At Notre Dame Law School, we see the law as more than just a profession. We encourage students to view the practice of law as a service to others, to explore the moral and ethical dimensions of the law, and to discover their unique roles in furthering the cause of justice.

As an eminent law school at the heart of a great Catholic university, our view of legal education is informed and inspired by our religious tradition. It’s a tradition that spans the globe, embraces people of all backgrounds, and illustrates the possibilities of dialogue between reason and faith.

Students 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.

With rigorous academics, attentive faculty, and a close-knit community, Notre Dame is a place where generations of lawyers have found their callings. Students engage in robust debate on tough questions of policy, values, and faith both inside and outside of the classroom. They learn to be counselors to those in need, to be voices for the voiceless, and to use their talents to uphold human dignity. They have learned what it means to be a different kind of lawyer.

Notre Dame Law School is a different kind of law school, educating a different kind of lawyer.

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The University of Notre Dame has one of the most vibrant alumni networks in the world. Thousands of alumni, of both the Law School and the University, are eager to assist in networking and mentorship and provide a unique community for both professional and personal growth.

The Hague, Netherlands
Notre Dame lawyers Rosette Muzigo and George Mugwanya found their calling doing human rights work at the International Criminal Court and Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands.

Beijing, China
ND Law alumnus HE Jing has been selected as the first international NDLS Alumni Board member.

São Paulo, Brazil
LLM alum Matheus Lima from Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados organized and moderated a panel discussion with ND Law faculty on “The Future of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution: Brazil and Beyond.”

Kenya
Raphael Ng’etich of Kenya expanded his expertise in intellectual property and technology law in the LL.M. at Notre Dame program. He is now pursuing a doctorate in Dublin.

London
Sometimes classes beyond international law can be the most useful. Many international alumni mentioned Accounting for Lawyers—Tom Thesing, ‘89 B.A., a partner at Sidley Austin based in London, emphasized the usefulness of tax law and finance.

Ireland
For Micheál Ganley from Ireland, Notre Dame LLM class of 2021, Notre Dame’s mission of serving the common good made the difference. “Notre Dame urges its graduates to bring the spirit we have on campus out to the world. And that is an astounding mission to be a part of.”

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GLOBAL LAWYERING INITIATIVE

The cause of justice needs lawyers who have a global perspective and understand how legal issues may transcend borders in today’s modern economy. With an unmatched global reach, Notre Dame Law School connects students and faculty to learning and research opportunities worldwide.

The Law School’s Global Lawyering Initiative builds on Notre Dame’s unparalleled international network. Through the initiative, the Law School prepares J.D. students to practice international law in the United States and abroad, supports faculty research initiatives with colleagues and peer institutions abroad, and welcomes foreign-trained attorneys to its graduate programs.

A few events and programs with global facets include:

**EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY**
The Law School’s newest exchange program is at Tel Aviv University’s Buchmann Faculty of Law, the oldest and most prestigious law school in Israel. Like our other student exchange programs, the Tel Aviv program is designed to enhance students’ mutual understanding of different cultures, legal traditions, and scholarly approaches to law, while also forming strong bonds among members of the next generation of American and Israeli lawyers.

**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AROUND THE WORLD**
Our nearly 50-year-old, globally renowned program has drawn human rights defenders from all over the world. The program trains a different kind of human rights lawyer for the world, within the Law School’s Catholic mission, global scope and alumni network. Our extensive human rights work at Notre Dame exists alongside the newly established Religious Liberty Initiative, which promotes religious freedom for people of all faiths around the world through scholarship, events, and the Law School’s Religious Liberty Clinic. The annual Religious Liberty Summit will be held in Rome in 2022 and in Jerusalem in 2023.

**GLOBAL LAWYERING IN PRACTICE SERIES**
The International and Graduate Programs Office regularly gathers alumni from around the world to answer students’ questions about how to best prepare for an international legal career. These alumni share their insights on the benefits and challenges of practicing law abroad, and share advice with students on how to design their legal education for international legal practice and cross-border legal issues.

