LLM COOPERATIVE LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The National Jurist RANKS Northeastern University School of Law #1 FOR Practical Training

Northeastern University School of Law
THE FOCUS IS ON YOU

Meticulously designed to prepare LLM students for co-op as well as post-graduate employment, our comprehensive, yearlong Professional Development Program includes specialized coursework, hands-on workshops and individual counseling — plus the co-op experience itself! We make it our mission to provide all the support you need, at the same time allowing you maximum flexibility to explore your own career path. Since the inception of the LLM Professional Development Program, 100 percent of eligible LLM students have obtained co-op employment.

BEFORE CO-OP:

• Learn to draft US-style résumés, cover letters and writing samples
• Develop an individualized career plan in one-on-one meetings with your advisor
• Focus on co-op strategies, interview skills and the mechanics of the co-op application process
• Apply for co-op positions and interview with prospective employers
• Prepare to succeed on co-op by developing client-centered skills

DURING CO-OP:

• Learn from practitioners in your field of interest and build mentoring relationships

AFTER CO-OP:

• Enhance your post-graduate job search and networking skills in workshops and individual career counseling sessions
“I chose Northeastern because of the co-op program. I had been out of the country for a few years and wanted to build my resume with as much US experience as possible. The combination of hands-on experience and compelling classroom lectures and discussions was unrivaled. I also enjoyed being a part of a cohort with people from all over the world and with a wealth of legal and life experience.”
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

When it comes to giving students the opportunity to learn by doing, there’s simply no place like Northeastern University School of Law. Our signature Cooperative Legal Education Program (co-op) equips you for the global practice of law with knowledge, competence and confidence. The co-op program gives you the opportunity to practice in a real-world legal setting — virtually anywhere in the United States or abroad.

Our LLM students have participated in co-ops in private firms, government agencies, NGOs and corporate legal departments. Students who enter with substantial work experience use co-op to specialize or branch out. Those with less experience use co-op to explore their options. All students use co-op to propel themselves professionally to the next stage in their legal careers.

HOW IT WORKS

Even before you arrive on campus, you’ll receive guidance from your LLM professional development advisor. Beginning with orientation, you will work together to lay out a personal learning path for gaining the relevant knowledge, skills and experience you’ll need to get the most out of the program. With access to Northeastern’s extensive co-op employer database, you will be in a position to jump-start your search for the right co-op. You may also develop your own co-op with the encouragement and guidance of your advisor.
CO-OP COMPENSATION/FUNDING
Not all co-ops provide financial compensation, but we don’t want that to be the reason you pass up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So, we’ve established the LLM Co-op Stipend Program, which guarantees up to $2,000 to students who accept an unpaid or underpaid co-op, to defray living expenses.

WORLDWIDE BENEFITS
The benefits of co-op extend far beyond graduating with an enhanced résumé. You will carry the lessons you learned on co-op back into the classroom, where you’ll speak with newfound confidence about comparative legal practice. What you take away from co-op can also serve to advance your career as a global lawyer, as you benefit from the mentorship of professionals and forge invaluable connections with legal colleagues around the globe. Most importantly, you will have the credentials and the experience to pursue your career goals with newly gained confidence.

Learn more about the Northeastern University School of Law LLM program at northeastern.edu/law/llm.
2017-2018 LLM CO-OP PRACTICE SETTINGS

- Law Firms: 31%
- Legal Services: 19%
- Government: 16%
- NGO: 16%
- Academia: 12%
- Judicial: 3%
- Corporate/In-house: 3%

RECENT LLM CO-OP PLACEMENTS

- ACLU of Massachusetts
- Boston Juvenile Court
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Human Rights Law Network (New Delhi, India)
- King & Wood Mallesons (Shanghai, China)
- Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton
- Oxfam America
- Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office
- Velcro Companies

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