



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
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WASHINGTON, DC

OFFICE OF  
ADMISSIONS

CHAMPION WHAT MATTERS



A MESSAGE FROM  
INTERIM DEAN  
HEATHER HUGHES



**8.5** Acre campus

**1** Block from the Tenleytown-AU Metro station

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

**29** Classrooms accommodate 40-100 students each

**16** Seminar rooms



At American University Washington College of Law, we are a community of accomplished faculty, engaged administrators, exceptional students, and extraordinary alumni advancing a 125-year long 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 development and well-being of our students and alumni, and who strive to “Champion What Matters,” locally, nationally, and internationally.

Founded by pioneering women in the late 1800s, a time when few women had the opportunity to attend professional schools, we have continued to build upon this tradition of inclusive excellence, which now features top programs in clinical legal education, international law, trial advocacy, intellectual property, business law, law and government, and much more. Washington College of Law offers an exemplary professional education.

Our Tenley Campus is an unparalleled complement to the look and feel of 21st century legal and professional training and contributes to making Washington College of Law a vibrant intellectual hub. Our community of caring leaders stewards this stunning campus, utilizing 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.

Our approximately 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 Interim 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 our campus so that you can experience for yourself our exceptional community.

Sincerely,

**Heather Hughes**  
Interim Dean and Professor of Law

# 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, DC 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!

AUWCL 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.



## 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

**8,000**

Square feet of space  
for the Clinical Program

**847**

Seats in the 2.5 floor  
Pence Law Library

**37,000**

Square feet of  
teaching space

**21**

Group study rooms



# THE DC EXPERIENCE

We see the nation's capital as another classroom. Washington, DC is one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world—home to branches of government, the US 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.



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Among the many advantages of studying law in Washington, DC, 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.

### AUWCL students have recently externed at:

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of New York
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- Children's Law Center
- District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- Federal Public Defender
- Major League Soccer Players Association
- National Immigration Forum
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – US Coast Guard
- US Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Division



# 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, DC, 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

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/advocacy.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/advocacy.cfm)

### ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/adr](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/adr)

### BUSINESS LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/business](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/business)

### CRIMINAL LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/criminal-law.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/criminal-law.cfm)

### CORPORATE COMPLIANCE, GOVERNMENT & ETHICS

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/compliance](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/compliance)

### DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/degrees/dual-degree](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/degrees/dual-degree)

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/environment](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/environment)

### GENDER & THE LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/gender-law](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/gender-law)

### HEALTH LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/health.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/health.cfm)

### HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/humanrights.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/humanrights.cfm)

### IMMIGRATION LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/immigration.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/immigration.cfm)

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/ip-law](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/ip-law)

### INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/international](http://www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/international)

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE & INVESTMENT LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/tradelaw.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/tradelaw.cfm)

### LAW AND GOVERNMENT

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/law-government.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/law-government.cfm)

### PUBLIC INTEREST

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/public-interest.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/public-interest.cfm)

### TECHNOLOGY LAW

[www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/technology](http://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/areas/technology)



## PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

AUWCL 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 US 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/admissions](http://wcl.american.edu/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](http://wcl.american.edu/abroad)

## PRACTICAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### CLINICAL PROGRAM

[wcl.american.edu/clinical](http://wcl.american.edu/clinical)

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

### EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

[wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship)

### LAWYERING PEACE PROGRAM

[lawyeringpeaceprogram.org](http://lawyeringpeaceprogram.org)

### MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT

[wcl.american.edu/marshallbrennan](http://wcl.american.edu/marshallbrennan)

### STEPHEN S. WEINSTEIN TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

[wcl.american.edu/trial](http://wcl.american.edu/trial)

### WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

[wcl.american.edu/warcrimes](http://wcl.american.edu/warcrimes)

### UNITED NATIONS KOVLER PROJECT AGAINST TORTURE

[wcl.american.edu/kovlerproject](http://wcl.american.edu/kovlerproject)

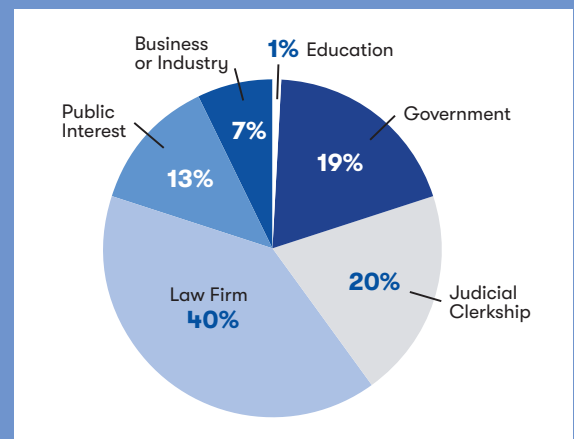
### HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT

[wcl.american.edu/impactlitigation](http://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](http://wcl.american.edu/career)

## EMPLOYED GRADUATES BY SECTOR, CLASS OF 2023\*



\* 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](http://wcl.american.edu/consumer).



