

LL.M. Program

Asian Law

Global Business Law

Sustainable International
Development Law

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Asia, Global Business and Development LL.M. Program

Legal practice and legal policy today are interdisciplinary and global. Lawyers need a sophisticated understanding of legal and regulatory systems beyond their own in order to advise and lead in a complex world of global challenges. We educate lawyers for this changing world.

The Asia, Global Business and Development LL.M. is a multi-track program in which students can customize their course of study and career path. Choose from one of the following tracks:

Asian Law

Lawyers who want to be recognized as truly expert in the legal systems and cultures of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Southeast Asia or Central Asia choose the Asian Law track. It is a challenging program that builds professional competence in the substantive laws of one or more Asian jurisdictions and develops competence in the relevant Asian languages. Students in this track complete a sequence of Asian and comparative law courses, legal research and translation projects. After graduation they pursue legal careers in Asia, Europe or in the United States, focusing on Asia-related transnational work. Many graduates become legal academics or pursue policy-related careers.

Global Business Law

Students in this track focus on U.S. business law and practice-oriented courses that simulate global transactions. Core courses include international contracting, international trade, and comparative corporate governance. Students may also take courses offered in other departments, such as the Evans School of Public Policy or the Foster School of Business. Graduates from this track pursue legal careers as global business lawyers, entrepreneurs or government lawyers responsible for economic policy and regulation.

Sustainable International Development Law

The Development track is designed for lawyers who seek to develop a career in the many intersecting fields of sustainability and international development. The core courses for this track focus a legal lens on contemporary issues of sustainability such as climate change, income redistribution (including land reform), population limitation, food production, environmental damage and natural or man-made constraints on growth. Courses also examine the theory and practice of donor-assisted rule-of-law work in different regions. Students are also encouraged to take development-related courses in departments outside the Law School. Graduates from this track are employed in international development agencies, NGOs, consulting firms and government policy positions relating to development.

General

The general track is a customizable course of study for students who want the freedom to take a range of courses across different areas of law. After fulfilling the core requirements of the LL.M., students take available elective courses within or outside the Law School.



Program Design

The Asia, Global Business and Development LL.M. program requires completion of 40 credits during a minimum of three quarters (nine months) of full time study and residence in Seattle. In cases where some prior study can be credited towards the LL.M., students may be able to complete the program in a shorter period.

The LL.M. is designed for full-time study but part-time study may be possible in some situations.

The core elements mandatory for all students include a foundational seminar, completion of a research paper and completion of a sequence of core courses within the LL.M. track selected. Students educated outside the United States are also required to complete an additional course in Legal Analysis.

Beyond the core courses required for each track, students are free to choose any elective courses available within or outside the Law School.

Foreign-educated students are advised to take the *Summer Institute in Transnational Law* – a two-week induction course and introduction to U.S. law offered before the academic year commences.

The LL.M. is designed to support those students who also choose to prepare for a U.S. bar exam, usually the New York or California Bar. The program includes time allocated for taking a commercial bar preparation course in Seattle, commencing in May each year.

Admission

Entry into the Asia, Global Business and Development LL.M. program is competitive. We assess applicants' academic ability, motivation, and likely path after graduation. We strive for geographic diversity and a range of professional experience. U.S. and international applicants from any region are welcome.

Eligibility

Degree: Applicants must have a first degree in law (J.D., LL.B.) or equivalent.

Work experience: Applicants should generally have at least two (2) years of professional work experience. This requirement may be waived in special circumstances.

English: International and foreign-educated applicants are expected to have the following minimum test score, although a higher score is recommended:

TOEFL: 580 / TOEFLC 237 / TOEFLiBT 92 / IELTS 7.0

Foreign Language: English-speaking Asian Law track applicants must be proficient in an Asian language (or a language in which original research on Asian law can be conducted). Proficiency for this purpose means ability equivalent to the level reached after completing a third-year college course.

Application Deadline

International Applicants: **February 1** (Autumn Quarter admission)

Domestic Applicants: **May 1** (Autumn Quarter admission)

Early submissions starting October 1 are welcome. Applications are assessed and offers are made on a rolling basis in order of receipt.

Application Procedures

- 1 Apply online at <https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/> and pay the application fee
- 2 Send the following documents to:

Asian Law Center - Admissions

University of Washington School of Law, Box 353020, Seattle WA 98195-3020

- **Printout of the online application**, with applicant's signature at the bottom
- **Official Transcripts and Degree Statement** from all colleges and universities attended, sent in an envelope sealed by the issuing school (International students should send two sets of transcripts) [LSAC transcripts accepted]
- **Resumé** listing educational qualifications, work experience, date of admission to legal practice if applicable, and any other professional affiliations relevant for the application (online submission available)
- **Statement of Purpose** describing applicant's background, primary area of interest and preferred LL.M. track, practical or academic experience in the area, and how the LL.M. will be used after graduation (online submission available)
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** by those who can best evaluate the applicant's capacity for graduate study in the United States, preferably law faculty or other law professionals (on letterhead, sealed and signed on the exterior by the recommender)
- **TOEFL/IELTS scores** sent directly from the testing institution
- **Statement of Financial Ability** with supporting documents (if a visa is required)

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