

THE HOWARD PERSPECTIVE

The Master of Law (L.L.M.) Program offers a graduate law degree to qualifying lawyers who have attained their law degree from a law school outside of the United States.

The program builds on the Howard University School of Law's rich history as a center for creative scholarship and advocacy in the juridical aspects of human rights. Graduates are prepared to strengthen the rule of law, promote justice, and contribute to international harmony. The program particularly seeks to cater to the social and economic interests and needs of the developing world.

Howard graduates historically have filled roles of importance in their respective countries. Many have assumed high positions in government and in the judiciary. Others have pursued further graduate studies in Doctor of Juridical Science programs. Still others are using their familiarity with the U.S. Legal System as they practice law.



STUDY IN WASHINGTON, DC

The World's Resources at Your Doorstep

Washington, DC is home to one of the greatest collections of intellectual and physical resources in the world. The LL.M. program tries to maintain a Mentors Program, which pairs students with prominent judges, attorneys, government officials, staff members from international



organizations, and leaders in the legal field. When opportunities are available and appropriate arrangements can be made, a student may be offered a period of internship in a private law office, judge's chambers, government agency, or the like.

A regular program of seminars and round tables permits students to discuss current issues and the U.S. system of law with judges, members of congress, ambassadors, and others who help to shape law and policy. Field trips take students to the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress, local law offices, or other points of interest. Those interested in research may use the facilities of the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world. The LL.M. Program makes a concerted effort to introduce students to the rich tapestry of legal expertise and international policymaking apparatus in Washington, D.C., which is the U.S. capital and the "City of Lawyers".

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Howard University was founded by an Act of Congress on March 2, 1867. The Charter of Howard University provides for normal, collegiate, theological, legal, medical, and agricultural departments, along with such other departments as the Board of Trustees might establish. Since its inception, the University has grown from a single frame building to three campuses occupying some 75 acres in the nation's capital. Currently, the University has 17 schools and colleges that embody a tradition of academic excellence. More than 2,000 faculty members teach a student body of over 11,000. The University offers degree programs in more than 200 specialized subjects and doctorates in more than 23 academic disciplines. An array of institutes and centers addresses a number of national concerns, as well as those of the immediate Washington community. In 1993 the University received a substantial grant to support establishing a Center for International Affairs.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law admitted its first class in 1869. The first 10 Graduates from this class included the nation's first black woman law student, who became the fourth woman admitted to the practice of law in the United States. Since its founding, Howard University School of Law has retained the very special position for which it was expressly created: to offer educational advantages without regard to race, creed, color, or sex. The Law School's aim is to provide professional leadership for the social changes that this country and the world are experiencing.

Because the School of Law purposely limits the size of its student body, the faculty-student ratio is 1 to 10, thereby fostering close, frequent contacts between professors and students. Students get to know and meet with their professors in an informal atmosphere.

The basic program of the School of Law is the first degree – the Juris Doctor (J.D.) to which 3 years of full-time study must be devoted by students who hold an undergraduate degree. The School of Law also offers a joint Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (J.D./M.B.A) degree, as well as the LL.M. program.

Located in the heart of Washington, DC, the School of Law gives students the advantage of its location as they experience and learn from a broad range of activities in our nation's capital. Few cities in the world can offer such a diverse educational experience. The School of Law gives students a sample of such opportunities. Recent visitors to the campus have included Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, members of Congress, state-elected officials such as the Governor of the State of Virginia, diplomats, partners in major law firms, and respected members of academia. Within the pleasantly wooded West Campus of Howard University, the School of Law is just off the main thoroughfare of Connecticut Avenue in Northwest Washington and is one block from Metro subway's Van Ness-UDC Station.

THE MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

The LL.M. program is designed to take advantage of both the academic strength of the School of Law and the resources available in Washington, D.C. Students observe both academic and practical aspects of the law and legal thought through basic courses and seminars that are supplemented by symposia, roundtable discussions, and L.L.M. forums. At the forums, L.L.M. candidates discuss certain aspects of the law in their respective countries. L.L.M. students are encouraged to write a thesis of publishable quality, under the supervision of faculty members.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The School of Law offers a general L.L.M. or a specialized L.L.M. degree. All degree candidates must successfully complete the following requirements:

- Credits – Earn a total of 24 academic credits.
- Required Course – Complete successfully the 2-credit course on “Legal Methods”.
- Research and Writing – Complete 4 hours of writing, either by writing a 4 credit thesis or by writing research papers in 2 seminars.
- General requirements – Otherwise satisfy the School of Law’s requirements for graduation.

The Law School offers the option of candidates receiving an additional certificate in comparative and International Law. Candidates who wish to receive the additional certificate must have taken a minimum of 15 academic credits in designated courses in Comparative and International Law. All writing requirements must be completed in that area of study.

GRADES

Grading is on a numerical scale of 50-100. As an LL.M. candidate, you must maintain a minimum grade point average of 77 (C+). However, LL.M. candidates must earn a grade of no less than 70 (C) in each course in order to receive credit for that course. There is one special circumstance: the minimum acceptable grade for a thesis is 80 (B).

