognized Health Law and Policy Program includes specialized health law courses tailored to today’s practice environment, including Food and Drug Law, Public Health Law and Policy, and topics in global health law and bioethics. Beyond the classroom, you can pursue your interest in health law by joining the student-run Health Law and Policy Brief, working with health law faculty on cutting-edge research, and taking advantage of the fantastic internship and externship opportunities that Washington, D.C., provides.

Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
We continually explore the latest international human rights and humanitarian issues. In addition to taking courses taught by some of the world’s leading human rights authorities, you will have many opportunities to gain hands-on experience in this area of the law. You can participate in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, Immigrant Justice Clinic, Kovler Project Against Torture, Impact Litigation Project, Human Rights Brief, War Crimes Research Office, and our Academy on Human Rights’ Specialized Human Rights Summer Program, to name a few. You will also have educational and research opportunities through the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law workshops, conferences, and outreach projects that promote its goal of supporting human rights initiatives both in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Immigration Law
Immigration law is growing in importance, given the prominence of immigration-related issues in policy spheres, the nexus between immigration law and national security, and the intersections between immigration law and other practice areas. Practicing immigration lawyers find themselves in a broad range of positions, across the non-profit, private, and government sectors. In addition to the immigration-related courses offered, a number of the clinics focus on issues concerning immigration, including the Immigrant Justice Clinic, International Human Rights Law Clinic, Civil Advocacy Clinic, and Women and the Law Clinic. Students can also conduct legal research for the on-site National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP) which works to benefit immigrant women and children.

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
You will have an unparalleled opportunity to pursue the advanced study of intellectual property law through a full range of intellectual property, communications, and Internet law courses, the nation’s first Intellectual Property Law Clinic, and numerous events and projects organized by our nationally ranked Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property. You also can gain IP experience within a wide variety of student organizations and publications: Intellectual Property Law Society, Media and Communications Law Society, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, and the student-written and edited Intellectual Property Brief.

International Law
Our expansive programs in international law have led to a sustained top ranking in this specialty area. Through our scholarship and numerous international programs and projects, we actively contribute to shaping the world and offer superb and specialized training in international law. More than 150 courses and seminars in international and comparative law, 20 programs, and 27 full-time faculty reflect the law school’s longstanding commitment to building the world community. Our students network with international attorneys, diplomats, global business leaders, and policymakers on campus, throughout the D.C. region, and abroad.

Law and Government
Our law school has forged a formidable reputation in law and government. You will become proficient, theoretically and in practice, with the key issues at the intersection of law, politics, and government. You will be a Metro ride away from some of the most exciting and unique opportunities in legislative branches, agency headquarters, lobbying groups, non-governmental organizations, and think tanks. And you will learn from our extraordinary faculty and senior affiliates in law and government, professionals who have come from the highest levels of public service back into academia.

Public Interest
The law school’s public interest programs are among the strongest in the nation. This vibrant activist community offers unique opportunities for you to gain legal experience through a broad range of clinical and experiential learning programs. A dedicated Office of Public Interest (OPI) encourages a commitment to social justice among the AUWCL student body through pro-bono projects that help fill the justice gap for the most vulnerable members of society. OPI helps to prepare students for a public interest career, raises awareness about loan forgiveness and repayment programs for public interest lawyers, and facilitates connections between students and public interest alumni. Graduates enter public interest and public service careers at nearly twice the national average.

Trial Advocacy
Our nationally recognized Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program will prepare you for trial litigation. The program emphasizes developing and implementing a winning case theory and narrative, core pretrial and trial skills, professionalism, persuasive communication, and the use of cutting-edge technology in a 21st century courtroom. You will be encouraged to attend trial litigation workshops, panel presentations, and lectures on trial advocacy-related topics, and to become involved in the Mock Trial and Moot Court Honor Societies and the Society on Dispute Resolution, where student teams compete across the U.S. and abroad.
Washington, D.C., is the nation’s legal home, with federal and state agencies, courts, trade associations, public interest groups, corporations, and hundreds of private firms. With a lawyer population of 1 in 12, Washington is a lawyer’s city unlike any other. As a law student, you will find countless opportunities for externships, clinics, and independent study.

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 boasts world-class restaurants, unrivaled museums and venues, and wonderfully diverse neighborhoods, where you can find a place that fits your lifestyle and is an easy commute to our law campus.