**HONOR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS**
Notre Dame Law School has implemented two Honor Scholars Programs to provide students with unique international opportunities for scholarly and professional development during the summer in Dublin, Ireland, and Hamburg, Germany.

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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?

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**ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE**
**ERIC NICHOLS**
J.D.
South Bend, Ind.
At the heart of the common law system, the Notre Dame London Law Program educates a different kind of lawyer as a citizen of the world prepared for a transnational legal career.

Central to the curriculum is a comparative and international focus informed by the unique context of London as a city and unique legal market. In addition to core courses, students can pursue three pathways of study including:

• International Commercial, Tax, and Intellectual Property Law
• International Capital Markets and Corporate Law
• Public International and International Human Rights Law

The Notre Dame London Law Program’s faculty consists of renowned international legal scholars from the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United States.

Our London campus is a global hub for legal scholarship and legal practice. In addition to hosting the London Law Program for J.D. students, London also offers opportunities for all alumni to connect, attend events, and mentor students. Our vibrant community of Notre Dame alumni, including Law School alumni practicing in England, benefit from this global hub as a point of reference for their own practices and activities abroad.

One of the unique characteristics of our London Law Program is the deliberate manner in which it is designed to complement the scholarship on campus in South Bend, while drawing on the vast rewards of the diverse legal community in the U.K. and Europe. Its balanced curriculum covers courses in fields such as corporate and business law, international and comparative law, and English and European Union Law as well as lawyering skills. In addition, the program includes an externship that is sufficiently diverse to take into account most career interests.

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**FACULTY PERSPECTIVE**

MICHAEL K. ADDO

Professor of Law
London Law Program Director
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.
Graduate of Universidad Católica Andrés Bello Venezuela

In Notre Dame Law School's L.L.M. (Master of Laws) programs, foreign-trained lawyers and American attorneys have the opportunity to specialize and expand upon their expertise. Our L.L.M. students are fully integrated into the larger Law School community—taking courses alongside J.D. students and participating in student organizations, social events, and service projects. At the same time, L.L.M. students receive individualized attention and support as part of a small, robust cohort of master’s students.

Notre Dame offers two L.L.M. degree programs: The L.L.M. at Notre Dame and the L.L.M. in International Human Rights Law.

L.L.M. AT NOTRE DAME
Notre Dame Law School’s L.L.M. curriculum integrates rigorous academic standards with an emphasis on ethics and values taught by leading scholars who serve as faculty and mentors. Small class sizes permit individual attention and personalized programs. More than simply bar preparation, the L.L.M. at Notre Dame prepares international students for practice and life in the United States and beyond. Students may choose to concentrate their studies in a specialized area. The program has four defined concentrations (see pages 9–11 for more details) that students may follow to deepen their expertise in a particular area of the law.

L.L.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
Our graduates’ commitment to human rights—as well as the rigor and richness of their academic life at Notre Dame Law School—has established our L.L.M. Program as among the most prominent in the world. Since its founding the L.L.M. program has trained more than 400 human rights attorneys in over 100 countries around the world.

J.S.D. DEGREE
Notre Dame Law School admits a small number of students to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.). This program is designed especially for people who wish to pursue an academic career in law. The J.S.D. requires two years of residency and a demonstrated substantial potential for writing a thesis of publishable quality. Historically, our program has focused on international human rights law, but we now accept J.S.D. candidates in any field of legal studies.

