EDUCATING A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAWYER
At Notre Dame Law School, students and faculty of diverse backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to broaden their social, spiritual, and personal lives while honing their intellectual and professional skills to serve the good of all.

The Notre Dame experience inspires students to examine their studies and practice of law within the context of their responsibilities as a member of the bar, and as a member of various political, social, and faith communities. This perspective encourages robust debate on tough questions of policy, values, and faith both inside and outside of the classroom. Students at Notre Dame Law School not only learn about the technical skills to be successful practicing lawyers — they also learn about the values and commitments that shape our laws.
As an international student, finding which university was perfect for me was very difficult. However, when reading about Notre Dame, I instantly knew this was the university of my dreams. Notre Dame Law School is founded on values that certainly form a different kind of lawyer. In my year at Notre Dame, the faculty made an amazing effort toward making me feel at home, helping me and encouraging me to be a better lawyer in order to be a positive influence in my country and in the world.

GERALDINE AFIUNI
LL.M. Class of 2016
Graduate of Universidad Católica Andres Bello, Venezuela
The phrase ‘educating a different kind of lawyer’ that adorned the cover of the Notre Dame Law School admission letter intrigued me and I wanted to find what makes a lawyer ‘different.’ After our Galilee Program trip to law firms and organizations in Los Angeles, I learned that a different lawyer is not a working machine but a human who cares about people. As an LL.M. student, many of my fellow LL.M. classmates had been practicing as different lawyers who are wired to study human rights to relieve their countries from turbulence instead of pursuing temporary personal achievements. Professors — who are indisputably outstanding — are different lawyers who are dedicated to all the students and often give more help to the LL.M. students. My interest in IP law was enriched by professors and staff that are just like a family living under the Golden Dome — so much so that I am now studying for my Juris Doctor at NDLS.

ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

YUN “TANYA” LUO
LL.M. Class of 2016 and J.D. Class of 2018
Graduate of Zhongnan University of Economic and Law (ZUEL) China

THE CURRICULUM

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

BUSINESS LAW
FOCUS: Transactional practice
SAMPLE COURSES: Business Associations; Securities Regulation; Mergers and Acquisitions

CRIMINAL LAW
FOCUS: Prosecution and defense of criminal charges in a just society
SAMPLE COURSES: Criminal and Forensic Evidence; International Criminal Law; White Collar Crime

LAND, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
FOCUS: Land, use and management, natural resources
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GLOBAL LAW
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PUBLIC LAW
FOCUS: The structure of government and its relations with individuals and foreign nations
SAMPLE COURSES: Administrative Law; Constitutional Law; Federalism Seminar

LAW, ETHICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY
FOCUS: Social issues, morality, and law
SAMPLE COURSES: Bioethics and the Law; Jurisprudence; Morality and the Law

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS PROVIDING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN

Church, State, and Society
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Notre Dame Law School brings a diverse, committed faculty who are not only renowned in their areas of legal expertise, but also have a passion for providing a unique and challenging professional education to their students. This passion for teaching can be seen both inside and outside the classroom, whether through intense legal debate or informal discussions in social settings. The NDLS faculty is a truly one-of-a-kind community of scholars who take pride in educating the future of the profession with values, accountability, and integrity.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

LAUREN NOTOLLI
J.D. Class of 2017
Columbia, S.C.

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There are many reasons I chose NDLS, but the most important to me was the school’s commitment to forming a different kind of lawyer. I firmly believe that is not a marketing pitch — it is a mission statement. It affects every part of the school, from admissions to graduation and beyond. It involves education, service, camaraderie, and opportunities that are second to none. NDLS students study in London, extern in Chicago, provide aid to the indigent, team with the business school to help countries rebuild after war, contribute to human rights, and help build small businesses — and that’s before graduation! The education, opportunities, and experiences NDLS provides creates lawyers who seek to improve the world, not just get jobs. And who could pass up an opportunity to make a difference in the world?

“ERIC NICHOLS
J.D. Class of 2016
South Bend, Ind.”
This LL.M. program allows students to obtain a degree from a U.S. law school while studying in England. Focusing on international and comparative law, this program is designed for students from common law countries who seek advanced training, and for graduates of law schools in civil law countries who seek training in common law disciplines or who wish to pursue studies comparing their legal systems with those of the United States and Great Britain. The LL.M. in International and Comparative Law is offered exclusively at the London Law Centre.

The London program provided the perfect opportunity to explore the outer bounds of the legal profession that are hard to get in a traditional classroom. Beyond just great friendships and once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences, I received a top-notch introduction to international legal subjects I had never thought about before. I toured the Inns of Court, had drinks with Master Mariners, and walked the halls of the legendary Lloyds — all for class. Going to London was unquestionably the best decision I have made in law school.

ARIELLE SEIDMAN
J.D. Class of 2015
Longmont, Colo.

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

THE EXPERIENCE

LL.M. IN LONDON

THE LL.M. PROGRAM IN LONDON

The only ABA-approved, year-long overseas program offered by an American law school (semester option available as well)

Study with and learn from prominent American, British, and other European faculty

Opportunity to intern with British barristers, solicitors, multinational corporations, and law firms

London Law Centre located on Trafalgar Square in Central London

SUMMER LONDON

Oldest American summer program in London

Open to NDLS students and students from other law schools

Opportunity to study international and comparative law during a three-week program

NOTRE DAME LAW
Whether students plan on a future working in the States or returning to their home country, Notre Dame Law School provides the training employers are looking for in graduates. Thousands of loyal Notre Dame alumni, both of the Law School and of the University, are willing to assist.

