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 members of the bar, and as members 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.

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LL.M.
Graduate of Universidad Católica Andres Bello
Venezuela

Notre Dame Law School’s LL.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 LL.M. at Notre Dame prepares international students for practice and life in the United States and beyond.

LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The Law School and the Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights also offer a joint LL.M. program in International Human Rights Law. Students in this LL.M. program engage in specialized study and research of human rights issues with members of the faculty who are specialists in the field of international human rights law.

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

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LL.M. PROGRAM

REQUIRED COURSES
- INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM
- LL.M. LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, AND ANALYSIS
  * LL.M. at Notre Dame only

FACULTY SUPPORT

CLASS SIZE & RATIO
- SMALL CLASS SIZE, AVERAGE INCOMING CLASS OF APPROXIMATELY 20 STUDENTS
- STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO: 6.5 TO 1

INTEGRATED WITH J.D. STUDENTS

ELECTIVES

24 CREDITS

ABILITY TO TAILOR STUDIES TO INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS
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.

**THE CURRICULUM**

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

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

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

**FOCUS:** Energy, land use and management, natural resources  
**SAMPLE COURSES:** Climate Change; Natural Resources Law; Environmental Law

**FOCUS:** Patents, copyright, design, trademark, unfair competition, privacy, cyberlaw, antitrust  
**SAMPLE COURSES:** Patent Law; Copyright Law; Trademarks and Unfair Practices

**FOCUS:** Social issues, morality, and law  
**SAMPLE COURSES:** Bioethics and the Law; Jurisprudence, Morality and the Law

**FOCUS:** The structure of government and its relations with individuals and foreign nations  
**SAMPLE COURSES:** Administrative Law; Constitutional Law; Federalism Seminar

**FOCUS:** International and comparative law in both private practice and public law  
**SAMPLE COURSES:** International Human Rights; International Business Transactions; International Arbitration

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**ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**

**YUN “TANYA” LUO**
J.D., LL.M.  
Graduate of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (CUEL)  
China
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.

Lauren Notolli
J.D.
Columbia, S.C.

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 Notre Dame Law 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.

A TRULY ONE-OF-A-KIND COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS
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.
South Bend, Ind.

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE
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.
Longmont, Colo.

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 EXPERIENCE

LL.M. IN LONDON

We are not accepting applications for our LL.M. in London program at this time.
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 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.
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.
Graduate of Seoul National University
South Korea

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

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

20
VARSITY SPORTS
TO WATCH
30+
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
90
MILES TO CHICAGO
2
LAKES
4
SEASONS
30.3
MILES OF TRAILS AROUND CAMPUS
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**INTERNATIONAL**

**80+ INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES**
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.

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NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

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
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

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

IMPORTANT FEES
- $63,090 Tuition and fees 2020–21
- $10,350 Estimated room and board 2020–21

Application fee for LL.M. students is waived.

For more information, check our website, law.nd.edu, or contact Jean Marc Brissau, Graduate Programs Manager, at jbrissau@nd.edu.
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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 B-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.