LL.M. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

GERALDINE AFIUNI
LL.M.
Graduate of Universidad Católica Andrés Bello Venezuela

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All LL.M. students have access to Notre Dame Law School’s core curriculum and take classes with J.D. students. There are two required courses, in addition to a Graduate Seminar, designed to ensure foreign-trained attorneys in the program have a solid foundation for understanding the U.S. legal system:

- Introduction to the American Legal System
- Legal Research and Writing

Students in the LL.M. at Notre Dame program may choose to concentrate their studies in a specialized area. The program has four defined concentrations that students may follow to deepen their expertise in a particular area of the law:

- Fundamentals of American Private Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Business and Tax Law
- Real Estate Law and Environmental Law

Applicants may apply for either an introductory or advanced track in each of the programs of study. The introductory track is intended for international students (i.e., those who do not have a J.D. from an American law school). The advanced track is intended for domestic students (i.e., those who have a J.D. from an American law school). Specific requirements for each program are listed on the following pages.

No student in either track may take classes that are the same or substantially similar to courses taken in their J.D. or equivalent first degree.

Bar exam eligibility is not guaranteed by completion of the LL.M. program. Students who are interested in sitting for a bar examination in the United States are encouraged to evaluate how the requirements to sit for the bar fit with a concentration’s requirements or their chosen course of study.

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FUNDAMENTALS OF AMERICAN PRIVATE LAW

Enriched by Notre Dame’s unparalleled depth and breadth of faculty expertise in private law and supported by the Notre Dame Program on Private Law, this concentration recognizes that students have completed an intensive program of study in American private law.

Requirements

INTRODUCTORY TRACK
1. Students must complete at least 18 credit hours of courses:
   - 10 credits by completing the following 3 core courses:
     - Contracts [4 credits]
     - Property [4 credits]
     - Private Law Workshop [2 credits]
   - 8 credits from the core courses found here
2. Write a research paper on a topic in private law.

ADVANCED TRACK
1. Students must complete at least 18 credit hours of courses:
   - 4 credits by completing the following 2 core courses:
     - Private Law Theory [2 credits]
     - Private Law Workshop [2 credits]
   - 10 credits from the courses found here
2. Write an LL.M. thesis [4 credits] under the direction of a faculty member.

Learn more about the Fundamentals of American Private Law concentration here.
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Learn more about the LL.M. at Notre Dame degree here.
### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Through its Program on Intellectual Property & Technology Law, this concentration recognizes that students have completed a course of study focused on U.S. intellectual property law.

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<td>- 9 credits from the advanced courses found here</td>
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<td>2. Write a research paper on a topic in intellectual property law, including privacy law.</td>
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Learn more about the Intellectual Property Law concentration here

### BUSINESS AND TAX LAW

Enriched by Notre Dame’s breadth of faculty expertise in business and tax law and supported by the Program of Study in Business Law, this area of concentration recognizes that students have completed a course of study focused on corporate law, tax law, and commercial law.

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<td>• Business Associations [4 credits]</td>
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Learn more about the Business and Tax Law concentration here

### REAL ESTATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Enriched by Notre Dame’s breadth of faculty expertise in property law and energy and environmental law, and supported by the Program of Study in Real Estate Law and the Program of Study in Energy & Environmental Law, this concentration recognizes that students have completed a course of study focused on the legal theory of property and environmental law and its relation to energy, natural resources, land use law, and real estate issues.

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Learn more about the Real Estate and Environmental Law concentration here

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LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

Notre Dame’s LL.M. in International Human Rights Law degree is one of the very few specialized human rights LL.M. degrees in the United States that carries the distinction of its nearly 50-year history, global scope, and alumni network, while situated within one of the eminent leading law schools in the United States that has its own London program and access to the ND Global Gateways. The degree is adaptable to the broadening functions and roles of human rights lawyers, while at the same time embracing the widest scope for universal human rights by situating ethics and moral deliberation at the core of human rights decision-making. The program expands the capacities, training, theoretical and practical tools of human rights lawyers from many jurisdictions to succeed in establishing human rights accountability either through litigation, arbitration, or other forms of human rights adjudication, as well as to support human rights policy-making.