You can study the rule of law almost anywhere. But to really learn it, to really dive in from all angles and directions, there is nothing quite like being in the nation’s capital. Law school from this perspective is like being on the front lines because you are on the front lines. Not a week goes by without a member of Congress or the Department of Justice or another federal government agency being here, on campus, speaking or participating in an event or symposium.

Studying in this city also means having opportunities in the forms of externships and clinical programs that are not possible anywhere else. Every year, students are placed in externships in the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the World Bank, and more. The opportunity to study and practice law in the very place where laws are made is a unique and rewarding experience.
Experiential Education: Clinical Program

Our Clinical Program, founded in its current form in 1972, is a fully functioning law firm within the law school divided into 10 in-house clinics. You will represent low-income and under-represented clients or groups in litigation, administrative, and transactional matters.

Unlike internships or other experiential programs where students assist more experienced attorneys in case-related tasks, our student attorneys are primarily responsible for representing their clients. Though you receive guidance and feedback from clinical faculty, as a student attorney you are fully responsible for managing litigation, conducting transactional work, and engaging in issue-based advocacy in collaboration with strategic partners. You also participate in lawyering process seminars and case rounds, where you learn concrete lawyering skills that you will need to handle your cases, address ethical obligations, and gain a better understanding of the social justice concerns and policy issues that affect your clients.

Gain Real-Life Experience

The goal of the Clinical Program is to help you develop the ability to learn from experience now and throughout your professional career.

Our 10 In-House Clinics

- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Community and Economic Development Law Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic (Defense and Prosecution)
- Disability Rights Law Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic
- Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- International Human Rights Law Clinic
- Women and the Law Clinic
Experiential Education: Externships and Trial Advocacy

Externship Program

Our Externship Program provides more than 350 students a year with the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on legal experience with government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, and law firms engaged in pro bono work. Our location in Washington, D.C., and proximity to governmental and non-governmental organizations ensures that you have a wide variety of exciting and valuable work experiences. You also can take advantage of externships across the U.S. and abroad.

Among the many advantages of studying law in Washington, D.C., is the opportunity to integrate practical experience with theory from the classroom. The law school’s Externship Program provides you the opportunity to receive academic credit for substantive legal work and to reflect on your experience through seminars conducted by a broad cross-section of full-time and adjunct faculty.

Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program

The Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program offers courses that provide practical experience in a learning-by-doing format and oversees the nationally recognized student-run competition teams for mock trial, moot court, and alternative dispute resolution. During the academic year, the Program offers over 20 specialized courses in 40 small sections to more than 450 students. Courses emphasize implementing a winning course theory and narrative, developing pre-trial and trial skills, demonstrating professionalism and persuasive communication, and mastering arbitration techniques.

The Trial Advocacy Program has been consistently ranked in the top 10 by U.S. News and World Report for the past four years.

Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project

Named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan Jr., the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project mobilizes talented second- and third-year law students to teach courses on constitutional law and juvenile justice in D.C. public high schools. Marshall-Brennan Fellows are trained in constitutional law and pedagogy, and subsequently work with teachers, administrators, and lawyers to educate high school students about their rights and responsibilities, the benefits of political participation, and how lawmaking occurs. The Project was founded in 1999 by Professor Jamie Raskin, who was elected to the U.S. Congress in November 2016 to represent Maryland’s 8th District. Since the Project’s founding, 19 law schools across the country have affiliated with Marshall-Brennan to offer the experience to their students and local high schools, and thousands of Fellows have launched successful legal careers.

In addition to our programmatic initiatives in experiential education, we have many courses that allow you to learn and practice lawyering skills.

Our Experiential Courses

- Lawyers and Clients: Interviewing and Counseling
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Practical Aspects of International Dispute Resolution
- Legislative Practice
- Lawyer Bargaining
- International Business Negotiation Seminar
- International Criminal Law and Procedure Practicum
- Legal Drafting (including Family Law Litigation and Practice, Commercial, and Contract)
- Leading and Counseling Non-Profit Organizations
Think Globally

International and Comparative Law: At Home and Abroad

Our groundbreaking initiatives and comprehensive international programs make the American University Washington College of Law education a unique experience. You will join an engaged community of faculty, alumni, and scholars, and have opportunities to enrich your legal understanding and broaden your perspective by participating in innovative programs at the law school and abroad. Visit wcl.american.edu/jd/learnmore.

Lawyering Peace Program
The Lawyering Peace Program offers you an opportunity to develop professional skills and substantively engage in peace negotiations, post-conflict constitution drafting, and transitional justice planning. You work in small teams to provide pro bono legal assistance that has a direct and immediate impact on countries all over the world.

International JD Dual Degree
The International Dual Degree Programs allow a select number of students to obtain a JD from American University Washington College of Law and a JD-equivalent or Master's degree from Australia, Canada, France, Italy, or Spain. After spending two years at AUWCL, you will spend up to two years at the partner institution. This experience takes studying abroad to a new level, enabling students to go beyond area studies in international or transnational law and become truly transnational lawyers.

Semester Study Outside the U.S.
You can enroll for one semester in a law school outside the United States at one of 33 semester abroad programs in 22 countries to explore new areas of law, build international networks, and gain a new perspective on legal issues. These programs offer students a global view of the legal profession as they are immersed in a different socio-legal culture. The law school’s partnerships with universities across the globe mean new locations are being added each year.

Kovler Project Against Torture
The Kovler Project Against Torture is a one-of-a-kind experiential education opportunity through which upper-level students, under faculty guidance, make key contributions to the sessions of the United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT). As a Kovler student scholar, you engage in a “deep dive” on the prohibition of torture in international law and on the professional skills instrumental to effective lawyering in international settings. In late fall, you travel with Project faculty to Geneva, Switzerland, to continue your hands-on learning during the UN CAT proceedings.

Specialized International Programs

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Summer Programs Abroad
Our specialized summer programs: The Hague, Geneva, and Europe Program (Brussels, London, Luxembourg, Strasbourg, and Paris) allow you to see the law through an international lens, understand different legal systems and cultures, and gain a whole new personal and professional perspective. Programs provide opportunity to visit related courts, tribunals, international and EU organizations and institutions. Summer course topics include international criminal law, intellectual property, environmental law, international business and trade, and labor and human rights. You can benefit fully from your summer experience by seeking assistance with post-program internships to gain hands-on experience with foreign law firms and international legal organizations.
American University Washington College of Law’s rich intellectual life is evident in our faculty’s groundbreaking scholarship and its engagement with the community, nation, and world.

Every day, faculty and program directors are connecting you and recent graduates with contacts in their fields, facilitating externships and clerkships, and guiding you in your career choice. The AUWCL faculty partners with the Office of Career and Professional Development to facilitate 11 faculty practice groups that aim to empower you with more subject matter-specific and practice-specific career information and counseling. These groups provide strategic career advice, networking ideas and connections, and substantive academic planning. At American University Washington College of Law, the faculty is actively championing your future from day one.
Supporting Your Success

Academic Excellence and Professional Development

Our graduates have successful careers in government, national and international law firms, public and private corporations, and nonprofit agencies. They are elected officials, managing partners, general counsels, commission chairs, entrepreneurs, well-known litigators, and leading educators. Your career choices are essentially limitless as a graduate of AUWCL. That’s why helping you choose your personal path is a responsibility we take very seriously. To us, educating you about your career in the law is as important as teaching you about the law itself.

Office of Academic Excellence
Our Office of Academic Excellence (OAE) provides students and graduates with tools to excel academically, in law school, on the bar exam, and in the legal profession. To strengthen academic skills for first- and second-year students, OAE staff provides each student with individual academic counseling and an academic resource center administered in conjunction with the Pence Law Library.

We offer the following courses to improve your achievement and bar exam success:
- **ADVANCED LEGAL METHODS:** 2-credit course offered to all second-year students, introduces you to lawyering fundamentals through weekly exercises emphasizing the skills needed to succeed as attorneys while enhancing skills to improve academic and bar exam success.
- **ADVANCED LEGAL ANALYSIS:** 3-credit course offered to all graduating students, designed to prepare students for the bar exam by focusing on the necessary skills for success.

In addition to bar exam boot camps, intensive workshops, webinars, alumni bar exam panels, and an alumni mentoring program, annually, the office hosts a month-long series of programming to inform students of the costs and requirements for bar exam readiness. For graduates, counselors offer a variety of services including: bar exam essay feedback; bar study breaks; a mock, two-day bar exam; logistical assistance with bar exam accommodations; and a D.C. bar exam hospitality suite during the exam.

