

ANALYSIS

IV. INTRODUCTION



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LL.M. IN GENDER, INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

The only program of its kind, the LL.M. in Gender, International and Comparative Law equips its LL.M. graduates with the legal and policy skills needed to address challenges facing women and LGBTQ+ people worldwide.

Students will study the legal and social structures shaping the day-to-day lives of women and LGBTQ+ persons: family law, anti-discrimination law, political participation, economic development, and reproductive rights. Students also explore recent developments in the protection of women's rights and LGBTQ+ rights taking shape in international bodies, regional human rights mechanisms, and international tribunals. From there, students choose from an extensive array of specialized electives, including the prevention of human trafficking, labor exploitation, domestic violence, and the prosecution of rape as a war crime.

LL.M. students may intern at leading domestic and international non-governmental organizations addressing women's rights and LGBTQ+ rights, as well as international organizations with missions to mainstream gender into all aspects of their work. Our students graduate prepared for practice.

SELECT FACULTY

Janie Chuang, Prevention of Human Trafficking and Labor Exploitation, Gender and International Law

J. Jarpa Dawuni, Gender, International, and Comparative Law, Gender and Development

Susan Franck, Gender in International Trade and Arbitration

Rebecca Hamilton, Gender and International Criminal Law

Ian Harris, Domestic Violence

Daniela Kraiem, Gender and Law

Claudia Martin, Gender and International Organizations, Human Rights

Fernanda Nicola, Gender and Development, Comparative Law, International Organizations

Ingrid Nifosi-Sutton, Gender and Human Rights, Gender and Environment

Diane Orentlicher, Gender and International Law

Leslye Orloff, Gender and Immigration

Susana SaCouto, Gender and International Criminal Law

Macarena Saez, Gender and Human Rights, Comparative Family Law

Ann Shalleck, Feminist Jurisprudence, Family Law

Brenda Smith, Prevention of Sexual Violence

WCL QUICK FACTS

- Ranked 9th in international law specialty by U.S. News and World Report
- Graded A+ by PreLaw Review Magazine for international law and for family law
- Top 25 best schools for foreign-trained lawyers, International Jurist
- 100+ full-time and adjunct faculty specialized in international law
- Students from 50+ countries and 4,000+ alumni worldwide
- 90% of LL.M. students participate in internships
- 200+ conferences, symposia, and networking events annually

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Fund Scholarship
(full tuition scholarship)

Global Talent Development Scholarship
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

Summer Programs Participant Scholarship
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

Merit Based Scholarship
(up to 40% of tuition discount)

LL.M. CURRICULUM

24 credits of coursework, with at least 12 credits in approved core and key elective courses related to gender and international law.

Required courses (7 credits):

Gender, International and Comparative Law (2 credits)

Gender, Cultural Differences and Human Rights
(3 credits)

Advanced Legal Writing: Gender and Law (2 credits)

Key Electives (min. 5 credi. al W.7(35)32.8(U)-20.3(M))TJ EMC D [(T1_0 1 Tf 0 Tc 0 Tw 0 [(A)-3.5(d))0.6(m)1.9(p5(l W.7(35)32.8(U)-2.6(e)

APPLICATIONS

Applications are accepted for both fall and spring admissions. To apply, visit www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm

