

The Online Master of Laws (LL.M.) in U.S. Law from Washington University School of Law

A Top-20 Law School in 2023¹



About the Washington University School of Law

Founded in 1867, Washington University School of Law is the oldest operating law school west of the Mississippi River. As one of the top-20 law schools in the United States — ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* in 2022 — the School of Law has been American Bar Association-approved since 1923 and has long been led by a team of internationally recognized faculty who are experts in their fields.

Why Choose a Master of Laws?

Our ABA-acquiesced online Master of Laws (LL.M.) in U.S. Law is designed for international lawyers who would like to improve their understanding of U.S. law in order to practice in the U.S. The curriculum provides a foundation in U.S. legal concepts and procedures and includes 21 credits of electives — so you can tailor your education to your career goals. Upon completion of the program, you will be:

- Eligible to take the bar exam in California and Washington state
- Prepared to write, research and communicate like a U.S. lawyer
- Equipped to work with a more diverse array of clients and international firms

Our online LL.M. in U.S. Law can be completed entirely online in as few as 12 months.

What Can You Do With an LL.M. in U.S. Law?

Our LL.M. program will enhance your knowledge of the U.S. legal system without having to complete a full three-year J.D. in the United States. You will graduate from the program prepared to advance your career in a variety of ways, including:

- ▷ **Practicing in the U.S.**
International attorneys often pursue an LL.M. in U.S. Law as a shorter path to taking the bar exam and becoming eligible to practice as an attorney in the United States.
- ▷ **Working at International Firms**
With a solid understanding of U.S. law, you will have a greater ability to work with diverse partners and clients at international law firms.
- ▷ **Practicing at Home With Greater Insight**
Understanding the complexities of another country's legal system can help you gain a more nuanced view of the legal system in your own country and bring new ideas to your practice at home.

If you are interested, we also offer an online Master of Laws in Taxation, Master of Legal Studies, and a Master of Legal Studies in Taxation.

¹2023 Best Law Schools. US News & World Report. Ranked in 2022

Explore the Online Learning Experience

Designed to match the rigor of our on-campus programs, this program is led by the same faculty who teach on campus — allowing you to earn your degree from a top-20 law school without relocating or putting your commitments on hold. Our live, face-to-face video technology fosters an intimacy that encourages close collaboration between you and your peers and faculty, just like in a physical classroom.

The learning experience includes:



Live, online classes: Held on our videoconferencing platform, classes enable you to interact directly with your professors, ask questions and collaborate with peers in real time. Class sizes are limited to maintain a small student-to-faculty ratio.



Optional in-person learning: You can enhance your online learning experience by attending an optional weekend-long immersion on the Washington University campus in St. Louis, Missouri. During the immersion, you will complete a 1-credit elective course, tour legal landmarks and network with your classmates and faculty.



Course work that complements your class sessions: Course work assigned outside of class prepares you for your weekly live class sessions, where you are challenged to apply what you have learned. Materials are available at any time, from any device.



Interactive learning: Faculty conduct class using the Socratic method. This teaching method helps you reach your own conclusions about the course material through discussion and debate — and encourages you to actively engage in class.



LexisNexis and Westlaw access: Throughout the program, you are given access to law databases that allow you to supplement your studies by analyzing real legal cases and research.

The School of Law also offers an optional externship. We partner with you to match you with a law firm near your community, where you will apply the skills gained in the classroom to real-world cases in the tax field.

Ongoing Support

Throughout your time in the program, you will receive dedicated support from our Student Services staff, who are specially trained to assist you with interactive technologies, class enrollment and any questions you may have. You will have access to our Career Services team — before and after graduation — who offer a professional development course, one-on-one advising and information sessions to help you move your career forward.