Office of Career and Professional Development
Our Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) is staffed by experienced career counselors, all former practicing attorneys from a broad cross section of legal practice and employment sectors, who are committed to helping you discover career opportunities that match your interests. Beginning in your first year, OCPD educates you about the legal profession and the importance of professionalism. The office creates opportunities for first-year students to engage with alumni and other practitioners for the purpose of building professional relationships. These efforts continue throughout your tenure at AUWCL in the form of educational programs, seminars, additional networking events, and webinars we host to expose you to the variety of career options available, and the hiring and decision makers in those fields.

OCPD career counselors will help you explore your true interests and lead you through each phase of the job search process, from self-assessment to deciding on opportunities that use your developing skills. Our goal is to help you discover what you truly champion, and secure fulfilling academic year and post-graduate employment.
We Value Collaboration

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. Step on our campus and you’ll hear numerous languages. 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.

Office of Student Affairs
Our goal is to be the first stop for students with any questions or concerns. Our office offers disability support and accommodations assistance in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); provides wellness programming and mental health counseling; and advises student organizations. Each year, we develop an outreach program with student leaders to facilitate student involvement in law school conferences, seminars, and special activities.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Established in 1990 and one of the first of its kind in the nation, our office works with all segments of the law school community to address issues that are important to maximizing the participation of groups in our community who have been the object of historical and, or, statutory discrimination. Our continuing goal is to develop and engage in programming and activities relevant to admission/retention, academic success, professional preparation, and cultural celebration.

Visit wcl.american.edu/studentlife for more information on student affairs and diversity initiatives.

Student Organizations
In addition to the Student Bar Association, which governs the formulation of student groups and funding of student activities, there are more than 45 active student organizations. Some focus on scholarly research and professional development while others focus on social and cultural activities. You can view the full list at wcl.american.edu/studentorgs.
Curriculum

Offered in both full-time and part-time options, the JD program at American University Washington College of Law gives you a well-rounded legal education that balances theory with practice. Diverse teaching methods—the Socratic Method, Integrated Curriculum, simulations, and experiential learning—help equip you with the knowledge, skills, and values required by lawyers in an ever-changing world.

While your first year of study is dedicated to learning the concepts, skills, and values that form the basis of the U.S. legal system, you can choose a course from a list of electives. In the second and third years of the program, you can select from courses, seminars, clinics, and journals that will help you focus your legal studies in a particular field.

Academic Requirements and Opportunities

JD candidates must have satisfactory completion of 86 semester hours, including all required courses and the upper-level writing requirement. JD candidates must fulfill the ABA’s Professional Skills requirement, which may be satisfied by successful completion of a course that includes substantial instruction in professional skills.

Additional requirements include:
• Quality point index of 2.0 (C) or better
• In residence for at least three full academic years or the equivalent
• Normally met in six semesters (three academic years) of full-time study or in eight semesters (four academic years) of part-time study, plus two summer sessions
• Recommended for the degree by the faculty

Dual Degree Programs

You can complement the JD degree by pursing a dual degree program with a graduate program at American University or with affiliated law schools in Australia, Canada, France, Italy, and Spain.

The domestic programs are open to both incoming and enrolled law students. If you wish to apply for an international dual degree program, you must do so in the spring semester of your first year.

• JD/MA – International Affairs
• JD/MBA – Business Administration
• JD/MS – Justice, Law, and Criminology
• JD/MPA – Public Administration
• JD/MPP – Public Policy
• JD/(Master en Derecho de la Union Europea) (Madrid, Spain)
• JD/Master’s in International and European Business Law (Madrid, Spain)
• JD/First Level Master’s in International, Comparative, and EU Law (Rome, Italy)
• JD/Master I/Master II (Paris, France)
• JD/ID (Ottawa, Canada)
• JD/JD (Melbourne, Australia)

Required Courses

**Full-Time Program**

**FIRST YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Civil Procedure (4)
Contracts (4)
Legal Rhetoric (2)
Writing and Research (2)
Torts (6)
Total Credit Hours: 14

**FIRST YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Constitutional Law (4)
Criminal Law (4)
Legal Rhetoric (2)
Writing and Research (2)
Property (4)
Electives (2–5)
Total Credit Hours: 15–16

**SECOND YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Criminal Procedure (5)

**SECOND YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Legal Ethics (2)

**Part-Time Program**

**FIRST YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Contracts (4)
Legal Rhetoric (2)
Writing and Research (2)
Torts (6)
Total Credit Hours: 10

**FIRST YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Civil Procedure (4)
Criminal Law (4)
Legal Rhetoric (2)
Writing and Research (2)
Total Credit Hours: 9

**SECOND YEAR: FALL SEMESTER**

Constitutional Law (4)
Criminal Procedure (5)
Electives (not required) (2–5)
Total Credit Hours: 9–10

**SECOND YEAR: SPRING SEMESTER**

Property (4)
Legal Ethics (2)
Electives (not required) (2–5)
Total Credit Hours: 8–9

Advanced Course Curriculum

The following elective courses are grouped in topical areas. We recommend you select elective courses from several areas to obtain a broad legal education.

