NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

LLM

MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE
“I chose Northeastern because it had been named the best law school for practical training in the US and is considered one of the best places to study human rights. The LLM program’s rich history of diversity — with alumni, students and faculty spanning across different continents and engaging in diverse but related fields — is inspirational.”

EMMANUEL SAM LLM ’16
Home Country: Sierra Leone | Focus: Human Rights | Co-op: Raoul Wallenberg Institute
At Northeastern University School of Law, we believe the best way to learn the law is to practice it. Northeastern’s unique approach to training lawyers features not only outstanding classroom teaching, but also simulation courses based on real-world legal issues, clinical programs working with real-world clients and legal placements (co-ops) in real-world law firms, clinics, courts, corporations and governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the US and around the world.

Northeastern’s LLM program lets you customize the curriculum to meet your particular needs. Whether it’s unlocking the mysteries of the US legal system, working side by side with US lawyers, honing your expertise in a particular field of law or qualifying for a US bar examination, the Northeastern LLM helps you achieve your personal and professional goals.
A BROAD CHOICE OF COURSES
As an LLM student, you will choose from a wide range of both JD and LLM courses. You may pursue a general course of study or focus in a specific practice area, such as:
• business, commercial and trade law
• law and economic development
• human rights law
• health policy and law
• public international and comparative law
• intellectual property law
• criminal law
• labor and employment law
• property law
• constitutional law
• public interest litigation

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: CO-OP
All academically qualified LLM students have the invaluable opportunity to complete a full-time legal practice experience as an integral part of the curriculum. Co-op opportunities may include law firms, judges’ chambers, public agencies, private advocacy groups and community organizations. We will help you explore your personal and professional interests and find an experience that meets your unique goals.

LLM PROGRAM
(12 MONTHS)
• General
• Health Policy and Law
• Human Rights
• Intellectual Property and Innovation
• International Business Law
• Law and Economic Development

EXECUTIVE LLM
(9 MONTHS)
Hybrid — two quarters on campus and one quarter online. No co-op.

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS
(24 MONTHS)
• LLM + a master’s degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the D’Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University
• LLM + a master’s degree in Sustainable International Development (MA-SID) from the Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University
“At Northeastern, I appreciated the academically rigorous program and strong sense of community. But what I valued most was being encouraged to think outside of the box and see creative ways to utilize my legal degree. Prior to earning my LLM, I considered myself a good attorney, but as a result of my Northeastern experience, I am now a well-rounded attorney.”

CHIDERA EJIM LLM ’16
Home Country: Nigeria  Focus: General LLM  Co-op: US Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of General Counsel
“The LLM program’s course flexibility, classroom integration of JD and LLM students, and co-op provide an unparalleled preparation for both taking the bar and transitioning into American practice.”

JUSTIN TWIGG LLM ’13
Home Country: Australia | Focus: General LLM | Co-op: Sherin & Lodgen
A WORLD-CLASS PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

Boston is one of the most sophisticated legal markets in the United States. A center for technological innovation, financial services, education and healthcare, Boston is home to some of the most venerable and prestigious law firms in the country. Massachusetts has a long history of producing distinguished jurists, and its courts are respected across the United States and around the world. For your introduction to the top ranks of US legal practice, you couldn’t be better located than at Northeastern University in the heart of Boston.
THE UNIVERSITY, THE COMMUNITY

Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a world leader in experiential learning, urban engagement and interdisciplinary research meeting global and societal needs. The university offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs in nine colleges and professional schools leading to degrees through the doctorate.

LLM students are invited and encouraged to participate in the law school’s more than 25 student organizations and to take advantage of amenities such as state-of-the-art fitness facilities.

When you’re not studying in the stacks of the law library or taking full advantage of all the campus has to offer, Boston is your professional arena and personal playground.
“Today’s global lawyer needs an appreciation of the cultural, historical and institutional underpinnings of different legal systems. In my comparative law class, we examine the roles served by law in different regimes, including legitimizing the state, supporting a market economy, settling disputes and giving voice to political participation.”

— PROFESSOR MARGARET WOO

“In my scholarship and my classroom teaching, I try to bring the insights and experience gained from many years as an international corporate lawyer, business executive and entrepreneur together with interdisciplinary analytic methods to explore the diverse local, national, regional and transnational legal regimes that structure economic activity in the global economy.”

— PROFESSOR DAN DANIELSEN

“I am an international lawyer — I was educated and worked in France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States. While the language of international law may be similar across borders, its cultural understanding varies considerably. These differences can help us devise creative institutions and legal processes to respond to the world’s human, economic and political challenges.”

— PROFESSOR SONIA ELISE ROLLAND
The Northeastern LLM program admits students who already hold a first professional degree in law. For international applicants, that requirement may be fulfilled by an LLB or its equivalent from an accredited or comparably recognized law school outside the United States. For domestic applicants, a JD is required.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Northeastern University School of Law application (available at lsac.org or directly at northeastern.edu/law/academics/llm/admission)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Personal statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- Credential evaluation of your first professional law degree transcript
- Score report for the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT®) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for applicants whose native language is not English.

Details about the LLM application process may be found at northeastern.edu/law/llm.

FUNDING

LLM Scholarship Program
All applicants to the LLM program are automatically considered for scholarship support. Scholarship awards are determined after a thorough review of a candidate’s application and credentials.

LLM Co-op Stipend
A stipend of up to $2,000 is available for students who accept unpaid or underpaid co-ops.

Double Husky Scholarship
The Double Husky Scholarship helps Northeastern graduates by providing a tuition discount of up to 25 percent for the LLM program. As a graduate of Northeastern, you are automatically considered for the scholarship when you apply.
“The LLM staff were really helpful during my job search. As part of my current position at Kids in Need of Defense, I represent immigrant children who are in removal proceedings before the immigration court. I also mentor pro bono attorneys who are willing to volunteer their time to represent immigrant children.”

PAOLA GENTILE-GOLDENTAL LLM ’13
Home Country: Argentina Focus: General LLM Co-op: Clubhouse Legal Support Project
AT A GLANCE

LLM STUDENT PROFILE 2017–2018

Total number of LLM students: 41
Women 68%    Men 32%

LLM students’ places of origin:
Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Syria, Taiwan, Uganda, United States

INSTITUTES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

• Center for Law, Innovation and Creativity
• Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration
• Civil Rights and Restorative Justice
• Domestic Violence Institute
• NuLawLab
• Center for Health Policy and Law
• Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy
• Program on the Corporation, Law and Global Society
• Public Health Advocacy Institute

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