REQUIRED COURSES

11 credits from the following:

• Introduction to International Human Rights Law [3 credits]
• Public International Law [3 credits]
• Legal Research and Writing [1 credit]

A choice of any of the five elective courses below:

• Comparative Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, or Comparative Legal Traditions [3 credits]
• Human Rights LL.M. Thesis [3 credits]
• Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights [3 credits]
• Civil Rights [3 credits]
• Jurisprudence: Foundations of Human Rights [3 credits]
• NDLS Graduate Seminar [1 credit]

ELECTIVE COURSES

12–17 credits from the following:

• Any of the electives in the required course section such as Civil Rights, Immigration Law, or Comparative Law, in addition to other courses such as Bioethics and the Law, Human Trafficking, Law and Education, Race and Policing, and more.
• Participation in clinical offerings related to human rights.
• A list of all elective courses can be found here.

The nearly 50-year-old, globally renowned Human Rights LL.M. program has drawn human rights defenders from all over the world to engage the fullest spectrum of human rights pedagogies and practices under the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School’s Catholic mission, from civil and political rights, global racial justice and civil rights in the U.S., religious freedom, international criminal justice against mass atrocities and authoritarianism, to all economic, social, and cultural rights involved in addressing global poverty, sustainable development, transnational corporate human rights abuses, climate change and environmental degradation, public health, and the defense of the most vulnerable in the international system.

FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

DIANE DESIERTO
Faculty director for the LL.M. in International Human Rights Law Program

Learn more about the LL.M. in International Rights Law here
I am continuously impressed by the Notre Dame Law School faculty. They are always helpful and never hesitate to take a few moments out of their busy day to help students achieve their goals. All of the faculty intentionally make the time to get to know more about the students. That relationship with the faculty is what has made the difference for me in law school—I truly feel as if we are one community.

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

LAUREN NOTOLLI
J.D.
Columbia, S.C.
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 arranging on- and off-campus interviews for legal jobs across the country.

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 Notre Dame Law School 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.

ENGAGING THE NOTRE DAME LAWYER

our.nd.edu/professional-life
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.

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.
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 camaraderie 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.
Tacoma, Wash.

Each year, Notre Dame Law School is fortunate to welcome a deeply intelligent and highly engaged cohort of graduate students from around the world. These students, many of whom have had extensive and varied experiences before joining us, add richly to the social fabric of our community. International in origin and in ambition, our graduates have gone on to make essential contributions to law and to society as lawyers, judges, policymakers, and advocates.

PAUL B. MILLER
Associate Dean for International and Graduate Programs and Professor of Law

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE
THEODORE J. STEVENSON III
J.D.
Tacoma, Wash.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Application form on LSAC
- Bachelor’s degree in law from an accredited college or university or a J.D. from an ABA-approved American law school
- TOEFL of 100 or IELTS of 7
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Bachelor’s degree in law from an accredited college or university or a J.D. from an ABA-approved American law school

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES
- SEPT 1 Application period begins
- MARCH 15 LL.M. at Notre Dame deadline
- MARCH 15 HR LL.M. deadline

IMPORTANT FEES
- $63,840 Tuition and Fees 2021–22
- $10,350 Estimated room and board 2021–22

For more information, visit our website, law.nd.edu, or contact Jean Marc Brisson, Graduate Programs Manager, at brissonj@nd.edu.
NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In compliance with federal law and the University of Notre Dame’s non-discrimination 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. The Notre Dame Spirit of Inclusion can be reviewed at diversity.nd.edu and diversity.nd.edu/together-at-notre-dame.

The University has designated the Director of its Office of Institutional Equity to handle all inquiries regarding its Notice of Non-Discrimination. You may contact the director by emailing equity@nd.edu, by calling 574-631-0444, or by writing to: Director, Office of Institutional Equity, 100 Grace Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

As a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the 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 Career Development Office complies with the American Bar Association and the AALS requirements that all employers to whom we provide assistance and facilities for interviewing and other placement functions observe the principles of equal opportunity to obtain employment without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, national origin, gender (including identity and expression), sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or discrimination on the basis of religion.

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.