We make reasonable efforts to offer all elective courses on a periodic basis, although we cannot guarantee that any course or seminar will be available to every student who wishes to take it. More information on the courses and seminars is in the catalog, available online at catalogs.wcl.american.edu.

**Administrative Law, Government, and Regulatory Policy**

• Administrative Law
• Advanced Administrative Law
• ALR
• Advanced Administrative Law: Practicum

**Administrative Law, Government, and Regulatory Policy**

• Administrative Law
• Advanced Administrative Law
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**Business and Commercial Law**

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• Advanced Administrative Law: Practicum
Admissions and Financial Aid

Your application is important to us. To assist us in assembling and evaluating your credentials, we advise you to review the detailed admissions and financial aid information including cost of attendance, posted at wcl.american.edu/jd/admissions.

JD Application Checklist

- Online application form
- Character & Fitness Addendum (required for each “yes” answer to any of the three Character & Fitness questions on the application)
- Personal Statement (recommended length is 2-3 pages)
- Resume (recommended length is 1-2 pages)
- Diversity Statement (optional) - used to explain how your personal circumstances are of special relevance to your application (recommended length 1-2 pages)
- Addendum (optional) - used to explain information not already addressed in other application materials
- CAS report from LSAC, including your undergraduate GPA and transcripts
- LSAT score(s) within CAS report or official GRE score report from ETS
- Letters of Recommendation (1 required; maximum of 2)
- Early Decision Option Certification Form (required for all EDO applicants)

Please note that we do not conduct interviews as part of our admissions process.

Important Deadlines

For the full listing of current deadlines and fee, please visit wcl.american.edu/jd/requirements.

- March 1: Priority application deadline for General Rolling Admissions
- March 1: Priority Financial Aid Deadline for FAFSA and AUWCL Need-Based Application (only full-time applicants can apply for need-based aid)
- December 31: $70.00 application fee is automatically waived

JD Financial Aid Information

AUWCL maintains a variety of financial aid programs to assist you in making law school more affordable. For more details about the programs below, in addition to other financial aid opportunities, please visit wcl.american.edu/finaid.

Merit Scholarships: The Office of Admissions considers all applicants for merit scholarships following their admission; a separate application is not required. Merit scholarships primarily consider an applicant’s academic indicators (LSAT or GRE and undergraduate GPA). Merit scholarships for JD students are renewable as long as the student maintains good academic standing per the AUWCL merit scholarship policy. For details, please visit wcl.american.edu/financial-aid/forms/policies-procedures.

Public Interest/Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship: These full-tuition scholarships are awarded to incoming full-time JD students who demonstrate a commitment to public interest/public service. This renewable scholarship requires an additional application due in January. PIPS recipients must comply with all program policies to retain eligibility. For more information, please visit wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/pips.

Need-Based Grants: AUWCL is committed to assisting a limited number of full-time JD students with demonstrated systemic financial need. To be considered, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the AUWCL Need-Based Aid Application by March 1st, but grants are not automatically renewed. Parental information is required of every applicant for need-based grant support. For more information, please visit wcl.american.edu/finaid/needbased.

Student Loans: Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford and Direct PLUS Loans are available to qualifying students to cover the cost of attendance minus other financial aid awarded. Credit-based private education loans may be available to international students with a qualifying co-signer. For information on award letter details, please visit wcl.american.edu/finaid/needbased.

View our ABA Standard 509 required disclosures online at wcl.american.edu/abadisclosure.

Visiting Campus

Located at 4300 Nebraska Avenue NW, the campus is just one block from the Tenleytown-AU Metro Station (Red Line). During the academic year, the Office of Admissions hosts tours, information sessions, and visits to first-year classes most week days.

Please review the campus visit schedule at wcl.american.edu/jd/visit.