COURSE OFFERINGS

Although the School of Law maintains a basic law school curriculum to satisfy its J.D. candidates, it also offers a range of elective courses that change periodically. As an LL.M. candidate, you may select from the various courses as you design a program that interests you the most. Below are sample programs to help you plan. They are merely illustrations; LL.M. candidates are free to choose either a thesis or 2 seminars to fulfill the writing requirement. Many other combinations are possible.

The academic year consists of 2 semesters. Most students register for 12-15 credit hours each semester

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

(32 credits with seminars)

Comparative Law—3 credits (seminar)

Conflicts of Law—3 credits

Contracts—5 credits

Corporations—3 credits

Federal Taxation—3 credits

International Law—3 Credits

International Business transactions—3 credits (seminar)

International Economic Law and Organization--3 credits (seminar)

International Sales—3 credits

Problems of World Order—3 credits (seminar)

Thesis—4 credits

HUMAN RIGHTS

(28 credits with thesis)

Comparative Law—3 credits (seminar)

Constitutional Law I--3 credits

Constitutional Law II—3 credits

International Law—3 credits

International Law of Human Rights—3 credits (seminar)

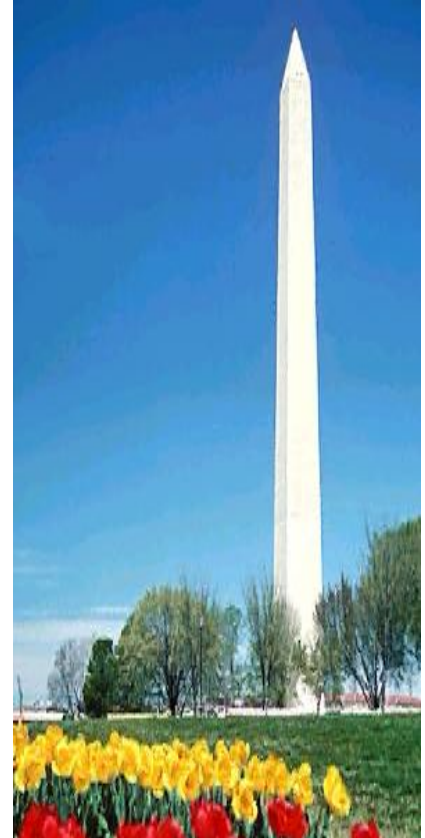
Race, Law, and Change—3 credits (seminar)

Civil Rights Planning—3 credits

Administrative Process and Civil Rights—3 credits

Thesis—4 credits

Death Penalty— (seminar)



UNITED STATES LAW—GENERAL

(35 CREDITS WITH THESIS)

Contracts--5 credits

Torts--5 credits

Property—5 credits

Criminal Law and Procedure--4 credits

Evidence--4 credits

Constitutional Law I--3 credits

Family Law—3 credits

Commercial Paper—2 credits

Thesis—4 credits

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

As an LL.M. candidate, you must have a first degree in law from an accredited law faculty of a foreign law school or an equivalent qualification to be determined by the School of Law's Graduate Committee, along with a demonstrated high degree of academic excellence and promise.

Before your application can be reviewed, the Director of the Graduate Program must receive the following documents:

- A completed Application for admission to the School of Law's LL.M. Program.
- A brief (2--3 pages) autobiographical sketch that is typed and describes your professional goals and the role of an LL.M. degree in fulfilling those goals.

- Official transcripts of your record from your university and the institution you attended for legal study. You must have your foreign transcript evaluated by an accredited evaluation company such as World Education Services (WES). For more information please contact them at www.wes.org.
- An essay in English of 5 typed pages written by you and describing either an aspect of your country's legal system or your intended thesis dissertation.
- For applicants whose mother tongue is not English or for applicants from non-English-speaking countries, the results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language Test) Test showing you have achieved a score of 550 PBT or 58 IBT or higher. Inquiries about the TOEFL Test should be directed to The Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540, U.S.A., Attention: TOEFL.
- Two letters of recommendation as to your character and academic potential for participating in a graduate law program. At least one letter of recommendation must be written by a member of your law school's faculty. Recommendations must be from persons not related to you and must be sent by each person directly to the Office of Admissions.
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$60 in the form of a **cashier's check or money order** listing Howard University as payee. No personal checks will be accepted.
- One passport-size photograph.

The application and supporting documentation (such as letters of reference, transcripts, etc.) must be received by March 15th for consideration for the Fall semester

Questions concerning immigration into the United States should be directed to: The Office of International Student Services, Howard University, 2400 6th St., NW, Washington, DC 20059: Phone (202) 806-7517. FAX (202) 806-9194.

EXPENSES

Students who formally apply to Howard University must pay an application fee of \$60. Those who are accepted must also pay an enrollment fee of \$300 and a seat deposit of \$50. These fees cannot be waived and are not refundable. Tuition and fees for full-time students are in excess of \$25,000 per year. When applicable, there is a late registration fee of \$150 and a deferred payment fee of \$50. Students should also expect to spend a minimum of approximately \$25,000 per academic year to cover living expenses (such as lodging, meals, transportation, books, and other routine expenses).

