

Campus Walking Tour

Welcome to our 8½ acre campus located one block from Tenleytown and just a short Metro ride to downtown DC. The Washington College of Law opened this new campus for the start of classes in January, 2016. Our campus is comprised of three buildings: Capital, Warren, and Yuma. There is 312,000 square feet of space across all buildings and 37,000 square feet of teaching space. This walking tour takes you to locations in each of the buildings, highlights some of our programs, and shares some fun facts about our law school.



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Starting Point: Warren Building Terrace Level Main Entrance and Ceremonial Classroom

Next to this lobby area is the Ceremonial Classroom (NT01), which is a classroom designed as an appellate courtroom. If there's not a class in session, please enter. This space is one of five courtrooms at our law campus.

Also located in the Warren building:

- Pence Law Library
- 10 classrooms
- Office of Technology and Computer Help Desk
- Office of Academic Excellence (located on first floor inside Pence Law Library)



- ★ Walk back past the Information Desk, take a left to the elevators down the hall.
- ★ Take the elevator to the 1st Floor and when you exit the elevator Pence Law Library entrance is on your left.

Tour Stop: Pence Law Library

The first floor of the library houses the reference and circulation services and reserve and state materials. The second floor has the general collections, microforms, Special Collections Room including the Goodman Rare Book Collection and WCL Archives, and a light-filled Reading Room. The third floor includes federal depository materials, periodicals, and legal encyclopedias. Each floor has convenience centers with copying and printing services including free Lexis printing. When walking through the library, please be quiet and keep conversations to a minimum.

- ★ Enter library and there's an elevator to your right. Take it to the 3rd floor. When you exit the elevator on the third floor, there is an outdoor patio area on your right.
- ★ Turn left from the elevator landing, then turn right to walk along the study rooms.
- ♠ Proceed to the very back far left corner to see the view of Nebraska Avenue.
- * Walk along the wall of windows facing Nebraska Avenue towards the Courtyard view. Turn left and walk straight to the stairwell and walk down.





At the second floor, view the Reading Room on your right, then turn left to continue down the stairs to the 1st floor.

Fun Fact!! There are 16 group study rooms in the Pence Law Library that students can reserve via our MyWCL web portal.

- ★ Exit the Pence Law Library and turn left towards the Courtyard.
- † Take the Warren staircase in front of you down to the Terrace level. Walk left through the Commons area. This area connects the Warren and Yuma buildings while providing a casual space for students to meet. Behind the wall of TV screens on your left are group study rooms.
- † Once you have crossed through the Commons you've entered the Yuma Building, Take the elevators up to the 4th floor.



Tour Stop: 4th Floor View from Yuma Building

From the landing area across from Y401 you have a great view across the Courtyard to the Warren Building including the Pence Law Library. You can also see some of the surrounding Tenleytown neighborhood. The 4th Floor is all classroom space. If no class is in session, peek into classroom Y401or Y402 to see where a typical first-year doctrinal class meets.

 \dot{R} Walk down the stairs or use the elevators to the 3rd Floor.

Tour Stop: International Suite, Yuma Y360

Through an interdisciplinary approach to international law, our faculty, students, and staff respond to today's global challenges by engaging the world through advocacy, outreach, and scholarship. The International Suite houses the following:



- International Legal Studies Program (ILSP)
- Graduate LLM Admissions Office
- Center on International Commercial Arbitration
- WCL Abroad

Fun Fact!! Our International Law Program is ranked #9 in the nation. About 50% of our students earn academic credit from an overseas experience while in law school.

Walk down the stairs or take the elevator to the 2rd Floor. Just off the elevator area, you'll find our Clinical Program suite.

Tour Stop: Clinical Program, Yuma Y265



The Clinical Program is a fully operational law firm within the school. The program is divided into ten in-house clinics (adding two new clinics in 2019-2020), ranging from international human rights to intellectual property. Student attorneys represent low-income and underrepresented clients or groups in litigation, administrative, and transactional matters. There is 8,000 square feet in the Clinical Program suite. **Due to client confidentiality, only students and faculty working for the clinic may enter this suite.**

Fun Fact!! Our program is ranked #2 in the nation and about 220 student attorneys work in the clinic.

- \dot{R} Take the stairs or elevator to the 1st floor and turn left.
- ★ Follow the wide hallway of lockers to the entrance of the Dining Hall.
- Notice that the Academy on Human Rights & Humanitarian Law and the War Crimes Research Office are located off this hallway in Yuma Y110-11

Tour Stop: Dining Hall and Courtyard Patio, Yuma Y103

Students can eat in the dining hall, adjoining outdoor patio, and various other locations throughout campus. It's common to see faculty and students conversing over a lunch break. To see the food options, walk through the seating area to the serving area at the far right end. During the academic year, the dining hall serves Monday-Thursday until 7pm and on Fridays until 2pm. Other areas of the campus also offer to-go food options including the Atrium Café.

