JD ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MESSAGE FROM

DEAN 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
Dean and Professor of Law

1 Block from the Tenleytown-AU Metro station

16 Seminar rooms

8,000 Square feet of space for the Clinical Program

847 Seats in the 2.5 floor Pence Law Library

29 Classrooms accommodate 40-100 students each

8.5 Acres for the law school's campus

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

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.

37,000

Square feet of teaching space

21

Group study rooms

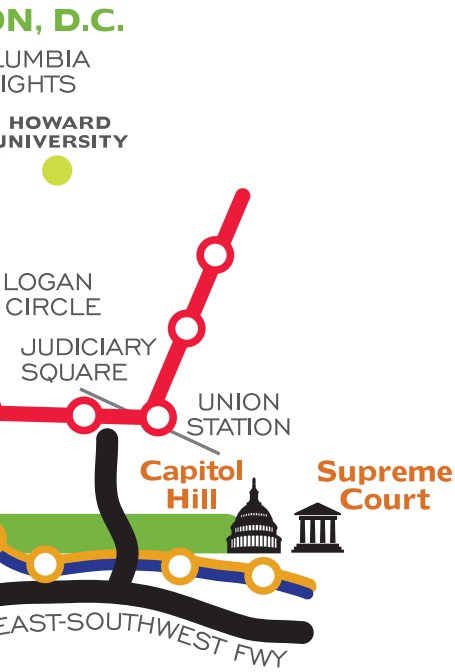
CAMPUS FEATURES

- 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

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.

Our law campus, near Tenleytown/AU Metro Station on the Red Line, is just seven stops from Judiciary Square.



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

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- Civil Advocacy Clinic
- Community Economic Equity Development Clinic
- Criminal Justice 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
- Re-Entry 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

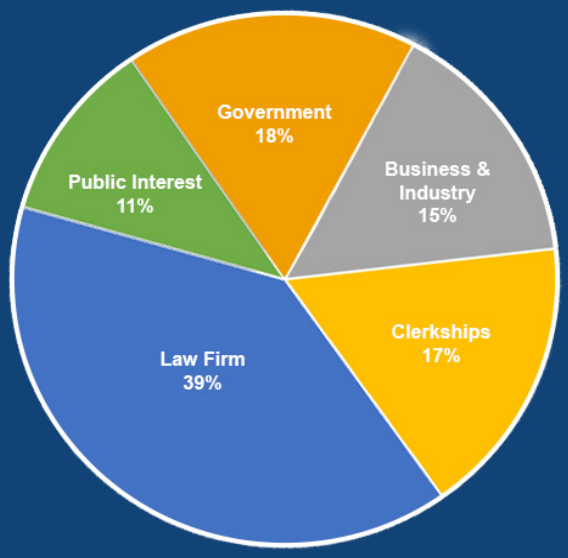
HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT

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 2021*



** 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.**

2022 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

	FULL-TIME DIVISION	PART-TIME EVENING DIVISION
NUMBER APPLIED	5114	466
NUMBER ENROLLED	351	50
ENROLLED STUDENTS	Full and Part-time Enrolled Students **Combined Median GPA/LSAT 3.61/162**	
MEDIAN GPA 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILE GPA	3.61 3.29/3.73	3.62 3.37/3.73
MEDIAN LSAT 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILE LSAT	162 156/163	161 155/164
AVERAGE AGE	24 (from 20-51)	27 (from 21-38)
DIVERSITY REPRESENTATION	**36% Overall** Asian/Pacific Islander: 55 students Black/African American: 40 students Hispanic/Latino: 47 students Native American: 2 students	
GENDER DISTRIBUTION	65% Women	35% Men
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED	192 undergraduate schools represented	
GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS REPRESENTED	41 states; District of Columbia; Puerto Rico; plus Brazil, China, India, Italy, Mexico, and Taiwan	

*This data is valid as of August 22, 2022.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

- Binding Early Decision Option (EDO) application deadlines are **December 12** or **February 10**. For details view **wcl.american.edu/admiss/edo.cfm**.
- Public Interest/Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship application deadline is **January 31**. For more information visit **wcl.american.edu/finaid/pipsscholarship.cfm**.
- Priority application deadline is **March 1**.
- Priority Financial Aid Deadline for FAFSA and AUWCL Need-Based Application (for need-based grants) is **March 1**.

The $70 application fee is waived for all applications submitted by December 31.

VISITING CAMPUS

Located at 4300 Nebraska Avenue NW, the law campus is just one block from the Red line's Tenleytown-AU Metro Station. During the academic year, the Office of Admissions hosts in-person tours and information sessions and a virtual information session each week. Please review the campus visit schedule at **wcl.american.edu/admiss/visit.cfm.**

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 2022 ENTERING CLASS

THEY CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES INCLUDING:

- 151 graduated with honors (including 14 Phi Beta Kappa)
- 56 have graduate degrees
- 56 interned/worked on Capitol Hill
- 32 have been paralegals or legal assistants
- 11 were Division I Athletes
- 9 have served in the military
- 4 were Peace Corps Volunteers
- 3 were AmeriCorps members
- 3 have worked as Patent Agents/Examiners

THEY PURSUED AN ARRAY OF OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING:

- Anti-money Laundering Analyst
- Associate Designer, Ralph Lauren
- Conversation Assistant, Ministry of Education in Spain
- Coordinator, National Immigrant Justice Center
- Defense Contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Geographer, Smithsonian Institution
- International Program Specialist, US Department of Commerce
- Intern, International Rescue Committee
- Labor Representative, New York State Nurses Association
- Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control
- Software Engineer, Lockheed Martin

THEIR GLOBAL EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- 40% speak a foreign language
- 24% studied abroad in over 35 countries
- 11% were born abroad in 28 countries
- 8% worked abroad in over 28 countries