FINANCIAL AID

As a rule, the School of Law does not offer scholarship assistance to LL.M. candidates. When you register, you may apply for a loan or for deferred payment terms on your tuition and fees. For further information, please contact The Financial Aid Office, Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008; Phone (202) 806-8005 or Fax (202) 806-8564.

You should inquire at the U.S. Embassy in your country about assistance for travel and other expenses.

HOUSING

The Law School has no on Campus housing. There is limited housing on the main campus, which is located approximately 5 miles from the law school. However, graduate law students usually are not given on-campus housing. LL.M. students who want help in finding housing should write to: Howard Plaza Towers, 2251 Sherman Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; Phone (202) 797-7148.

Correspondence: Direct inquiries about the LL.M. Program to: The Director of the Graduate Program, Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness St, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; phone (202) 806-8039 or fax (202) 806-8428. For admission and application information please contact the Office of Admission at (202) 806-8008/9.

Nondiscrimination: The mission of Howard University includes providing education for any student, while emphasizing educational opportunities for students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to acquire an education of the type provided at Howard. In fulfilling its mission, the University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, marital status, religion, or handicap as it administers its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other University-sponsored programs and employment

MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM (L.L.M.)
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

All Applicants to the Howard University School of Law Graduate Program must meet the following criteria for admission:

1. Applicant must have a first degree in law from an accredited law faculty of a foreign school or an equivalent qualification to be determined by the Law School's Graduate Committee.
2. Applicant must have a demonstrated record of academic achievement and excellence particularly in the legal area.
3. Preference will be given to applicants with considerable legal experience.

This application must be accompanied by the following:

- A brief (2-3 pages) autobiographical sketch describing your professional goals and the role of an LL.M. Degree in fulfilling those goals.
- An essay in English of five (5) type written pages, written by you and describing an aspect of your country's legal system or your intended thesis dissertation
- A nonrefundable \$60 application fee in the form of a **cashier's check or money order** listing Howard University as payee. No personal checks will be accepted.
- A passport size photograph.

In addition, applicants should make sure that the following are received separately by the Graduate Director:

- Official transcripts of your record from your university and the institution you attended for legal study. You must have your foreign transcript evaluated by an accredited evaluation company such as World Education Services (WES). For more information please contact them at www.wes.org.
- For applicants whose mother tongue is not English or for applicants from non-English speaking countries, the results of the TOEFL test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) showing a result of **550 PBT or 58 IBT** or higher. Inquiries about the TOEFL test should be directed to: The Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Attention: TOEFL
- Two letters of recommendation as to your character and academic potential. One letter must be from a member of your law School's faculty. Each recommender must send the letter of recommendation directly to the Office of Admissions.

All applications and supporting documentation must be received by March 15th for consideration for the Fall semester.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

(Please print in ink or type)

Submit Application to:

Howard University School of Law

Office of Admissions

2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20008

(202) 806-8008/9 Fax: (202) 806-8162

Name: _____ SS No (if Available): _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
Number Street Apt No.

City State Zip/Postal Code

Primary Telephone # (____) _____ (Please provide a working number with corresponding country code)

E-Mail Address: _____ (It is the applicant's sole responsibility to insure the admission office is able to make contact during the applicant process.)

Permanent Address: _____
Number Street Apt No.

City State Zip/Postal code

Permanent Phone # (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__ Male Female

List any college, university, or institution of higher learning attended in chronological order. (Add additional pages if necessary to complete this answer.)

School _____ Location _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree Received _____

School _____ Location _____

Do you plan to take the bar exam in any America state after receiving your LLM degree? YES NO

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Describe your ethnic origin. (Optional): This information will not be used in a discriminatory manner.

- American Indian/Native American Asian/Pacific Islander Black/African-American
 Caucasian/White Hispanic Mexican-American Other _____

What is your native Language? _____

Describe your proficiency in English:

Reading: Poor Good Excellent

Writing: Poor Good Excellent

How long have you studied English? _____

ESSAY ONE: In this essay of no more than 3 typed pages, please describe your professional goals and the role an LL.M. Degree will have in your plans. You may want to include information about your previous studies and employment, any research or project you have been involved on or anything you like. Please attach this essay to the application form.

ESSAY TWO: Please write an essay of up to five typewritten pages in English about some aspect of your country's legal system or your intended thesis dissertation. Please attach this essay to the application form.

Master of Laws Program (LL.M) Recommendation for Graduate Study

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Recommender: _____

Applicant:

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Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to write this letter of recommendation. To best assist the Admissions Committee, we would appreciate an honest and thorough appraisal of this applicant. We accept students with a proven record of academic achievement and excellence. In your letter, please describe the applicant's merits as well as limitations as a student. Please include any information you deem relevant to the Committee's decision to accept the applicant for admission.

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- _____ Statement of Financial Resources along with your Bank statement.
- _____ Passport size photo.