Our Career Development Office is dedicated to providing students with numerous opportunities throughout the year to hone their job search skills as they identify their desired career path. The office is instrumental in engaging the Notre Dame Lawyer alumni network and help arrange interviews for legal jobs across the country.

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What sets Notre Dame apart from other institutions is its vibrant and active alumni network. I remember it being a large feature during Admitted Students Weekend, and after only one year, I could see why. The alumni community here is always looking for ways to give back to the institution they love, frequently offering to give advice and a helping hand to current students. There aren’t many law schools that truly carry a national reputation, but NDLS does. That, in large part, is because of the amazing alumni network.”

The Career Development Office is one of the crown jewels of the Law School. Their weekly programming keeps students up to date on all opportunities available to them while their individual counseling meetings provide more personalized advice. From day one, the Career Development staff helps you identify the potential obstacles to a successful legal career but also provides you with the tools for how to overcome them.”

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Notre Dame Law School is prestigious and unique. I can’t find a better place than Notre Dame where tradition, scholarship, athletics, and humanism are perfectly harmonized on such a beautiful campus. The LL.M. program boasts a small number of selected students from around the world so that they can closely interact with each other. Professors of international repute are always willing to listen to each student’s interests and concerns. Through diverse activities with J.D. students, we share friendship and comparative perspectives on law and justice. We learn law not to simply be a professional but to be a different kind of lawyer. My time at NDLS is the most special moment in my life.

TAEHON KIM
LL.M. Class of 2016
Graduate of Seoul National University
South Korea

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

THE COMMUNITY

LOCATION

The Law School is located at the center of the Notre Dame campus, within steps of the iconic Golden Dome, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and Notre Dame Stadium. The University is located just outside South Bend, Ind., and is 90 miles east of Chicago. Our campus is alive throughout the year with performing arts, athletics, art exhibits, and speakers from around the world. The University provides students with an affordable and comfortable standard of living, both on and off campus. The community is family friendly, offering an array of parks, museums, dining options, and shops.

AT THE HEART OF CAMPUS

90 MILES TO CHICAGO
30 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
21 RESTAURANTS ON CAMPUS

2 LAKES
4 SEASONS
30.3 MILES OF TRAILS AROUND CAMPUS

21
14

NOTRE DAME LAW
15
The University of Notre Dame has one of the most vibrant alumni networks in the world. Thousands of loyal Notre Dame alumni, both of the Law School and of the University, are eager to assist in networking and mentorship, and provide a unique community for both professional and personal growth. Our Law School graduates are serving the greater good as leaders in the field of law and other industries.

Over 8,100 alumni throughout the United States and...

International communities in 80+
Notre Dame Law School is more than a legal education, it is a family. Faculty, staff, and your peers exemplify the values of a different kind of lawyer. From orientation to graduation, you will feel at home knowing that you can count on each and every one to support one another during the crucible that is law school. I have not experienced this level of comradery since leaving the military, and choosing to attend Notre Dame Law School is among the best decisions I have made in life.

THEODORE J. STEVENSON III
J.D. Class of 2017
Tacoma, Wash.

Our LL.M. students are an incredibly diverse group of students, with the current class of 36 students coming from 23 different countries. That diversity changes the fabric of the law school, bringing the world to Notre Dame. The intimate environment of a world-class university in a small college town provides an ideal opportunity for our students to develop a network of friends and colleagues from around the globe.

ROGER P. ALFORD
Associate Dean for International and Graduate Programs and Professor of Law
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Application form on LSAC
- Bachelor’s degree in law from an accredited college or university
- TOEFL of 100 or IELTS of 7
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES
- **SEPT. 1** Application period begins
- **JUNE 1** Application should be submitted

IMPORTANT FEES
- **$75** Application fee
- **$54,297** Tuition and Fees 2016-17
- **$9,900** Estimated room and board 2016-17

For more information, check our website or contact Margaret Lloyd, LL.M. student services program director at Margaret.M.Lloyd.23@nd.edu
NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

In compliance with federal law and the University of Notre Dame’s nondiscrimination policy, Notre Dame Law School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or age in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, or in employment.

Notre Dame is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all individuals. All prospective students are encouraged to read the University’s Spirit of Inclusion statement as well as the University’s policies for reporting discriminatory harassment at equity.nd.edu.

The University has designated the Director of its Office of Institutional Equity to handle all inquiries regarding its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX and under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Notice of Non-Discrimination. The Title IX and Section 504 coordinator may be contacted as follows: Director/ Office of Institutional Equity/ 100 Grace Hall, University of Notre Dame/ Notre Dame, IN 46556/ 574-631-0444.

As a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Notre Dame Law School complies with the provision of AALS Bylaw 6-3 that requires member schools to provide equality of opportunity in legal education for all persons. Notre Dame Law School is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all people, regardless of gender (including identity and expression), religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, nationality, disability, or age.

The Law School welcomes people of all faiths and religions. At the same time, consistent with American Bar Association Standard 205, the Law School reserves its right under the law to make hiring, admission, and other decisions in accord with its Catholic identity and its mission as a Catholic institution. In addition, the Law School reserves all other legal rights as a religious institution.