- Walk back to the elevator area, with the Courtyard on your right and walk straight towards Capital Building. There will be a fork in the hallway and bear right up the ramp and cross a glass-walled bridge.
- † Turn right and walk toward the Atrium area. Stop on the landing to view the Atrium and the café area below.





Tour Stop: Capital Hall Atrium

Located in Capital Hall are many of the law school's administrative and program offices.

Offices include:

- Admissions (C201)
- Academic Affairs (C302)
- Academic Services Suite/ Registrar (C107)
- Career & Professional Development (C115)
- Dean's Office (C301)
- Development & Alumni Relations (C305)
- Diversity, Affinity & Inclusion (C104)
- Financial Aid (C202)
- Public Interest (C200)
- Student Affairs (C101)

Programs Include:

- Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (C205)
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (C205)
- National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (C100)
- Trial Advocacy (C111)
- Women & the Law (C205)



NOTE: The offices for the five law journals (American University Law Review, Administrative Law Review, Business Law Review, International Law Review, and Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law) as well as multiple student-edited briefs occupy the entire Terrace level of Capital. You can access the offices by either the elevator or steps located to the right of the Atrium café.

★ From the landing area, turn around and walk into the Weinstein Courtroom.

Tour Stop: Weinstein Courtroom, C116

The Capital Building of the Tenley Campus is mostly a historic structure. It was originally the Immaculata School and American University purchased the property in 1987. This trial courtroom maintains the chapel architecture of the historic building. If there's not a class or event in session, enter the Weinstein Courtroom. In addition to the Weinstein, there are three smaller trial courtrooms in Capital.

Fun Fact!! Our #5 ranked Trial Advocacy Program trains more than 450 students each year on courtroom litigation skills and supports our student competition teams: Mock Trial; Moot Court; and Alternative Dispute Resolution.



- ★ Exit the Weinstein Courtroom and turn left to walk back across the glass-walled bridge to the Yuma Building.
- A Once back in Yuma, take the stairs or elevator down one floor to the Terrace level.
- É Exit to the left and Claudio Grossman Hall conference center area will be down the hall on your right.



Externship Fair

Tour Stop: Claudio Grossman Hall, Yuma T01

Across from the Events Registration Desk is Claudio Grossman Hall. Named in honor of Dean Emeritus Claudio Grossman, this conference center holds up to 500 people and can be split into two rooms. Many local attorneys attend our events and receive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit towards their bar membership. Students can attend most events at no cost, providing many opportunities to learn about different legal topics and network with alumni and other attorneys.

Fun Fact!! Throughout the academic year, the law school hosts more than 50 events encompassing a wide range of current issues affecting the nation and the world. Many of our alumni come back to campus to participate in these events.

- *Walk back towards the elevators and follow the hallway between the lockers and the glass-enclosed group study rooms. Students can reserve these study rooms in addition to those in the Pence Law Library.
- At the end of the hallway, take the left and you'll see the Commons area connecting Yuma and Warren on your left. Turn right and head back to your starting point at the Warren Information Desk.



Thank you for visiting Our Campus!

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Our campus became **LEED Gold** certified in 2017. LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a green building certification program that is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability. To achieve certification, building projects must meet prerequisites and earn points to achieve varying levels of certification ranging from certified to platinum.

The design of our campus places a high priority on environmentally sustainable development principles. Key components include water and energy efficient systems, sustainable material selection, and interior environments that promote occupant health.

Some of the green features of the campus include:

- Buildings are located to maximize public transportation options & access
- Open space on the site is maintained and maximized
- Bicycle use is promoted through amenities like locker rooms and showers, as well as over 200 bike rack spaces. Infrastructure is provided for Electric Vehicle charging stations
- Storm water is managed for quantity/quality using on-site features such as rain gardens
- Light colored roof material is specified to minimize urban heat-island effect
- Building utilizes nearly 50% less water than a typical building of its size through the use of high efficiency fixtures
- A unique dedicated outside air system (DOAS) coupled with radiant ceiling panels (RCPs) reduces energy consumption by more than 26%. This innovative hydronic heating/cooling system is low-noise, low-maintenance, easy to reconfigure and offers 24-times more energy transfer efficiency than traditional air systems. It offers lower first, operating and life-cycle costs as well as lower carbon emissions, meeting AU's goals for carbon emission reduction and operating cost savings
- Facades utilize a unique brick product that encapsulates fly-ash from coal-fired power plants, diverting it from potentially-hazardous landfill disposal
- Continuous insulation combined with thick Batt insulation at strategic locations lightens heating and cooling loads in the building to save energy
- Careful placement of sunshades on the south/west facades reduce solar heat gain by 80% and minimize glare while maintaining high-levels of daylighting
- Construction procedures diverted more than 90% of debris from landfills
- Regionally-sourced material made at least 20% of the building
- Certified sustainably-harvested wood was used on more than 50% of all wood on the project
- Low volatile organic compound (VOC) materials and high levels of HVAC filtration are used to promote occupant health