# 2024 ADMISSIONS PROFILE

	Full-Time Division	Part-Time Evening Division		
Number Applied	4833	408		
Number Enrolled	353	60		
Enrolled Students	Full and Part-time Enrolled Students <b>Combined Median GPA/LSAT 3.61/160</b>			
Median GPA 25 <sup>th</sup> and 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile GPA	3.61 3.37/3.74	3.6 3.28/3.69		
Median LSAT 25 <sup>th</sup> and 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile LSAT	160 155/163	161 156/163		
Average Age	25 (from 20-45)	29 (from 21-51)		
Diversity Representation	<b>38.5% Overall</b> Asian/Pacific Islander: 53 students Black/African American: 38 students Hispanic/Latino: 61 students Middle Eastern: 22 students Native American: 6 students			
Gender Distribution	67.8% Women	30.3% Men	1.5% Another Gender Identity	.05% Not Reported
Colleges & Universities Represented	187 undergraduate institutions overall			
Geographical Areas Represented	37 states; District of Columbia; Puerto Rico; plus Austria, Bahrain, Canada, China, Germany, Jamaica, Kuwait, Mexico, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay			

\*This data is valid as of August 29, 2024.

## THEY PURSUED AN ARRAY OF OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING:

- Architect
- Bilingual Advocate; Case Manager
- Case Law Research Intern
- Circus acrobatic coach
- Campaign Coordinator at Amnesty International
- Climate Action Strategist (Oil Change International)
- Dance Instructor
- Deputy Press Secretary; US Department of Energy
- Diplomatic Attaché in Bahrain
- Disability Rights Advocate
- Disc Jockey
- Early Childhood Principal
- English Teacher in Madrid, Spain
- Executive Assistant to the Ambassador of Argentina
- Fashion Model
- Head of Sustainability, US-Africa Business Center, US Chambers of Commerce
- Human Rights Paralegal
- Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- International Affairs Specialist at the Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Investigator for the DC Public Defenders Office
- Liaison Intern at Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Migration Researcher at the World Bank
- Mission Commander; US Navy
- Newscast Producer
- Referee for USA Fencing
- Senior Engineer for COLLINS AEROSPACE
- US Army 2nd Lieutenant
- Veterinary Hospital Assistant
- Victim Witness Assistant; US Attorney's Office Eastern District of NY
- Women, Peace, and Security Intern for the Department of Homeland Security

AUWCL graduates join the ranks of the world's top law firms, with many landing positions in the renowned AmLaw100. Many also choose to start in boutique or smaller firms. A high proportion AUWCL graduates serve in the government—in Congress, agencies such as the DOJ and Commerce, military JAG, and offices of Attorney's General. Many more AUWCL graduates go on to public interest careers, meeting unmet legal needs worldwide. Nearly 20% of AUWCL graduates launch their careers in judicial clerkships in Federal Courts of Appeal, Federal District Courts, and state courts, including state supreme courts, courts of appeal, and trial courts across the United States.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Binding Early Decision Option (EDO) application deadlines are **December 12** or **February 10**. For details, view [www.american.edu/wcl/school/admissions/id/apply/first-year/early-decision.cfm](http://www.american.edu/wcl/school/admissions/id/apply/first-year/early-decision.cfm)
- Public Interest/Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship application deadline is **January 31**. For more information, view [www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/publicinterest/pips scholarship](http://www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/publicinterest/pips scholarship)
- Priority application deadline is **March 1**.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2024

### THEY CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES INCLUDING:

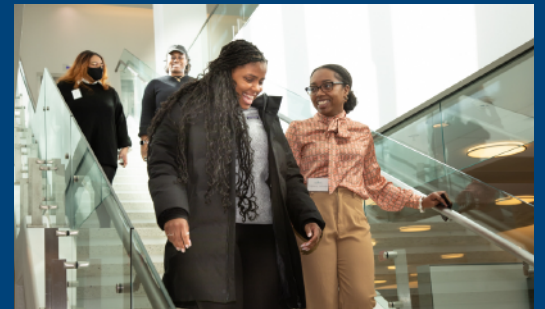
- 89 graduates with honors (including 8 Phi Beta Kappa)
- 62 graduate degrees
- 51 Capitol Hill interns/staff
- 15 college athletes
- 11 military service members (Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy)
- 7 Patent Agents/Examiners
- 7 AmeriCorps members
- 1 Peace Corps Volunteers
- 1 Teach for America

### THEIR GLOBAL EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- 45% speak a foreign language
- 18% studied abroad in 33 countries
- 11% were born abroad in 31 countries
- 11% worked abroad in 31 countries

### THEY WERE BORN IN 31 FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING:

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|----------------|----------------|
| Argentina      | India          |
| Austria        | Iran           |
| Bahrain        | Italy          |
| Bosnia         | Jamaica        |
| Brazil         | Japan          |
| Cameroon       | Kuwait         |
| Canada         | Mexico         |
| China          | Paraguay       |
| Colombia       | Peru           |
| Cuba           | Russia         |
| Cyprus         | Saudi Arabia   |
| Czech Republic | Serbia         |
| Georgia        | Somalia        |
| Germany        | United Kingdom |
| Guatemala      | Uruguay        |
| Honduras       |                |



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